

AGM minutes of VTTA West Group 2019

Meeting held on Sunday 3 November 2019. The meeting commenced at 10.00 with 22 members present.

1. Apologies

Received from – Mr Allan Norwood, Mr Tony Emery, Mr Ted King, Mr Mark Bradley, Mr Brian Barraclough. (Note - Mary Jane Hutchinson had kindly stepped into the role of Chairperson in Brian's absence)

2. Minutes of the VTTA West Group AGM held on Sunday 4th November 2018.

These were distributed for the meeting and relevant points highlighted. They were duly accepted and signed as accurate. Proposed – Ian Pritchard, seconded – Mary-Jane Hutchinson. Ian proposed a vote of thanks for the Secretary for his efforts in organising the AGM, seconded by Mary-Jane.

3. Matters Arising.

The receiving of Westvet via E Mail to be highlighted and encouraged. Secretary – Ongoing and included in any correspondence.

4. Reports – Published in the Autumn edition of Westvet.

4.1 Treasurer

Ian highlighted a few points from the Treasurers report that had been distributed for the meeting; The balance sheet shows a loss of £90.00, although we have stamps in hand with a value of £130.00. Currently there is £2881.98 in the bank and Ian wished to place on record his thanks to the member's donations which totalled £163.24. The £3.00 increase in the levy paid to the VTTA has been absorbed. There was a small saving of £114.00 with the closure of our 'old' website Westvet.org. Last year the fee for standard attempts was raised and we had 41 riders competing compared to 20 for 2018.

The re-launch of our magazine with the decision to include colour printing, photos and a glossy cover has added to the presentation of the magazine and currently 46 members have opted to have delivery electronically. We continue to receive support from John Howells.

Membership for 2019 was 130. In the Treasurers view there is no requirement to increase subs, he also stated he would keep 'a better handle on our quota of stamps'.

It was noted by the meeting that Mark Bradley had kindly agreed to audit the accounts.

Mike Jupp wished to point out that in his opinion the previous copies of Westvet contained on average 41 photos and that the last 3 issues contained 32, on this point it was agreed to delete the word 'more' from paragraph 5 in the Treasurers report. He also stated that previous copies of Westvet were on display and available.

Paul Winchcombe enquired on the setting of the subscription, it was noted that this is set by individual groups but taking into account the levy paid to the VTTA.

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4.2 Recorder

Of the 130 members, the group had 73 competing with a total of 742 rides by Westvets in open events, Rob noted that Steve Cottington had ridden 32 open events, Mark Sanders 27 and Cliff Voller 26. Those members attaining standards was at its highest with 36 members receiving either a plaque or medals. The new standards had caused a few problems although 15 new West Group records had been broken. It was noted that the VTTA website now lists all our group's records.

4.3 Westvet Magazine Editor

Paul reported that he had completed his 4th edition of the journal and has received excellent feedback for which he is very grateful and thanked the membership for their help and support. He highlighted that and photos can be sent to him for copying to include in an issue and returned if necessary. We continue to use Busy Fingers who have been extremely helpful and efficient. There was some discussion on the publishing of the journal prior to the AGM and the implications of members not receiving the various reports. It was noted that some members were in receipt of the current Journal and the editor noted the comments.

4.4 Webmaster

The report was read to the meeting by the Secretary. The meeting wished to send their best wishes to Tony and thank him for his contribution.

* The Veteran contributor – Brian Griffiths reported that his contribution was of a more general cycling nature and he hoped this is acceptable. He is more than willing to carry on and the meeting thanked him for his contribution.

5. Election of Officers.

That all officers be re-elected en masse. Proposed by Paul Winchcombe and seconded by Janet Tebbutt . Carried unanimously.

- President Mr Ted King MBE (Previously proposed and accepted for life office)
- Chair Mr Brian Barraclough
- Vice Chair Mrs Mary-Jane Hutchinson
- Secretary Mr Gordon Scott
- Treasurer Mr Ian Pritchard
- Recorder Mr Rob Hutchinson
- Westvet Editor Mr Paul Freegard
- Webmaster Mr Tony Emery
- Contact for Veteran Magazine Mr Brian Griffiths

Delegate to CTT West DC – Paul Winchcombe sits on the West DC Committee in his position as Events Secretary and continues to keep us informed as and when required.

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Delegate to WTTA – Mary-Jane Hutchinson does attend the WTTA meetings and has acted on our behalf. The Secretary continues as Chairman of the WTTA

6. Subscription Proposals

7. Annual Prize Presentation.

It is planned to present the awards at our groups own 'club event' to be organised by the Committee on the afternoon of Saturday 4th April on the Sutton Benger 10 mile course UC861. HQ will be the new Seagry Village Hall (Goss Croft hall) We have booked the HQ from 1300 - 1800

As with other club events non VTTA members may ride on the day with no claim to awards. Any assistance would be appreciated for both TT duties and food. Cost will be £3.00 for the TT and as before the Secretary would appreciate entries prior to the event (either by phone, e mail or paper) as it lets me collate an entry list (and check standards!)

For the tea we would appreciate names and numbers one week prior to the event, cost will be £5.00 each.

8. Programme of Events for 2020

Group 10 mile Championship Harry Marsh Memorial Cup – Incorporated with the planned presentation as above.

Group 25 mile Championship Jack Gray Memorial – To be included within the Bath CC event on Sunday 23rd August, course – U370. Start time 0830.

After some discussion on the groups trophies it was agreed that the Eric Wilkinson Shield or as it is known 'The Rook Shield', which in the past was awarded to the fastest Westvet in an 'early season 25' would in future be awarded to the first female rider standard, the Jack Gray Memorial trophy will go to the fastest male rider on standard

Group 50 mile Championship The Arthur Wilcockson Trophy – as with last season it was agreed that any 50 mile event held within CTT districts that represent the vast majority of VTTA West Group members, i.e. West DC (U courses) or South West DC (S courses) would count as qualifiers for the Championship.

