

**CTC Fife and Kinross.Minutes of 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Giffordtown Village Hall on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.**

The meeting was Chaired and opened by Group President, Morwyn Porter who welcomed the 17 members in attendance. Apologies were received from Gordon and Beth Paterson, Jim Paton, Tony Rokins and Margaret Berwick.

Morwyn Porter mentioned that the wrong date for the AGM had been inserted in the CTC magazine.

The Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated to those in attendance. There were no objections and these were *approved by Douglas Allan and seconded by George Shepherd.*

**Annual Reports Secretary's Report –Kaye Lynch**

The year opened with our first fixture, the annual CTC lunch at Lower Largo where members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal. This winter, despite gloomy predictions, temperatures proved to be far kinder than expected allowing for more safe and more enjoyable cycling in the cold months. Throughout the year members turned out in force for a wide range of runs, meeting in pubs and parks and people's front rooms, with the numbers in some cases even outgrowing some of our favourite venues. In addition to regular Saturday and Wednesday meets, there were occasional off season Sunday rides for women members and at the end of May the annual CTC ladies weekend saw 6 members heading off to Nethercraig camp site in Alyth. This turned out to be indisputably the sunniest weekend of 2012 and with an upgrade to a luxury chalet it was a near perfect 3 days with good cycling in Angus hills and glens.

On the committee George Shepherd and Lorraine Allen organised a variety of non-cycling events this year. Following the annual lunch there were several evening social events and then the club's big week away. At the start of September, over 20 CTC members took over the converted steadings at Edenmouth near Kelso for a very successful week-long holiday. Even the weather was on our side as we caught some Indian summer days and enjoyed the choice of lumpy, but usually quiet roads. A wealth of hidden talent appeared in the evenings, between games, quizzes and a ceilidh, -with special thanks to George McDermid, Denise Chapman and Jack Campbell for sharing their music and stories on the last evening, and George White for keeping us all in stitches –it made a great finish to the week.

Dougie Latto has continued to edit and produce Fife Wheels, the club newsletter, adding new innovations and good new ideas, but is still always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute articles and photographs. Most members now read the newsletter online which helps to keep down the costs of making printed copies –but these are still available where requested.

We are very grateful to Trevor Kerr who continues to manage the club website. A lot of cycle related information comes to the CTC committee and sending out group email updates make it possible to keep members up to date easily and speedily. We hope more people will choose to sign up for this in the future to avoid missing out on local news.

We welcomed Maureen Latto as a new Treasurer this year and after some initial hiccups caused by our bank, she has kept us on track and thanks to her all is now running smoothly.

Plans are in hand to make a further order of the popular Endura club tops, specially commissioned and designed for our members. A subsidy is made by the club and an order will go ahead when the minimum number of 15 is reached. Anyone interested in getting a club top or gilet, should contact us soon.

The big event of this year was our celebration of the club's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. In March 1922 CTC council approved the formation of Fife DA. This was confirmed at the inaugural meeting at Dunfermline after an earlier run out to Culross. So to mark our beginnings 90years later, on August 4<sup>th</sup> this year we welcomed members from Tayside, Lothians and Edinburgh with many Fife members old and new, to join us for a clover leaf set of 30km runs setting off from this hall. The weather was glorious and we finished the day with a magnificent buffet and beautiful cake ceremoniously cut by John Elder.

We continue to keep in touch with cycle related activities in the area; Dougie Latto is our link with 'Make Your Move Kirkcaldy', a group offering cycle training for beginners. We also circulate information about wider initiatives such as CTC's 'Bike Club', the Pedal on Parliament' event and cycling campaigns

There is no formal CTC Scotland rep at present and are hoping for a volunteer to attend one or two meetings this coming year. CTC Scotland now has a new chair, Chris Oliver, who has made an energetic start, trying to get a CTC officer in Scotland and working to raise the profile of the CTC and cycling.

