



<u>Dumfries Cycling Club</u> Annual General Meeting Minutes 3rd November 2018 Station Hotel, Dumfries

| | Apologies R. McGrouther, B. Laird, D. Jordan, S. McGivern, J. Kerr, E. Westmancott, R. Macintyre, H. Smythe, D. Spalding, G. McNeil |
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| 1 | Acceptance of the 2017 minutes. Proposed By: J. Andrews Seconded By: G. Collins |
| 2 | Chairman's and Financial report. 2018 has been a great year for British cycling with all 3 grand tours held by different British riders |
| | Chris Froome in the Giro |
| | Geraint Thomas in the Tour de France |
| | Simon Yates in the Vuelta (also breaking the Sky stranglehold) |
| | Scotland won 10 cycling medals at the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast Australia, including 4 golds |
| | DCC riders have been involved in some amazing rides this year |
| | Alec Barclay finished his epic Spanish tour earlier in the year with some awesome climbing on that odd looking bike. |
| | Again notable for some tough sportive challenges was Shaun Wyllie, the Bealach Mor Sportive stands out of the many completed in 2018. Gordon and Gill McNeill rode the Mallorca 312, photods of the relieved Gordon at the finish line appeared on FB. Apologies to any performances I have missed on the Sportive front. |
| | Most praiseworthy ride of all has to go to Alistair Ross who completed one of the most gruelling road races, the Transcontinental Race, a circuitous route hitting 4 check points all the way from Belgium to Greece. Just nicely timed before Brexit and any passport problems that will no doubt arise in future. Totally self- supported, rider 117 covered 3981 km in 19 days at an average speed of 15.9km/hr. An International field of 259 started, only 154 finished, Chapeau to Alistair. I was following online and |

it was not a straight route, the checkpoints cruelly made the riders double back and

climb some amazing roads.

- The time trialling season was again very successful with the move to CTT regs for DCC races allowing riders from other clubs to take part. The DG league continues to grow, Cameron will fill us in on his report.
- A highlight for me was the Merckx challenge with a very sporting Belgian couple staying in a campervan on Glencaple Quay were roped in to present the prizes, John Sturgeon's command of the French language came in very useful and he wasn't even wearing his beret!
- The Solway TLI road Race series was also very successful, most gratifying is the
 increased collaboration between clubs, Classic Racing hosting the Moniaive Wild
 Hills, Fechan Flyers the Lamburn Loop and DCC with the New Abbey Gallop. It
 would have been good to see more DCC riders taking part, however the race
 structure may be altered next year making the APR races more accessible.
- Many thanks to main organiser of our race the New Abbey Gallop, Dave Niblock and all the volunteers who came out to help with that and the other races, also the many who helped out at the TT races midweek and the Loch Ken open. We can't hold these events without volunteers, you can get a lot of satisfaction from helping out and I urge all of you to get more involved.
- The 10th Solway Sportive took place on the 20th of May. We have been involved from the beginning but this was the 3rd year that the event has been run by the Devorgilla Rotary, Dalbeattie Initiative and DCC. Sportive challenges seem to be hitting saturation levels locally with the demise of the Stewartry due to lack of entries despite the increase in popularity of cycling. DCC will not be involved in 2019 and going forward, the event will continue next year at least run by the Rotary and DI with all monies raised going to local charities.
- Club membership, increased from 121 in 2017 and is now at 125, a record and that
 is with 26 not re-joining from 2017 so we have had more new members again this
 year. We must ensure that all new members are made welcome and that as the club
 grows we don't lose that feeling of belonging to a club.
- Club runs, good numbers out every Saturday morning, 2018 saw some of the best summer weather we have had for many years. Mostly the rides have run smoothly but we have an agenda item coming up to discuss in more detail.
- Also good to see the continuation of the Dumfries Ladies Monday evening rides, although numbers down on 2017, a good standard has been reached by those taking part, thanks to Gill, Alison and Jackie.
- DCC have been certified by Dumfries & Galloway Council as an Accredited Sports Club, thanks go to Cameron for his hard work on this and also Ron our Welfare officer.
- We now have new website which look great and so much more professional than

the old one. Many thanks must go to Garry Collins for his endeavours to get it up and running.

