

Ramblers Cycling Club AGM

11th April 2018 – 7pm

The Hastings Club, Victoria Street, Hastings

Present: Kirsty McCallum, Karreen Mathers, William Green, Dave Marett, Josh Page, Nicolas Monroy, Renae Monroy, Colin MacDonald, Kerry Harford, Gavin Bush, Dave McCallum, Carol McCallum, Tony Hartley, Michael Knauf, Jason Kelly, Roxanne Kelly, Brian Kelly, Natalie Kerwin, Ben Earnshaw, Andrew McIntosh, David Barclay, Wally Woods Brett Hooker, Chris York, Hilary Green, Pete Matthews, Carole Atkins, Steve Watson, Don Kennedy

Apologies

Ivan Aplin, Steve Nicholls, Derek Wards, Ray Brown, Warren Foulds, Duncan Wallace, Michelle Hutchins, Steve Drake

Moved: *Dave McCallum*

Seconded: *Colin McDonald*

Carried

Previous Minutes

From the 2017 AGM, there were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Moved: *Gavin Bush*

Seconded: *Kerry Harford*

Carried

Chairs Report

Don Kennedy read his report, comments to follow his report were:

1. Gavin Bush thanked the committee and Don for their hard work over the last year on behalf of the club.
2. Gavin Bush also asked weather the new changes with HDC is seen to be a one step change or will it be on going. Don replied that everything is being ramped up and it's the start of ongoing changes, we had two options – to comply with the HDC requirements or continue with what we are doing and risk having Council try to shut down our racing.
3. Ken MacKenzie updated all members about the changes with HDC that we had a long-standing relationship with HDC and there have now been employment changes and that the new employees aren't happy with the way we are running the races. There is no room to negotiate with them.
 - a. We need to make the riders responsible for their actions and not take any shortcuts with our racing behaviour.
 - b. There are several new requirements and these have been outlined in a special eNews a few days ago.

4. Don Kennedy mentioned that even the NCC are struggling to get police on board for the Elites as they feel they need to break the speed limit to keep up with cyclists who were also breaking the speed limit which is a breach of the law.
5. Gavin Bush asked if the complaint that sparked the enquiry into our racing just from one incident or numerous. Ken replied that it was a few complaints but one specific at the top of Puketapu hill started the issue.
6. Ben Earnshaw mentioned that with the lack of venues we can use, means that the atmosphere at the end of the race is not there anymore, also new rules mean that we cannot wait around and watch other riders, which means that people will be less likely to stay for after the race.
7. Don mentioned that the lack of venues is an ongoing issue and that there needs to be more respect for our venues and we need to work on our relationship with schools or find other suitable venues.

Moved: Don Kennedy

Seconded: Gavin Bush

Carried

Treasurers Report:

Karreen Mathers went through the important points of the report, please see attached full report.

There were some points to note

1. Subs were down \$3000 from 2016
2. Saturday racing numbers are down from 2016
3. The race grade sponsorship was in advance and doesn't show in the 2017 financials

Comments from the financial reports:

Dave Marett asked why it is compulsory that all riders need to belong to CNZ if they never race nationally – Ian Hollway responded that as a club we are affiliated to CNZ and their requirements are that all our members are CNZ members also, we have a few options:

- Quit the affiliation and be only associated with CNZ, and members who wish to race nationally can still be full members, but all others not required.
- Follow their rules and continue the way we are.
- Ian also mentioned that CNZ weren't particularly helpful with the recent Traffic Management issues, so might be something for the new committee to review.

Karreen's report was moved that it be a true and accurate record of Ramblers Cycling Clubs financial position.

Moved: Karreen Mathers

Seconded: Ian Hollway

Carried

Notices

There were no notices to present

Upcoming Events

Age Group Nationals, best of luck from the Chairman to all riders. To confirm that RCC will financially assist all riders racing with registration costs.

Elections

The following people were nominated and approved for their positions:

Kirsty McCallum is to continue to be the Club Administrator for 2018/2019

Chairman		
Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Don Kennedy	Kerry Harford	Karreen Mathers
Club Captain		
Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Kerry Harford	Don Kennedy	Hilary Green
Club Treasurer		
Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Karreen Mathers	Kirsty McCallum	Don Kennedy
Committee		
Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Ben Earnshaw	Brett Hooker	Natalie Kerwin
Dave Leary	Kirsty McCallum	Josh Page
Josh Page	Kirsty McCallum	Karreen Mathers
Michelle Hutchins	Kent Hutchins	Carole Atkins
Nicolas Monroy	William Green	Kirsty McCallum
Hilary Green	Karreen Mathers	Josh Page
Steve Drake	Don Kennedy	Kirsty McCallum

The Club Patron was approved to be Rob Oliver again for 2018/2019

The Club Reviewer was approved to be Caroline Thomson again for 2018/2019

All nominations were approved and agreed.