Leaving the committee this year, many thanks go to Douglas and Lorraine Allen for all their work organising runs and social activities. Especially big thanks to Morwen Porter who is also leaving the committee. Morwen steps down as President and Chair of CTC Fife and Kinross after many years hard work, having also been secretary and treasurer and successfully keeping the show on the road in her quiet effective way. *Report approved by Dougie Latto and seconded by Hamish Dempsey.*

### **Treasurer's Report For Year Ending 30<sup>TH</sup> September 2012 –Maureen Latto**

Our financial year ending 30.9.2012 closed with a balance of £1896.03. Our income was £369 and our expenditure was £317.02 giving us a small surplus of £51.98. The surplus was due to our Secretary obtaining compensation from Bank of Scotland for their delay in amending the operators of the CTC bank account. This took several months as we initially were given the wrong forms, then the new completed forms were lost in transit by the bank. This resulted in the club being awarded £115 in compensation. Outgoings were higher than normal due to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration but knowing that we had additional funds we knew it would be viable to lay on a buffet for our members to celebrate this very special occasion.

Therefore I am pleased to state that our finances remain healthy this year. I would like to add we no longer receive interest on the amount in our bank account nor do we get monthly statements if no transactions have taken place.

I would like to thank on our behalf, Beth Paterson, once again for approving and certifying the accounts.

### **Membership Report –George White**

As of October 2012 the membership totals 278. This is roughly compatible with the previous years membership figures. Again as in previous years the vast majority of our members remain inactive, this despite new members being contacted and encouraged to participate in our activities. One has to assume that the insurance offered by membership is the main reason for these cyclists join the CTC, rather than the social benefits enjoyed by our active members. I understand that the above situation reflects that of the CTC as a whole. Members are more or less evenly distributed over the Fife and Kinross area with perhaps slightly more concentration in the west of Fife.

### **Runs Report - Douglas Allan**

Overall 2012 has, despite the weather, seen a significant and impressive rise in the average number of attendances on a Saturday, this being approximately 17 compared to 12 last year and is also well above the overall average for years 2004/2011 which was 11. The individual numbers have been regularly over 20, peaking twice at 25, and on only one occasion dropping below 10.

The overall present runs total of 705 is already higher than last year's final total of 675 and seems almost certain to exceed the previous highest of 725 in 2010; this with 7 Saturdays still to go to the year end. Wednesday runs are also well attended; indeed if anything over attended if that can be possible.

With that said, destinations are now even more of a problem as the attendances on runs in central Fife are still far better attended than the further extremes to the West and East. This is also complicated by high attendances at some locations with certain venues unable to accommodate the numbers attending; especially on Wednesdays. Saturday runs, and even Wednesdays, may now require more use of local halls to accommodate numbers as even Club members homes now require to be seriously commodious to cope

The overall scope for run destinations, therefore, remains relatively small, and it also is constantly reducing due to the increased numbers and reported adverse comments about service, overcrowding and prices in certain venues. Some locations have closed down; again any suggestions for revised locations should be forwarded to the runs secretary. Last year's annual appeal in this regard resulted in the usual unfortunate silence with only third/fourth hand rumours of the above mentioned dissatisfaction filtering back. After several years as runs secretary; my present term being at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around, and with lifestyle changes meaning an inconsistent attendance on runs I would confirm my standing down from the role at this AGM and would take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me over the years, elected and otherwise, and I wish the next incumbent all the best.

#### **Newsletter:-** Dougie Latto

The Newsletter recently has been averaging out at roughly 3 per annum. This is not really the intention; ideally I'd like to, and should be, producing one a quarter. The reason for this shortfall is partly due to my lack of motivation through receiving so few articles. I'd like to say right off though a huge thanks to those of you who submitted articles and pictures for inclusion, it is thanks to you that the newsletter continues to be published, and keeps it interesting.

I'm afraid this year I suffered a terminal problem with my PC which necessitated its replacement. I lost all the templates I had for Fife Wheels so had to start from scratch again (which isn't too difficult to do, but it is time consuming for someone who has so little computer experience) The most recent Fife Wheels was a Summer/ Autumn combined edition for just these reasons. Now that I have a brand new PC and you will all now be rushing to send me articles there will be no more excuses or late editions..... watch this space!