- Pilates classes have been well supported and a big thank you to Clive Scott for putting up with some rather inflexible DCC bike riders. It is helping I think!
- Other events included the Film Night with discounted tickets for DCC members at the RBC for Time Trial, David Millar's film, not
 - enough time trialling it for my liking but I have suggested a screening next year of 'A Sunday in Hell' to coincide with the Classics season.
- Special thanks to our kit officer Helen Acklam who has done a great job in liaising
 with Kalas for the ordering and delivery of the club kit. I hope that you will all agree
 that it is good quality and worth the discount subsidised to DCC members from club
 funds. Not least for the complex organisations of an overseas kit delivery. We await
 photos of our Sicilian club member Massimiliano Mollito wearing his kit in the Italian
 sunshine, a selfie with Vincenzo Nibali may be a bit optimistic but he does come
 from nearby.
- Financial Report a more detailed report can be seen and questions can be asked of Alex our treasurer. In summary: Balance in the bank has reduced this year by £821.53 from £5241.23 in 2017 to £4419.70 at present. A large amount of this cost was a one off payment for our new website design of £786. On top of this we also paid an annual cost for website maintenance of £144 which will be a new ongoing cost. Also more club kit was purchased this year than last, the 20% discounted price afforded to members is still by far our biggest annual expenditure £1,776. You will notice the £506 petty cash float that has been undeclared on the accounts for many years has been included.
- I have to thank the DCC committee for their excellent work and support again this year. Being on the committee isn't as arduous as some may think but the benefits to all of us in the club of this contribution of time and effort is invaluable to our club.

Race Secretary's report: C. Scade reported a successful season with a mid-season change to all TT events being under CTT being a positive move. There were 7 under SC, & 7 under CTT, 6 in the DG league, 2 come & try it TTs, 1 open at Loch Ken, the Merckx classic, the Pie Eaters 5 and a road race based in New Abbey.

38members took part on the 10 league with 28 in the 18 -25 league. 43 members took part in TTs this was up on previous years. 71 riders took part in the DG league from 10 different clubs, 35 riders took part in the first come & try it events with 32 in the second.

49 PBs were set by club riders over the season.

8 members took part in road races.

CS stated the events were safe & successful & gave thanks helpers & organisers.

Next year he proposed the club organises fewer events & will encourage other clubs to share the burden.

The club is hosting round 4 of the RTTC TTs at Loch Ken on 12th May and to build on the cross-

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club success for the road race series including one of the Lapierre series. Sub- groups to be formed to ease organisation. Trophies Awarded for 2018 season, along with generic medals w/engraved cases (one per rider): 10 mile Handicap League: Craig Gibson 10 mile Vets Handicap League: Roger McIntyre 10 mile Ladies' Handicap League: Emma Westmancott 18/25 Handicap League: Craig Gibson 18/25 Combined Trophy (Women): Hazel Smyth 18/25 Vets (QE Jubilee Trophy) David Jordan Fastest 10 mile TT: William Hannay (22.48 Lockerbie) Fastest 25 mile TT: Andrew Parker (1.01.09 Beattock) N.V.C.C 100 Trophy: Brian Morrell (4:57:57 Keswick-Cockermouth) Hill Climb Championship trophy: Craig Gibson Hill Climb V50 winner (Loreburn Trophy): Richard Colbeck Pie Eaters' 5 Handicap TT: Martin Brown Ivor Brown Trophy: David Spalding Most Improved Rider: Graham Abrines Most Outstanding Ride: Alistair Ross Best Young Rider: Ross Acklam School BAR Trophy Ross Acklam (28.05/72.1 6=20.93mph) Johnston Trophy (Best DCC at Loch Ken Open): William Hannay (*not returned for engraving) 4 **Subscriptions for 2019:** After some debate it was decided there was no pressing need to raise fees, to be decided by next committee for a recommendation for 2020 season. - Note this should be done in line with the constitution. 5 Saturday Runs: A. Ure stated the format is never perfect but probably about as good as it was going to get, this was generally agreed. There is a desire to be a more cohesive club. Possibly more runs with café stops/ reliability type rides to allow social interaction between groups. 6 **Election of Office Bearers:** Chairperson: Brian Morell nominated by: R. Colbeck seconded by: J. Sturgeon Secretary: R. Colbeck nominated by: B. Morell seconded by: S. Wylie Treasurer: A. Ure nominated by: B. Morell seconded by: D. Niblock Race Secretary: C. Scade J. Strurgeon seconded by: A. Ure nominated by: Wellfare officer: R. McGrouther nominated by: S. Wylie seconded by: C. Scade Web master: vacant nominated by: seconded by: Kit officer: H. Aklam nominated by: B. Morell seconded by: S. Wylie. Other Committee members: 1) 2) 3) 4)

| 7 | AOCB: a) G. Ward proposed we adopt a club logo, firm proposals are sought for future consideration. b) Mud flaps, hats & arm warmers still available to purchase, water bottles to be considered. c) J. Sturgeon gave a vote of thanks. |
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| 8 | Presentation of DCC trophies: As per race sec report. |