

Pedal Power Annual General Meeting 28 February 2012 Draft Minutes

Attendance (46)

Members: John Widdup, Richard Bush, John Armstrong, John Hinds, Sharon Hains, Eric Huttner, Clem Tozer, Lindy Armstrong, Claire Munroe, Julia Widdup, Barbara Catchpole, Jane Brooks, Ann McDevitt, Phillip Baron, Terry George, Michael Braund, Jeanette Rogers, Stuart Rogers, Luke Wensing, Carol Taylor, Andrew Chalklen, Ted Catchpole, Marie Wensing, Chris Armstrong, Rod Driver, Annemarie Driver, Peter Gamble, Raeline George, Lesley Tozer, Susan Reid, Di Truebridge, Mary Brunton, Changese? (name indecipherable), Beth Johnston, Vicki Deakin, Paul Truebridge, John Smits, Brendan Nerdal, Jackie Eager, Rod Katz, Glen Anido, Keith Helyar, Gillian Helyar, Jenny Cleaver, Jeff Ibbotson.

Visitor: Harold Dimple

Apologies for non-attendance

Mark Arundel, Harvey Bell, Judy Bell, Chris Mann, Gina Moyer, Ray Bracewell

Opening

The President (John Widdup), as chairman, opened the meeting at 7.40pm and introduced members of the 2011 Council and the Executive Officer.

Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2011 AGM as amended were accepted and signed by John Widdup as a true record of that meeting.

The draft minutes were previously available on the web site.

The amendment was the addition of the following paragraph in the 'other business' section: 'Mark Arundel raised concerns that current voting practices at the AGM do not follow best practice and are not in line with the current Pedal Power ACT Rules. He suggested that before the next AGM, Pedal Power revise its procedures for voting at Council elections and the passing of resolutions. The President asked Mark Arundel to write down his thoughts for consideration by members. Mark Arundel agreed to do this.'

Presentation of the Annual Report and financial report

Copies of the 2012 Annual Report were made available to attendees (it had previously been posted on the Pedal Power web site). John Widdup introduced the annual report highlighting the successes of the year in the club's diverse functions including community activities, advocacy for improved cycling infrastructure, events and rides, membership, partnerships with other cycling organisations and the range of projects undertaken during 2011. He thanked the organisations contributing funds and sponsorships to Pedal Power.

The Treasurer (Eric Huttner) reported on Pedal Power's financial reports for 2011 included in the annual report. Membership fees were the most important source of income. The membership base had not increase in 2011 and further action was required to ensure increases in membership levels in the future. Events provided an important source of income and this should continue with the consolidation of the relationship with the Amy Gillet Foundation on the running of the Big Canberra Bike Ride. Grants for new projects were received during the year and some of these projects will continue in 2012. On costs, salaries and insurance costs were higher but the surplus for the year was \$27,000 and equity increased to \$227,000. The club's reserves provided funds for large capital investments planned for 2012 including on a new web site, a storage container and new office equipment.

Luke Wensing advised the meeting of the age structure of the membership. He reported that there were a considerable number of members under age 20 who were part of household memberships. However, many of these members did not maintain their membership after reaching 18 years – the age limit for children in household memberships. The age category with the largest number of members is the 51 to 60 age group.

Discussion followed on the increase in expenditure on training (reflecting spending of a grant) and the extent of insurance claims by members (no major change in the level of claims although one outstanding claim remained from the 2006 Fitz's Challenge).

The meeting adopted the annual report (including the audited financial reports) as printed and circulated.

Motions on Notice to amend the club's rules

John Widdup reported to the meeting that a notice of a motion to amend the club's rules had been withdrawn by the proponents. This followed advice from the club's Public Officer that the motion not be considered at the this AGM, and a suggestion from a member that a more comprehensive and inclusive approach be taken to reviewing the rules to bring them into line with practice in other organisations. Accordingly, it was suggested a working group be formed to examine the rules and bring forward a consolidated set of recommendations. Luke Wensing volunteered to be a member of the working group. It was left to the incoming Council to determine the terms of reference for the working group and call for volunteers to participate in the group.

Election of the 2012 Council

The following were elected to the Council unopposed:

President: Jane Brooks

Vice Presidents: Jeff Ibbotson and John Widdup

Secretary: Clem Tozer

Treasurer: Eric Huttner

Council members: Carol Taylor, Marie Wensing, Michael Braund, Rod Katz and Vickie Deakin

Public Officer

The meeting endorsed the re-appointment of Luke Wensing as the Public Officer.

Presentation of Annual Awards

The following awardees were presented with their certificates by John Widdup:

Volunteer of the Year: Jeff Ibbotson for many years of immense input to all aspects of Pedal Power's activities;

Event of the Year: Pedal Power's Pub Crawl conducted by Ann McDevitt and Peter Gamble over the last five years;

Leadership award: Brendan Nerdal as Advocacy team leader;

Service award: Eric Huttner as Treasurer;

Volunteer recognition awards: Ted Catchpole and Ray Bracewell for production of the e-bulletin; John Smits for managing the rides calendar; Clem Tozer for managing Fitz's Challenge and Terry George for advocacy work.

Special Volunteer Award certificates for New Horizon volunteers were presented by Di Truebridge to:

Jenny Cleaver, Mary Brunton, Harvey Bell, Yvonne Hopkins, David Whisker, Jeanette Rogers, Colleen Laugesen, Kerrie Finlayson, Julie Ward, Gai Wilson, Charlotte Wheeler, Julianna Thorton, Tim Levy and Sheena Moyer.

Ride Leaders Certificates were presented by Annemarie Driver to:

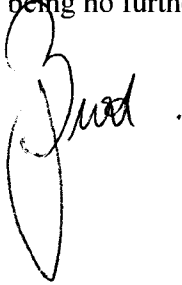
Paul Truebridge
Di Truebridge
Michael Braund
Gina Moyer
Parma Chopra

Other business

The meeting adopted a vote of thanks to the retiring Council members.

Closure

There being no further formal business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. D.', is written over the 'Closure' section. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.