

Narberth Dynamos

AGM

16th March 2017

Attendees: Andrew Rees, Chairman
Simon Thomas
Mat Greener
Tom Fisher
Julie Allison
Sharon Whitehouse
Charlie Palmer
Alex Holland
Leighton Phillips
Geraint Hughes
Pete Jones

Late attendees: Anthony Rees
Jane Rees
Gwen Hughes

(Apologies – uncertain of surnames)

Apologies for absences

Mike Field

Chairman, A Rees, gave feedback of the 2015/2016 season. It was agreed that it had been a very successful year with the development and the increase in numbers of the ladies cycling. The committee felt it appropriate to thank Jane Rees for the enthusiasm in the development of this.

John Mills Turbo Sessions held every Tuesday have been a great success, with a good turnout on all evenings. The club attended many local cycling sportives, with a few members taking part in time trial events outside of the club. Plus the odd Ironman and Ironlady!

The Civic Week Hill Event was a success, even though it cost the club £208.

Mr Rees gave a financial account, and he believed that there was currently £2,000 in the current account, with £350 profit to be paid in due to the success of the turbo sessions. The club had purchased 4 fans plus all expenses and payments to the coach, John Mills, and rental fees for Bloomfield was up-to-date, with invoices available for inspection. Mr Rees had an accurate account of numbers and payments made at each turbo session. Evidence made available.

Election of Office

Chairman - Andrew Rees

Secretary - Mat Greener

Treasurer - Julie Allison

Membership - Sharon Whitehouse

Ride Organiser - Pete Jones

Discussion then occurred regarding the use of Facebook forum and messenger. Actions – Tom Fisher to organise a Messenger group, Leighton to set up text message alerts.

Tuesday rides to continue, but with two groups. One group of senior cyclists, and one group of novice riders (no longer to be known as the ladies group). This is to encourage new cyclists to the club, both men and women. Actions – Once per month an experienced cyclist is to support Jane to ensure that road confidence is developed and also acting as a sweeper. It was also discussed that once a month there would be slower ride out for novice and club members to cycle together. Mr Rees explained that new cyclists to the club should be informed of the average speed of each group. One group approximately 14-15 mph, novice group =<12mph.

A suggestion was made by Jane Rees to approach other clubs for joint rides. It was felt that this was an idea that had been tried in that past, and it was therefore felt that through local Sportives and charity rides, there was opportunities for this to be undertaken outside of the club.

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Rides and Routes

The chairman thanked Pete for organising and posting the routes for 2015/2016. It was a unanimous decision that Pete was to continue planning and organising these for the next twelve months. There then followed discussions regarding posting routes if members are

attending Sportives. It was agreed that routes should continue to be posted on Sundays.

Matt requested over 100Km rides on the weekends. This was agreed. Pete informed the committee that most Sunday rides were over that distances already. Simon Thomas suggested that the club should organise 'away days', and it was agreed that Anthony Rees would organise an event in the foreseeable future.

The committee also suggested that the Big Dog Sportive, being held in September, would be a good way to end the season, with members staying for the weekend with the cycle event being on the Saturday.

Maintenance

Tom discussed the importance of all members to have a basic knowledge of bike repair when out on rides. Actions – Tom to arrange a maintenance class in May. Hopefully at Narberth Rugby Club.

Simon brought to the attention of the meeting an issue regarding under 18s cycling alongside the club. Mr Rees explained that Under 18s may join on club rides if accompanied by their parent/guardian. Discussion was then undertaken regarding the implications of this. It was agreed that Simon, with the support of Dan Lewis, would produce a disclaimer form to clarify the situation if U18s were to attend a club ride, with the principle being that they can only attend if there was a parent/guardian or responsible adult, who is a club member. Actions – Simon to design and word a disclaimer form. Once completed to seek advice from Dan Lewis, solicitor.

Civic Week 2017

The club will organise a family ride on 26th July from Bloomfield Centre, to commence at 10am. Refreshments at Cresswell Quay then back to Narberth. To ensure the success of this it is hoped that all club members would use social media to spread the word and advertise the event locally.

The committee thanked Mr Rees for organising the event last year, and his willingness to organise it this year. It was agreed that some of the ladies would support Andrew in the marshalling of the event.

Velodrome, Carmarthen

A club representative has been invited to attend the Velodrome that has been renovated in Carmarthen. It was agreed that Tom was to attend on behalf of the Dynamos and to feed back to Andrew Rees and the committee.

Turbo 2017/2018

It was a unanimous decision to invite John Mills to deliver the Turbo sessions for 2017/2018 again. Mr Rees had concerns that some of the turbo were starting to show their age. Actions – Charlie to research and purchase three new turbos.

Pembrokeshire Bikes

Pembrokeshire Bikes is now under new ownership. It is hoped that more members will support the shop. They are offering 10% discount and it is hoped that they will continue to stock Narberth Dynamos kit.

Alison to arrange and select leisurewear in the club colours. Actions – To inform Andrew Rees on outcomes.