

EVCUK – Minutes meeting in Booths 10.00 Monday 6th January 2024

1. Present: Alison, Nigel L, Mike B, Bill O, Nigel P, Tony
Apologies: Rachel, Mike K, CJ
2. Minutes and matters arising from the November 11th, 2024, meeting
Need to appoint an auditor
Previous auditor approached but unfortunately unable to help, a couple of other member names offered as possible auditors, chair will contact to see if one of them is willing to carry out the audit. Accounts to the end of March have to be submitted mid-April.
3. Officer's Reports
Chair
 - Secretary role, we continue to rotate minute taking as a temporary measure. Chair has produced a list of required secretary duties which have been pared down to the minimum to encourage a volunteer. Geoff will continue to look after the web site and any tasks related to that. Next meeting to target a different day of the week to see if that helps encourage a volunteer.
 - Communication with club members, we have the blog, but not everyone reads it on a regular basis. The WhatsApp chat group is widely used but can be filled with general chit chat and not all members are on WhatsApp, so information does not reach everyone. A Facebook page for the club was suggested but this is also not popular with everyone, perhaps it would be more popular if everything was available from this one point for example runs lists etc, we can see other cycling clubs use it widely. It might be more popular and accessed by a wider and possibly younger audience? Maybe one for the future? Chair will continue to email updates on a regular basis, any member who does not wish to receive the emails can opt out by replying and their name will be removed from the email list.Treasurer
 - Cheque handed to the chair for £1238.00 to pay for the festive lunch event (£100 deposit already paid). Otherwise accounts unchanged from previous minutes.
 - Treasurer on Holiday from 7th Jan to March.Runs co-ordinator
 - A couple of MTB rides have appeared on the runs list recently which is nice to see although they may not have gone ahead due to the weather.
 - There is a lack of rides currently posted on the runs list, most likely due to the variable weather, Mike B to send out an email to ride leaders to encourage a few more to post rides, even if they are later cancelled due to weather or any other reason.
 - Maulds Meaburn will be closed for the winter weeks (5 weeks?), so we need an alternative for the runs list, Granny Dowbekins, or Upfront might be suitable. Suggestion of the new café on the A6 at Hexham, to be checked out to see if it is suitable.
4. Forthcoming Events
 - Festive Lunch, 39 signed up to attend.
 - Ride to the Sun 21st June – information only anyone can sign up and take part.
 - Trivets Wed 2nd July – Separate meeting to follow the committee meeting.
 - Holiday – no progress yet.
 - AGM Sat 18th October – Langwathby proposed as the location, date likely to be pushed back 1 week TBC. Langwathby village hall is scheduled to be rebuilt, however we think this won't happen before the AGM date so should be ok TBC.

5. Any Other Business

- New banners proposed to match the new jersey design, possible use of the same design on the web site so we show the same image everywhere to promote the club.
- New Jersey offers to go out to club members again. The email regarding the Gilet went out late and not everyone was given the opportunity to respond in time. First time buyers will be offered the same discount as the original members (£15 subsidy for first order). As long as we get a minimum order of 10 units we should get them at the same cost as the previous order.

6. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th March at Daffodils Café in Penrith 10:00am start

Trivets meeting to follow directly after the committee meeting (est 10:30 start).