The Postal List of members who still receive a printed version of Fife Wheels has dropped to 4. This service is reserved solely for members who don't have the facility to view Fife Wheels online. The reason for this drop in printed copy is mainly thanks to members viewing it online at friends or family, even the library. There is even one member who receives a phone call to inform him that the newsletter is available to view online; his neighbour then kindly lets him view it. \_I don't mind calling members to inform them that Fife Wheels is available to view online... please let me know if anyone would like to be added to the list of members wishing a phone call.

Unfortunately the problem of printing Fife Wheels has not lessened. The club was bearing the cost of printing the 11 copies (as it was then) on my own printer.... but it was working out to be prohibitively expensive. I managed to source cheap ink which kept costs down but this only worked for 2 editions before it almost ruined my printer. \_There are no local printers interested in printing such a small amount. Their prices were for 25 copies minimum, and not that cheap either. \_Whilst we are only printing 4 newsletters it should be relatively inexpensive to print from a home printer, however I didn't want to be taking further risks with my printer. Reluctantly I have printed one last edition in an effort to get the newsletter out to all the members. NOTE Charlie and Lorraine Brown have a laser printer for colour work and today generously offered to print copies for the club, solving this problem.

There are a few contenders for the "Best article of the Year" award, due to be presented at the Annual Lunch. This is usually left to the Editor to choose but if you have a particular favourite please let me know before the lunch and I'll take an unofficial straw poll.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say thanks for the positive feedback I've had regarding the newsletter.... but I'm ok with criticism too, as long as it's of the constructive type, so please let me know if there is anything I can do to improve the look and layout of Fife Wheels.

#### **Hut:** Read on behalf of Margaret Berwick

Nothing to report re the Hut except that it is still there. No-one from F&K (except us) has used it this year and no money has been spent on it. One or two folk from other DAs have visited. It is in reasonable condition but declining slowly from disuse. Douglas Allan mentioned that nobody from the Fife CTC used it.

George McDiarmid questioned what was on offer and pointed out that more information is needed to tell people what it contains to promote the hut.

**Right to Ride:** George Berwick was not in attendance at this time to give his report.(see the end note)

**Social:** George Shepherd.

The year started with the Annual Lunch at the Upper Largo Hotel where 33 members attended. A good meal and at a good price. Not many members arrived on bikes. It has been decided to book the same hotel for Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 on hopefully at the same price and with a wider choice for vegetarians. 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fife and Kinross club with 3 x 30 km runs enjoyed by all in glorious sunshine. There was a great turn out and everyone had fun. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September a group of members spent a week at Edenmouth Kelso. Weather was fantastic and the holiday was enjoyed by all. Any thoughts for next year with accommodation for about 20 please contact George Shepherd.

**CTC Scotland: No report.**

Following the above reports, the President Morwyn expressed her thanks to Trevor Keer for the Website and to Margaret Berwick as hut custodian.

**Election of President 2012 – 2015 George White** was nominated as Fife and Kinross CTC President  
Proposed: Dianne Armitt      Seconded: Maureen Latto

**Secretary: Kaye Lynch**      Proposed: T. Rokins      Seconded: N. Shepherd

**Treasurer: M. Latto**      Proposed: Linda Gibson      Seconded: Janet Kerr

**Other committee members:**

George Shepherd  
J. Paton  
G. White  
N. Shepherd  
G. Berwick  
D. Latto  
George McDiarmid

All nominations unanimously approved

**CTC Representative: No applicants**

**Appointment of Auditor: Beth Paterson** Proposed: M. Porter      Seconded: D. Latto

Morwyn Porter announced Bert Brown's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration to be held at the Kingskettle Hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. A card and cake was being arranged for this occasion.

At this point of the meeting George Berwick (Right to Ride)arrived.(see report at foot of page)

At the end of the meeting Morwyn Porter was presented with a wooden clock for her hard work as President of the club and thanked for all her efforts over the years on the committee.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

**Afterword –**

**Right to Ride Report:-** George Berwick attended Fife Access Forum meetings in Glenrothes but failed to make it to Fife Council cycling meetings. Someone from CTC should attend this important group. Fife's Core Path Network has been approved by the Scottish Government. Stuart Knowles who did a lot for Fife cyclists, has retired from Fife Council. The 10 year old Scottish Access Code is up for review in 2013. Anyone with an issue about cycling in our area should contact George Berwick