Bristol South CC Course U86/50 19th July 0800

Plymouth Corinthian CC Course S4/50 26th July 0700

North Devon Wheelers Course S12R/50 2nd August 0800

9. Proposed items for the VTTA 2020 AGM Saturday 25th January 2020, Ramada Hotel, Solihull. No proposals received

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10. Nominations for the Ted Bicknell Memorial Award for Outstanding Services to the Association.

Mr Ted King. Proposed by B Griffiths and seconded by Mrs Janet Tebbutt, Carried. The following was submitted to the NEC: - As we did last year we would like to nominate our own President, Mr Ted King. Ted joined Chippenham and District Wheelers and the VTTA in 1978 and as a result of racing interests and vast experience with committee proceedings was elected as our President in 1999. During his long service to all forms of cycling he has remained modest and an inspiration to the 'younger' riders in West Group. He still rides his bike for pleasure and despite a recent spell of ill health is always on duty at the West Group functions offering words of encouragement to all. It is felt he continues to epitomise all that is held in high esteem within the VTTA and for this he deserves national recognition. At the subsequent NEC meeting the award went to the late Steve Lockwood

11. Nominations For the C W Cooke Trophy.

For the Most Meritorious Racing Performance Michele Lee was proposed by Rob Hutchinson and seconded by G Scott, carried. The following was submitted to the NEC: - We would like to put forward Michelle Lee (PDQ Cycle Coaching) whose performances this year, we feel, warrant national recognition As well as setting four Group records at 100, 50, 30 and 25 miles she set two National age records, 100 miles in 3 hours 48 minutes and 23 seconds adding to her 50 miles record of 1 hour 51 minutes and 40 seconds. Add to the list of achievements with finishing 3rd overall in the CTT women's 2019 BAR and currently championing a development plan to increase diversity and participation in sport, whilst hoping to influence change and modernisation in time trialling. Michelle started her time trialling with Royal Dean Forest CC and is still second claim whilst sitting on the committee to try and improve things as she feels (quite rightly so) that there are still inequalities to overcome, even at club level.

At the NEC meeting the award went to the tandem paring of Rachael Elliot (Newbury RC) and Ian Greenstreet (Aerocoach)

12. Nominations For The Janet Wilson Memorial Trophy

Awarded annually in recognition of outstanding achievement by a West Group member as determined by the AGM. Ted King was proposed by Rob Hutchinson and seconded by G Scott for his contribution to the group over many years. Carried

13. Signatories for cheques - No amendments required.

14. Affiliation fees – CTT, WTTA. CTT fee (£30.00) paid

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15.AOB

Proposed by Mike Jupp and seconded by Nigel Jones.

That the West Vet editor ensures that in future issues of our journal the time trial results of members are included.

Reason. No results have sadly been shown in the past 3 issues - apart from our own 10 (at the time of making this proposal) This is in complete contrast to the previous 4 issues having 13 pages which showed the results from 90 events. Not to do so is against the prime purpose of why the Journal was originally created which was to inform members of others results and that purpose still holds true today for after all we are a time trial group!

There was some considerable discussion on the above proposal. The current editor agreed that he is the main source for receiving information to be included and it was generally agreed that the onus is on members and competitors to send in their results sheets from events although it was also noted that it is becoming more prevalent that results sheets are not issued but published on the CTT website and E mailed to competitors. The Editor agreed to print a request for results in the next issue of the journal.

When put to the vote the proposal was defeated with 7 for and 10 against at which point the Proposer pointed out that as the Journal and subsequently the AGM agenda had not been published the majority of members had not been informed and taking in to account the groups constitution the vote was null and void. It was pointed out to the proposer that an EGM if required would require the names of 6 members or the proposal will be taken over to the next AGM. Mike Jupp wished the following points concerning the publishing of the Journal to be noted by the meeting -

'Because I had built up a very good relationship with our printers Busy Fingers in the previous 6 years I wanted that to continue. I mentioned that our President had been critical of me producing a 40 page with him saying that wasn't essential and so to help and ensure Paul got off to a good start I negotiating for them to produce a 32 page WV for £80 per issue (£320 year) However, instead of the WV being kept to 32 pages or less Paul had "grown" it to 40 pages due to him "unnecessarily" choosing double line than the standard and normal accepted single line spacing as with all other publications. Due to that the cost therefore increased by 25% on a pro rata basis to £100 (£20 extra) The accounts showed a total cost of £600 for the WV = £150 per issue. Therefore the cost for the colour cover was the difference between 150 and 100 = £50. That meant just one piece of paper, the cover, is costing us £50 which was actually a third of the total cost of each issue. With no real "benefit" (bearing in mind the email PDF was all in colour) I believe that could not be justified and regarded it as an improper and complete waste of WV money This is even more the case when the covers were not being used with colour on both sides with half of them actually having B&W. In reality that meant the £50 was in effect not for both sides but only one side of the cover and was therefore even worse bad value.

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For over 45 years the WV had been produced as a B&W journal and during that time everyone appeared happy and content and no one had ever complained about it or wanted it to be in colour. I therefore recommended we stop wasting that £200 for the cover colour printing and went back to B&W.'

There was some discussion following the above and most of which is refuted by the committee who agreed to support the new format of the Journal. There was also some discussion on the constitution and the Committee will be considering some points pertinent to the items raised at the meeting.

Trophies It was agreed that a new Ladies BAR trophy will be sourced and provision for the transferring of the listed holders to the new.

The Chair thanked those in attendance and the meeting closed at 1200.