

East Sutherland Wheelers

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of East Sutherland Wheelers held at Golspie Community Centre on Thursday 26th October 2017.

Present: Anne Baddon, Dave Paton, Fiona Paton, Dave Bilsland, Andrew Heys, Alan Cockburn, Richard Sutherland, Amanda Wagstaffe, Fiona Stewart, Ross Baddon, Hazel Lyon, John Lyon, Steven Scott, Chris Whealing, Keith Jones, Les Christie, Ian Sargent, Wim Chalmet, Sabine Van Holten, Alan Campbell.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tracy Murray, Mairi Scott, Lillian Macrae and Tim Featherstone.

2. Minutes

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Amanda Wagstaffe and seconded by Hazel Lyon.

3. Chairpersons Report 2017

Ian thanked everyone who has been involved in ESW over the past year. All volunteers, helpers, committee, sub committee, race organisers, coaches, spinning instructors, bakers and marshals. Basically without all these people giving up their time we wouldn't be able to run any events.

Spinning - the new bikes are going well and the classes are up and running again on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the moment.

Touring rides - There were a number of touring rides this year including a few to Lairg, The Black Isle and Culrain. These are always enjoyable, we could always do with more ride leaders so if anyone is interested or has a new route they'd like to share please get in touch with Anne.

Coaching - Amanda did some coaching sessions at the Kart Track, the numbers were low so any feedback on what might suit people better would be appreciated.

Mtb - Ross and Jake delivered coaching sessions for children and adults which have gone well.

TT - These were well attended again, with 40 different people taking part over the season with an average of 16 per week. The prizes will be presented at the Dinner in Golspie Golf Club on Saturday 4th November. Thanks to Hazel for inputting the results information every week. Ian will get the final results up on the website this week. There may be a possible change of day for next year as Ross is unavailable on Tuesdays.

Dunrobin Cyclocross - This event is growing each year.

Dunrobin 10TT and Rogart Hill Climb - Numbers could be better but the event went well.

Nosca Crit - All went well with good entries in most classes

Shindig Duathlon - A great event but again numbers could be better

Dirt Crit - Good entry

Well done to everyone who was involved in delivering these events.

Grass track bikes are available to borrow for the Highland Games events, Ian encouraged more people to give it a go.

Badaguish weekend was a success once again, thank you to the organisers for putting it together.

Ian thanked Amanda for organising the new club kit which is now available online.

Swimming sessions - there were relatively small numbers taking advantage of some free coaching from William at the swimming pool, Ian asked that if anyone is interested then he could get back in touch to see if he would arrange some sessions for this year. Lane swimming is on the timetable for Golspie pool on a Wednesday between 8 and 9 for anyone to go along.

Timing Equipment - It would be good to get more people trained in using the timing equipment which the club have, to this end, Wim has organised some training alongside MFCC and Ben Wyvis. This will be held on Saturday 4th November, anyone interested in learning how to use this equipment please get in touch with Wim.

4. Treasurers Report

Keith reported that the balance was a healthy £1707.60. With money starting to come in from memberships and spinning the bank balance is in good shape.

He informed the meeting that 2 flasks and a 30 litre boiler had been purchased to save us having to borrow these items when hosting events.

Chris asked that an inventory of all the clubs property be attached to the financial report in future, Keith said that he would look in to providing that information.

Anne also said that a payment of £50 had been requested from Scottish Cycling to cover the overall prizewinners in the Dirt Crit series. Alan Campbell asked what help was received from Scottish Cycling for the Crit events, Wim informed the meeting that SC's role is a supporting one where they help with online entry set up and advice on running the events and it's up to the clubs to deliver the event.

5. Club Membership Fees

It was decided that there is no need to increase the membership cost as the clubs finances are healthy.

Keith Macrae asked that there could be a step by step instruction in the spinning room and online to let people know how to join the club using the online system. It was agreed that this should be done to make the system more user friendly. Keith Macrae also suggested that there needs to be a better way of reminding people to pay their memberships rather than the spinning instructors having to nag at their classes week after week. Keith Jones offered to cross check the spinning lists with the membership list.

6. Election of ESW Committee

Volunteer Co-ordinator - Tracy Murray

Proposer Wim Chalmet

Second Keith Macrae

Treasurer - Keith Jones

Proposer Hazel Lyon

Second Chris Whealing

Secretary - Fiona Stewart

Proposer Fiona Paton

Second Chris Whealing

Chairperson - Alan Cockburn

Proposer Amanda Wagstaffe

Second Chris Whealing

7. Election of Sub Committee

Membership Secretary - Darren Robbins
Social Secretary -
Touring Co-ordinator - Anne Baddon
Spinning Co-ordinator - Mairi Scott
Website Co-ordinator - Andy Heys
Press Secretary - Fiona Paton
Mtb Co-ordinator - Ross Baddon
Equipment Co-ordinator - Ross Baddon
Welfare Officer - Lillian Macrae
Youth/Junior Rep -

8. Race Programme

Wim informed the meeting that there will be 2 Cyclocross races hosted by ESW at Dunrobin on 27th January and another one on 28th January at a venue to be confirmed. These will be part of the North CX series and the hope is that people will enter both, make a weekend of it and stay in the area.

The Dunrobin 10TT and the Rogart Hill Climb will be held on Saturday 19th May, Fiona Stewart will be Race Organiser for these events and hoped that someone would be interested in shadowing the process so that more people could get involved with the organiser side of things. Chris Whealing volunteered for this, Fiona thanked Chris and will copy him in to any correspondence related to these races.

The Nosca Crit will be held on Sunday 20th May, Andy Heys has said that he will once again be the RO for this event.

Ian will consider whether to put the Shindig Duathlon on again this year, he felt that having someone to organise the duathlon while he set up a triathlon may attract more entrants. He will give this some thought and update the committee when he makes a decision.

The Dirt Crit will most likely take place again in September or October next year.

9. The next AGM will be in November 2018

10. AOCB

Chris Whealing asked whether anyone might be interested in taking part in the Strathpuffer, it was suggested that he put a post on the members FB page.

The menu choices for the Prizegiving on Saturday 4th November were made available and members were asked to get their choices and payment to Anne Baddon by Wednesday 1st November if possible.

Ross Baddon reported that the Weekly mountain bike rides were going well, averaging 6 people taking part every week and only 2 weeks this year being missed. Also Ross and Jake Williams delivered a summer programme of kids mountain bike training with around 14 youngsters taking part.

The meeting was informed that the Scottish 10 Mile TT is to be held at Invergordon next year.

Amanda Wagstaffe is running Balance Bike sessions for children in the Invershin Hall for a 6 week block starting Saturday 28th Oct.

Alan Cockburn thanked Ian Sargent for his work as chairman over the years and also thanked Wim Chalmet for his informative talk on Fuel for Training.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

