Dumfries Cycling Club – Annual General Meeting – 2022

Caledonian Hotel, Dumfries, Saturday 12th November 2022, 6.10pm.

Attendees:

Gill McNeil – Chair (GMcN)

Alex Ure – Treasurer (JMcC)

Bruce Laidlaw – Secretary (BL)

John Minto (JM), Shaun Wylie (SW), Brian Morrell (BM), Dave Moss (DM), Garry Collins (GC), Keith Paul (KP), Alison McConnachie (AMcC), Gordon McNeil (GoMcN), Ian Gilbert (IG), John Clyde (JC), Eddie Glover (EG), Stephen Spellacy (SS), Gail Paterson (GP), Rachael Smith (RS), John Sturgeon (JS), Dave Niblock (DN), Jim McConnachie (JMcC), Gordon Dunbar (GD), Brendan Muldowney (BM).

Apologies – Ron McGrouther (RMcG) & Sandy Laurie (SL).

2021 minutes – summary by GMcN. Approved as accurate, proposed by AU and 2nd by KP.

Chairwoman address (GMcN):

A year of almost returning to normality after the covid issues. Club rides returned to normal and also all Grand Tours returned to the calendar. Seems that youngsters have now stepped up in the pro ranks with Jai Hindley winning the Giro, a really good TdF, then Remco winning the Vuelta, with Enric Mas 2nd.

The Loch Ken TT was held again and thanks to Cameron Scade for his organisation. Good participation from DCC riders including Kayla Dinnin, Gail Paterson, Eddie Glover, Brian Morrell, David Keenan, Stephen Spellacy – who was the fastest DCC rider for the event.

DCC riders also travelled to away events through the TT season, with Stephen Spellacy, Gail Paterson, Esther Hamill and Brian Morrell all enjoying time trialling.

Club TT events returned and were organised by SS. Although a drop in numbers from previous, possibly due to rider apathy post covid, a 10TT calendar was completed. From 14 events organised, 10 were completed, unfortunately the uptake for the 25TT’s was too low to make it worthy organising. The Hill Climb event was held at Dunreggan Brae for the first time and was deemed successful. Shorter course but a much steeper test. GMcN thanked SS for his efforts to organise the DCC TT season for 2022.

GMcN also closed with thanks to the 2022 committee for their efforts and also those who have kindly attended the AGM.

IG added to note that he had participated in some Cyclocross at the start of 2022.

Treasurer’s report – (AU)

Members down from 103 in 2021 to 93 in 2022.

Accounts report available for all at AGM to see.

Bank account remains relatively stable from 2021 to 2022.

Club kit subsidy was up in 2022 indicating higher kit sales.

Still to be taken as costs for 2002, the AGM/Social night costs and also the Blood Bike Donation via use of the car park at Drummuir for the TT’s.

2023 subscription fees:

£15 for seniors. £6 for juniors including students and £25 for families (all as 2022) to remain into 2023. Proposed by DN and 2nd by JMcC.

Election of office bearers for 2023:

Chairman – SW – proposed by GMcN, 2nd by JS

Secretary – BL – proposed by GoMcN, 2nd by GC

Treasurer – AU – proposed by JM, 2nd by KP

Race Secretary – Vacant – new committee to discuss and take forward

Welfare Office – RMcG (in his absence) – proposed by RS, 2nd by IG

Web Page and IT – JM – proposed by DM, 2nd by GC

Kit Officer – IG – proposed by GC, 2nd by SW

Additional Committee members for 2023:

John Clyde – proposed GoMcN, 2nd by JMcC

Keith Paul – proposed by JM, 2nd by AU

Garry Collins – proposed by RS, 2nd by IG

Any other business:

JS thanked GMcN for her time as Chairwoman over the last 2 years.

EG raised point about the vacant race secretary role, and if it would be better to make it a 2 person job. Discussion in relation to how best to encourage participants for TTs and Races. SW agreed to approach some members who race more often to see if they are interested in getting involved with the organising.

GMcN raised the issue about British Cycling’s recent decision to take on Shell as a main sponsor and how this impacts on members views in relation to affiliation. Discussion in relation to the BC decision and how it divides opinion within DCC. Decision to be taken by the incoming new 2023 committee. BL added that re-affiliation is live now and new committee will need to conclude shortly to allow continuity for January 2023.

Straw poll was held within the AGM attendees to gauge members opinions. Non-binding.

CTT re-affiliation is also due. Discussion if this was worth it given TT uptake for 2022. General opinion was to continue with CTT for 2023 and see if we can run a TT season. Also, DCC being affiliated with CTT allows club riders to represent DCC at away events.

JMcC raised the point about the 2023 World Championships in Glasgow and if the club would be interested in organising a day trip? August date and incoming committee to consider.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm