

Bedgebury Forest Cycle Club AGM 2010

The Education Centre, Bedgebury Pinetum & Forest
Wednesday 05th December 2011

Chairman: David Cole
Secretary: David Coppins
Facilitation: Gary Scott

Committee Attendees: Paul Stevens, Geoff Hodgson, Carol Hodgson, Simon Auger, Ian Smith, Andy Bocking,
Malcolm Stoddart, Ali Jarvis, Paul Young

Forestry Commission Representative: David Hiscock

Including the committee and FC the meeting was attended by 17 people in total

Meeting Start: **1845hrs**

Chairman's Address

Summary of Chairman's Address:

Since its formation, the club (BFCC) has come a long way and grown beyond the founding members initial dreams with well over 200 members. Since its inception, the club as seen year on year growth, development and diversity and this past year has been no different.

- We have seen the development and training of more coaches, allowing us to put on more courses, where we have seen numbers grow. A testament to the quality and professionalism of both the courses run by the club and as well as of those running them
- Website and forum has seen continued development.
- Membership and finance has seen continued growth.
- Opening of the new black section, coupled with the development and maintenance of other areas of single track.
- Successful working party day in conjunction KCC that saw the development of section 1.
- Another successful insomnia event and the first Rat Race event.
- Involvement in Bike Radar
- The development of the signage for the trails that will shortly be put in place.
- Rebranding and development of new club merchandise.
- Continued development of ladies riding.
- The development of new friendships that have seen participants go off and compete in races, events and out rides.

My thanks also to Geoff Hodgson who took on the race series, following the departure of Ray Blackwell and also to Valerie Osborne who stepped into Christine Mansfield's shoes as treasurer

Looking forward to the coming year, I look forward to another full year of riding and continued involvement in the club as it consolidates its successes and achievements of both this and previous years.

The full Chairman's address will be available on the website.

Financial Report

The financial report was compiled by Valerie Osborne and delivered by Gary Scott

The money that comes to the club is in two ways.

Money that is paid by members to cover the cost of parking belongs to the Forestry Commission who allows the club to use it for the trail development and maintenance.

Money that is paid by members to cover the cost of membership and money that is raised through grants and sponsorship belongs to the club as is spent on what the club deems appropriate.

Parking total = £8904

Club total = £3388

A question was asked from the floor regarding the current size of the trail development (Parking) fund, why it was not being used and could the club date stamp the fund being used and publish what it would be used on. The question was answered that the money had now been ear marked for work to be carried out on the new section running parallel downhill from the race track and the major repairs needed on Gloomy Wood. If funds are left over they will be put to extending Wanda and Kick Start. It was also mentioned that money had not been spent due to issues with the previous FC contractor.

General questions from the floor

Malcolm Stoddart – Malcolm asked about future web site plans and the introduction of a merchandising page to be added to the current web site. Malcolm designs all the club merchandise but the club is finding it difficult to manage the sale of such items. The web site will be introducing a merchandise page with PayPal payment facilities.

The need for volunteer groups was mentioned and volunteers are always welcome and needed by the club.

The issue of Saturday rides and ride leaders was raised as it is not always possible for this to be covered. The club struggles to find cover as the number of volunteers is very limited. The forum will be used to keep riders informed of changes but last minute cancellations cannot be helped.

David Hiscock from the Forestry Commission urged all attendees to lobby against the possible privatisation and sell off of the Forestry Commission.

Deselecting of current committee members

All current members resign position for reappointment.

| Committee Role/Post | Nominations | Nominee | Second |
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| Chairman | Dave Cole | Paul Stevens | Andy Bocking |
| Secretary/Vice Chair | David Coppins | Malcolm Stoddart | Geoff Hodgson |
| Membership Officer | Carol Hodgson | David Coppins | Simon Auger |
| Welfare Officer 2 Posts | Geoff Hodgson Alice Jarvis | Paul Stevens | Malcolm Stoddart |
| Treasurer | Valerie Osborne | Gary Scott | Geoff Hodgson |
| Coach Coordinator/Officer | Gary Scott | All | All |
| Trail Development Officer Singe Track | Ian Smith | John Rivett | Simon Auger |
| Course Development Officer Free Ride | Position dissolved | N/A | N/A |
| Race Coordinator/Officer | Geoff Hodgson | Malcolm Stoddart | Andy Bocking |
| Marketing Officer Design Officer | Paul Young Malcolm Stoddart | David Coppins | Alice Jarvis |
| Fund-Raising Officer | Michael Paine | Gary Scott | Carol Hodgson |
| Communication/Liaison Officers – 2 Posts | Gary Scott David Cole | David Coppins | Simon Auger |
| Webmaster | Paul Stevens John Rivett | Andy Bocking | Alice Jarvis |
| Events Coordinator/Officer | Andy Bocking | Paul Stevens | John Rivett |

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| School Liaison Officer | Tim Bizley | To be discussed at next meeting | To be discussed at next meeting |
| Junior Representative | Alex Osborne | Geoff Hodgson | Simon Auger |
| Ladies Representative | Alice Jarvis | David Coppins | Malcolm Stoddart |
| Press Officer | Simon Auger | Geoff Hodgson | John Rivett |

Meeting minutes will continue to include action points assigned to officers to complete. David Coppins will liaise with officers to ensure actions are completed on time.

All nominations put forward and nominated. Nominations closed at 20.22

Points raised at AGM to be added to February meeting agenda

- Continuation of School Liaison Officer position
- Dual-athlon to be discussed by Geoff Hodgson
- New look web calendar
- Out Ride Co-ordinator committee position
- Social Events Co-ordinator committee position
- £4,000 match funding for trail development

AGM closed at 20.25

Date of next committee meeting – 02 Feb 2011 – Old Pantry, Walled Garden.