

# East Sutherland Wheelers

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of East Sutherland Wheelers held at Golspie Community Centre on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012

Present: William Sutherland (Chairman), Wim Chalmet (Secretary), James Plowman (Volunteer Coordinator), Melanie Macrae (Treasurer), Ian Sargent, Hazel Lyon, John Lyon, Amanda Wagstaffe, Darren Robbins, Kieran Robbins, Keith Jones, Ross Baddon, Fiona Paton, Tracy Murray, Anne Baddon, Chris Whealing, Alan Cockburn, Keith Macrae, David Fyfe, Richard Sutherland, Frank Roach and Steve Robertson.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ewen Pryde, Ronnie and Lilian Macrae, Keith and Fiona Stewart

2. Chairman's report

William welcomed those present and thanked all for coming along to the club's AGM. He thanked all the staff at VG-ES for all their support and guidance, club committee and all members for their continuous support to the club.

William announced that he will be stepping down as Chair but will stay involved with advice and running of events.

He then highlighted a few facts and activities during the first year.

- Membership has gone up to 200 and are now biggest cycling club in the North of Scotland
- Club Time trials on Tuesday from (April-September) going from strength to strength thanks to Ross Baddon, Dave and Fiona Paton
- Coaching sessions for P5-P7 at Golspie kart track with good attendance (25) kids
- Huge success and support for Spinning sessions in the community with 100 a week attending thanks all involved
- Club Mark accredited
- Nomination for Scottish Club of the Year Award

William invited all attendees to book a place for club dinner at Golspie Golf Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm and thanked all coaches/volunteers/helpers and all members again for their confidence in our club.

### 3. Minutes of AGM 2011

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Amanda Wagstaffe and seconded by Ian Sargent

### 4. Reports from committee members

- Treasurer

Melanie reported that finances are healthy and copies of accounts are handed out.

Financial report was externally verified by Christine Ross (VG-ES).

Financial report was proposed by Chris Whealing and seconded by Keith Macrae.

- Secretary

Successful applications for funding:

- SSE – 8 bikes for youth cycling
- Sutherland Sports Council for coaching qualifications and equipment
- Ward Discretionary Fund for Spinning equipment (Sound system)

Re-affiliation to Sutherland Sports Council, Scottish Cycling, CTC, VG-ES, Golspie Community District Association, North of Scotland Cycling Association.

Club gained Club Mark Accreditation: This recognition proves we are observing best practice in child protection, coaching and competition, equity and club management.

Facebook and twitter account has been set-up and regularly updated.

- Volunteer coordinator

James listed the activities from last year and set some targets for next season:

- 3 level 2 cycling coaches who are now Road/TT discipline specific
- 1 extra level cycling coach with a view to become MTB Specific in the future
- 1 extra spinning instructor qualified
- Programme based on 1 ride per month was set-up through spring/summer

Targets 2013

- Organising NOSCA 10 TT Championships
- Organising NOSCA Criterium Championships
- Coaching sessions every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from March 2012 on Golspie Kart Track
- Continue Touring rides at least one a month in spring/summer
- Looking for a MTB coach. Ewen Pryde expressed interest in getting trained to do this in the future.
- Organise Highland MTB Dirt Crit Series

5. Election of officers to the management committee

- Chairman: Ian Sargent, proposed by Keith Macrae, seconded by Tracy Murray
- Secretary: Wim Chalmet, proposed by Frank Roach, seconded by Ian Sargent
  - Membership secretary: Darren Robbins, proposed by Amanda Wagstaffe, seconded by David Fyfe
- Treasurer: Hazel Lyon, proposed by Frank Roach, seconded by Chris Whealing
- Volunteer coordinator: James Plowman, proposed by David Fyfe, seconded by Frank Roach
- Club welfare officer: Amanda Wagstaffe, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Fiona Paton
- Press secretary: Melanie Macrae, proposed by Hazel Lyon, seconded by Amanda Wagstaffe

William welcomed new members on the committee and wished them all the best in the future of the club.

On behalf of the club Wim thanked William for all his efforts to get the club started and his contribution to what the club currently is.

6. Club membership fees 2013

It was agreed to keep membership fees for 2013 the same. £5 for U18 members, £10 for adults and £20 for family membership.

There will not be the option for Wildcat fees this year as there is no committee for Wildcat.

7. ACOB

- Appointment of Independent examiner:

The AGM appointed VG-ES as the independent examiner of the accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

8. Date of next AGM: November 2013

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Wim Chalmet

Club secretary