

East Sutherland Wheelers

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of East Sutherland Wheelers held at Golspie Community Centre on Friday 18th November 2011

Present: William Sutherland (Chairman), Wim Chalmet (Secretary), James Plowman (Volunteer Coordinator), Ian Sargent (Race coordinator), Grant Cumming, Ewen Pryde, John A Ross, Anthony Urquhart, Valerie Coupar, Darren Robbins, Kieran Robbins, Steve Robertson, Dave Paton, Melanie Macrae, Fiona Paton, Amanda Wagstaffe and Ross Baddon.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Austin Mackay (Treasurer), Nicki Mackay and Tracy Murray

2. Chairman's report

William welcomed those present and thanked all for coming along to the club's first AGM. He thanked all the staff at VG-ES for all their support and guidance. He then highlighted a few facts and activities during the first year.

- Membership is at 152
- Club Time trials on Tuesday from (April-September) average of 8 people turning up thanks to Dave and Fiona Paton for doing timing and to Ian Sargent for setting up Club TT league
- Bike Maintenance Classes thanks to Ross Baddon
- Coaching sessions for P5-P7 at Golspie kart track with good attendance (25) kids
- Coaching/Volunteers qualified for spinning and road cycling thanks to Lesley, Ian, Heather, Wim and James
- Huge success and support for Spinning sessions in the community with 100 a week attending thanks to Lesley, Ian and Wim and staff at Sutherland Swimming Pool Complex for taking the bookings
- Racing News 3 wins in the north of Scotland time trials + 2nd in Scotland and a 3rd for grass track racing, 3rd place in mini-downhill and Bronze and Silver medal in North of Scotland Race Championships
- Well done to Ian Paton, Thomas Van Holten and Scott Sutherland as second club members doing very well in various competitions. Wish they would represent our club in the future
- Targets for 2012 is gaining Club Mark Accreditation

William invited all attendees to book a place with Ian for club dinner at Golspie Golf Club on Friday 25th November 7pm and thanked all coaches/volunteers/helpers and all members for their confidence in our club.

3. Minutes of inaugural meeting

Ian Sargent was added to the list of attendees on this meeting.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by James Plowman and seconded by Ian Sargent

4. Reports from committee members

- Treasurer

In the absence of Austin Mackay, Wim reported that finances are healthy with a balance of £2283.15 on 9th November 2011.

Financial report was externally verified by Christine Ross (VG-ES).

Financial report was proposed by James Plowman and seconded by Ewen Pryde.

- Secretary

Very successful applications for funding beginning with start-up grant from Sutherland Sports Council. For the set-up of Spinning Classes the club was successful in applying for funding from Awards for All, Kilbraur Windfarm Trust, Scottish Community Foundation and Highland Council Ward Discretionary fund. To buy club kit for our youth members we were successful in our grant application to Postcode Lottery Fund. A big thanks for the huge amount of work from Melanie and James on this.

Scottish Cycling and Coaching Highland were very helpful in supporting us with coaching grants for our level 2 cycling coaching courses.

We are affiliated to Sutherland Sports Council, Scottish Cycling, CTC, VG-ES, Golspie Community District Association, North of Scotland Cycling Association.

Ian Sargent attended North of Scotland Cycling Association AGM and requested some amendments in affiliation fees which were accepted. We are now officially the biggest cycling club in the North of Scotland.

Website has been set-up and regularly updated.

- Volunteer coordinator

James listed the activities from last year and set some targets for next season:

- 3 level 2 cycling coaches qualified and are currently working towards a level 2 Discipline Specific Unit (Road and Time Trial)
- 3 Spinning instructors qualified
- Club Time Trial League was set up and Club Confined Time Trials were organised on every Tuesday from April till mid September.
- 2 Touring riders were organised.

Targets 2012

- Working towards a level 3 coach (Wim)
 - Gaining Club Mark Accreditation
 - Coaching sessions every 1st Sunday of the month from March 2012 on Golspie Kart Track
 - Touring rides at least one a month.
 - Organising 1st North of Scotland Criterium Race on Golspie Kart Track on Sunday 17th June 2012. This event will need a lot of volunteers. There will be races for all age categories including a go-ride (beginners) for adults.
 - Looking for a MTB coach. Ewen Pryde expressed interest in getting trained to do this in the future.
5. Election of officers to the management committee
- Chairman: William Sutherland, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Fiona Paton
 - Secretary: Wim Chalmet, proposed by William Sutherland, seconded by Ian Sargent
 - Membership secretary: Darren Robbins, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Melanie Macrae
 - Treasurer: Melanie Macrae, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Melanie Macrae
 - Volunteer coordinator: James Plowman, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Ian Sargent
 - Club welfare officer: Amanda Wagstaffe, proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded by Fiona Paton

William welcomed new members on the committee and thanked Austin Mackay for his work as the treasurer and the set-up of the club.

6. Club membership fees 2012

It was agreed to keep membership fees for 2012 the same. £5 for U18 members, £10 for adults and £20 for family membership.

There will still be the option to pay Wildcat Trail Fees for 2012 through club membership. This money goes directly to Wildcat accounts.

Dave Paton expressed concerns with the maintenance of the trials in the past. William will pass on these concerns to the next Wildcat meeting.

7. ACOB

- Change to constitution to change point 11 e Financial year.

On advice of Christine Ross to change to financial year from 1st April to 31st of March.

Proposed by Wim Chalmet, seconded William Sutherland.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Appointment of Independent examiner:

The AGM appointed VG-ES as the independent examiner of the accounts on 31st March 2012.

8. Date of next AGM: November 2012

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Wim Chalmet

Club secretary