Moved: Gavin Bush

Seconded: Don Kennedy

Carried

General Business

Notice of Motion: Velodrome Funds

- Account is sitting at \$105,786
- Funds were made up from RCC and possibly a small amount from CHB
- Originally set aside to help fund a velodrome
- Napier City Council no longer building a velodrome, Sport NZ didn't support it, and Ivan Aplin comments that even though he is disappointed there won't be a velodrome he

supports that the money is spent wisely, to potentially help with race costs and HDC requirements.

Brian Kelly – concerned that the money will be fritted away for general spending. He believes that the money should be moved to RCC general account but be ‘tagged’ for special requirements. There are certain points we are failing on including lower grade numbers, juniors – maybe it could be used to improve these aspects.

Don Kennedy – The money is in RCC account but at the moment is ring fenced, more general use would be beneficial instead of it only being able to be used for velodrome. For example, the new Health and Safety regulations.

Steve Watson – Why not invest the money and allow the interest to be used for general use. That way it is still an investment but the money isn’t being spent on unnecessary items.

Jason Kelly – instead of building a huge velodrome that will cost millions, could we build a cheaper one with the money set aside? Don Kennedy responded that we had supported the council with the velodrome idea but as that clearly isn’t going ahead there needs to be the ability to access the money if required.

Brett Hooker – suggested the motion wording be changed from money not being used for ‘general’ use and be more specific. An amendment to the original motion was then amended.

The following amended motion was then put.

The funds set aside to support the velodrome project be transferred into a RCC account tagged “Special Reserve Funds” on the basis that the velodrome appears to be at an end.

Moved: Steve Watson

Seconded: Hilary Green

Carried

There was further general business:

Dave Marett mentioned that we need to work on recruiting and retaining members, his concerns are listed below:

- Used to have 100+ turning up to racing, now we are lucky to have 80 riders
- Lower grades are really struggling
- 2015/16 there was 16 riders in F and 5 in G grade, now barely 2 each race
- Expensive – join CNZ as well as RCC
- Younger members, riders need to interact with them and help them to encourage them along.
- Italian pursuits are a great way for people to get to know others
- Publicity in HB today is poor to non-existent, this is important for sponsors and riders to read in the newspaper.

Don Kennedy replied to Dave’s Comments:

- Race numbers decreasing – the committee have looked at all reasons why people aren't turning up, and simply don't have any answers, something for the new committee to discuss.
- He agreed that Italian Pursuits are a good idea.

Brett Hooker asked if we had surveyed the members who haven't signed up again for 2018 and ask them why? We agreed to do this.

Wally Woods – asked about whether or not there is any plan for development of junior riders, to encourage them to come along? There's the junior fund, but nothing being done with it.

Ben Earnshaw mentioned that we could do a buddy system with all new members and juniors – link them up with someone who can be their mentor while at racing, or show them the ropes etc.

Hilary Green mentioned that even though there is a fund set aside for Junior Development there needs to be a bar set for all Juniors if they want financial assistance and it shouldn't be just handed out to all juniors.

Ian Hollway mentioned that the majority of our members at RCC are older than 35 years, and that we can definitely help out the juniors but then they will move away for university or other reasons once they leave school and the likelihood of them returning to continue racing RCC is around 10%.

Dave Marett – brought up how we never have graded ITT time trials and the race calendar isn't suitable to all members.

- Ian Hollway replied that we pay SVS \$750 per race, and we are likely to have max 50 riders turn up for a TT compared to 80-90 riders for a popular graded RR and we need to ensure that we are making the most money per week to try and cover costs.
- Don Kennedy replied that we surveyed all members and asked them their favourite and least favourite courses and Mutiny/Crystal Flat circuit is one of the most common least favourite races – but we always have the highest race numbers for that circuit so there is no suitable answer.

There was no further business, Don Kennedy thanked all members for attending the AGM and the meeting ended at 8.45pm