

## MCS AGM – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### **Attendees**

Mike Amery, Rob Baldwin, Brendan Cropper, Jess Disley, Steve Fahey, Claire Fenton, Mark Fenton, Lawrence Hall, Tony Knight, David Millard, Ed Moseley, Neil Munday, Matt Nixon, Brian Philpotts, Jez Pile, Mike Tibbits, Don Whyte

As there were only 17 attendees, we were short of a quorum of 20. Unless there are objections within the next 30 days, this meeting will be treated as quorate.

### **Apologies**

Gary Smith

### **Opening remarks (MT)**

MT thanked members for attending. There has been a huge range of activities this year, and it only happens due to the volunteers we have who lead and/or support the club with events. These events have included: February reliability ride, regular road rides, the XC race series, MTB junior coaching (with JP taking on responsibility as of this year), the TT race series, velodrome trip, CX event at Top Barn.

There has been little take up of the recently introduced junior race bursary. Please encourage people to apply if appropriate. The club has also agreed to subsidise Nopinz race suits. Some funding has been set aside to support the construction of Malvern's pumptrack, and it is hoped that this will be opening in the new year.

VC Sevale have decided to close and will now be working with MCS. There are plans for the existing trophies and events to be continued by combining our efforts.

We welcome ideas and new input for 2025. Early thoughts include: a casual clothing order, days out to venues like Hereford BMX and Burlish Bike Park, the club subsidising a first aid course for those members for whom it would be useful for club events.

### **Report from the welfare officer (MT for GS)**

There have been no safeguarding referrals since the last AGM. All volunteers working with under 18s are reminded to ensure they are British Cycling compliant. This requires the completion of safeguarding and First Aid training, and application for a DBS.

### **Report from the road section representative (SF)**

This has been a good year with a wide range of activities taking place including:

- Chain gang, which is probably our single most attended event each week, 20-30 each week. Only slight disappointment was the indifferent weather which paid to any post ride social. Hope to resolve that in 2025.
- Velodrome – we aimed for 2 this year but not enough to do this. Still, we did run one recently in October.
- Special thanks go to Xavier and Jess Disley for working with VC Sevale to offer the time trial series this year as well as the popular gravel hill-climb event in November. What can we do to drive more riders to enter this weekly event?

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- Gravel has certainly taken off in 2024, with a significant increase in club rides both midweek and weekends. We are so lucky to have our own personal Forest of Dean guide - Les Dalley. In addition, we had two day trips to the Mendips and Welsh Hills – thanks Ben and Matt.
- Our 1st bike packing weekend took place with a gravel trip to Hartington in the Peak District.

Finally, Sunday road rides ...

- These have been consistently run every weekend particularly with the A and C groups. Thanks to ride leaders, who have stepped up – Dave Yapp, Lawrence Hall for the As. Thanks, Tony, for leading the B rides particularly in the summer more so. We shall try to get a core of B riders in 2025.
- Special mention should go to our very successful C ride – under the guidance of Brendan Cropper. Thank you. Attendance has been excellent every week and they have created a social media following ... with their café photos, freewheeling competitions and occasional riding mishaps.

So, in 2025 we will continue to strive for wider participation. It is difficult but we are committed to providing events that hopefully encourages more cyclists to ride with Malvern Cycle Sports.

### **Report from the junior section representative (JP)**

Coaching has continued with largely the same pattern as previous years. It runs from March to September in 3 blocks with 14 sessions. We currently have 10 coaches operating on Peachfield Common or the Hills. This was topped up with XC race sessions and coaching with race preparation. Thanks to all coaches for putting in their time. Not planning to change much for 2025, but night ride training is being investigated. Although it is not the aim of carrying out coaching, it has added funds to the club and we are looking to invest.

### **Report from the secretary (MN)**

Membership has remained steady again this year. Current numbers are 78 under 14s, fifteen 14-17 year olds, ten 18-25 year olds and 145 over 25s.

The website is a port of call for any people searching for information about a cycling club in Malvern, and it also a fixed point of reference for people involved in the club. For example, codes of conduct, risk assessments, minutes of meetings are all available. There have been some recent minor changes and this includes a new page for the MCS gravel LEJOG challenge. Some updates are now needed for the coaching section following recent changes in personnel.

MN thanked everyone for their perseverance with the BC membership system. We know that it can sometimes be a bit clunky, especially when renewing. It helps the committee greatly when people renew quickly as it becomes complicated to manage once the renewal date has passed. It also helps if members 'renew', rather than join again – this avoids duplicates in the system. The committee have considered changes to the way in which memberships are registered, but this is difficult due to our affiliation to BC.

MCS is affiliated to both Cycling UK and British Cycling. The latter has recently increased in price quite significantly.

### **Report from the treasurer (EM)**

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The club currently has very healthy funds of about £20,000. There has been income this year of about £11,000 with about £2,000 still to come. This is largely due to racing, and is exaggerated by two years of the annual CX race falling within one accounting year. If people want to run events please talk to the committee.

### **Appointment of a suitable person to audit the accounts (MT)**

Ed Moseley was proposed and all agreed. Following the AGM, Jessica Disley volunteered to provide a subsequent audit of the accounts, and the committee agreed this would be appropriate in order to demonstrate transparency to club members.

### **Thank you (MT)**

MT thanked Tom Theobald for his time as MTB representative and Matt Nixon for his time as secretary

### **Election of the MCS 2025 committee (MT)**

The following nominations had been received as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

- Chair (Steve Fahey)
- Secretary (Jez Pile)
- Club Welfare Officer (Gary Smith)
- Treasurer (Ed Moseley)
- Membership Secretary (David Millard)
- Communications Officer (Jess Disley)
- Junior Coaching Representative (Jez Pile)
- Road Section Representative (Lawrence Hall)
- MTB Section Representative (Mike Tibbits)

There were no further nominations received during the meeting and the positions were unanimously agreed.

### **AOB**

MT suggested that a role of Gravel Representative was created and that the holder could sit on the committee. Les Dalley was nominated. All were in agreement.

MN and JD thanked Mike Tibbits for his time as chair.

The meeting closed at 09:27