

## Lechlade Pub Cycling Association - Minutes of the AGM - March 2010

The AGM was held at the usual location (the Victoria, Eastleach).

In attendance:

- Ian
- Simon
- Paul
- Jim
- Darren
- Vince
- Colin

Apologies

- Andy
- Matt
- Gary
- Steve (it was unanimously agreed – by Simon probably - that Steve should be consigned to the ranks of ‘one-hit wonders’, a judgement vindicated by Steve’s complete-and-utter non-appearance during the subsequent 12 months...)

Membership was confirmed at 9 full members + 1 associate member, at which point Darren (the ‘associate’ in question) was subjected to a detailed and, in some places, really quite harrowing interrogation on his case for full membership status. After roughly 8 seconds of this, a vote was taken, Darren was granted ‘Full Membership Status’, and a ‘HUZZAH!!’ rang round the pub. Darren was then heard to quietly ask which particular membership benefits he would now be eligible for, but no answer was forthcoming.

**Item 1** – Previous minutes – these were approved with no Matters Arising, and thanks offered to Matt for their compilation, even though he was not at the meeting to receive said thanks.

**Item 2** – Finance report – disgracefully, and possibly illegally, no Finance Report was forthcoming, prompting some low-level mutterings about ‘dereliction of duty...’, ‘conspiracy...’, ‘incompetence...’ and ‘I’ll just have a half thanks...’ (*written minutes become unclear at this point – Ian may have stood proxy for the Finance Director because he seems to have reported a £100 profit ‘despite the FD’s system’, and that £100 had been spent at Christmas. The moral of this section of the minutes is that if you want accuracy, get someone else to do them...*)

**Item 3** – Director of Logistics report

Number of miles cycled                      935 (a new record by 20 miles)  
Number of trips                                      55

For mileage:-	<b>Gold medal</b>	- Ian	-	690.3 miles
	<b>Silver medal</b>	- Vince	-	661.0 miles
	<b>Bronze medal</b>	- Paul	-	654.9 miles

For attendance:-	<b>Gold medal</b>	- Simon	-	46 trips
	<b>Silver medal</b>	- Ian	-	44 trips
	<b>Bronze medal</b>	- Vince	-	40 trips

The highest scoring pub was again the Trout, possibly for much the same reason as last year. 2nd place was awarded to the Vic itself, with the Masons' Arms in third. In all 23 pubs were visited, the same total as the previous year.

**Item 3** – of 5 specific 2009 objectives, 2 were met (2 new pubs visited) and 3 objectives were not met. This was described by ----- as a 50% success rate! (name omitted deliberately). The Gloucestershire route had been completed, and was felt by all who participated to have been a successful weekend. At this point Jim and Ian fell into that deep, quiet, depressed state they get into every time they remember the trip they did instead the following weekend.

2010 objectives were discussed, amongst which a Lechlade to London trip for the weekend of the 8 May, with Tower Bridge as the final destination. A possible seaside or coastal run was also mooted for September, with dates TBC nearer the time.

New or reopened pubs in 2010 were also identified as new objectives, including the Plough at Kelmscott, the Swan at Swinbrook, and the The Red Lion in Poulton.

A new points system for pub scoring was also discussed. Simon suggested 'breast size' as a new and exciting measurement criteria, but the consensus among the reconstructed new men of the LPCA was that this would be outrageously sexist and demeaning to the women who *pull our pints* (snigger, snigger..!).

A simplified pub scoring system was discussed in which each member would give each pub an overall score out of 100, to cover all aspects of the visit on the night. This was duly adopted.

At this point, and for the umpteenth time, Mad-Colin-Beyond-Thunderdome once again proposed an LPCA outing to the velodrome for some track-riding. And once again, the other members reacted in that positive, willing, nodding-along way that tells you that what they're really thinking is "I can look like I'd do this because it'll probably not happen; I'd rather have my foreskin nailed to a railway-sleeper anyway; I'll think of an excuse later, if forced to....")

1000 miles was adopted as a suitable new mileage target for 2010-11!

**Item 4** – Congratulations were offered to Gary for his wedding, Matt on the arrival of Joseph, and Vince on the arrival of Socks.

**Item 5** – Election of Officers

- Chairman – Paul re-elected
- Finance Director – Andy re-elected in his absence, and on the basis that no-one wants to audit his accounts before taking over
- Logistics – Simon re-elected
- Director of Punctuality – office remaining unfilled

- Darts Secretary – (with special responsibility for the rules of killer – cue pantomime ‘Oooooohhhhh!’ at the collective realisation of the responsibility and controversy that such a position carries) – Ian elected – a position he accepted with customary grace and good humour – ‘BASTARDS!’

#### **Item 6 - AOB**

The creation of a range of LPCA branded leisurewear was discussed, with a possible choice of polos and/or fleeces. It was felt that the embroidery should reflect the 10 year anniversary of the LPCA which was due on 2 May. A black/gold colour scheme was agreed with the Roman numerals MM – MMX.

“There will be no Euromillions syndicate” – *(the written minutes do not identify who said this, but the statement was definitely made)*

Recruitment – someone mentioned Dave the Policeman, but this went nowhere, so a continued policy of ‘consolidation’ of membership was agreed, with ‘by-invitation only’ still the governing criteria.

Paul mentioned a charity bike ride on 3 October at Blenheim Palace. At the mention of the word ‘charity’ the LPCA went into almost complete spasms of cynicism, especially Colin, who says he’s had enough of fundraising.

#### **Date of next meeting – 24 March 2011**

9.36pm – Chairman called the meeting to a close.