

MFCC AGM 2018

7pm, 24th September 2018, Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop

Attendance: Chris Goddard (Chair), Fraser MacBeath (Secretary), Ross MacDonald (Treasurer), Chris Pitblado, Eric Davidson, Phil Richmond, Vince McGregor, Ian Morrison, Kenny Riddle, Stuart Morrison, James Millar, Graham Whyte, Neil Aimers, Fiona MacRitchie, Anne Murray, John MacMillan, Mary MacKay, Hector Nicolson

Apologies: Neil Sharpe, Andrew Gajda

1. Reports

1.1 Chair's Report

Chair, Chris Goddard, reported on the year's events as follows:

Winter Schedule

Turbo & Core sessions at Grebe Hall on Tuesdays, organised by Neil Aimers and Kenny Riddle, were a real success. The number of attendees well exceeded the number required to cover the costs of hall hire. The increased attendance numbers was partly due to the additional option of core sessions included this year.

The Saturday training ride is consistently well-supported. There are frequently two groups for the ride out the Beaulay road to Marybank and returning via Beaulay again.

Sunday club runs, however, do not attract as many riders but sufficient to warrant to ride continuing for now. The once-monthly café ride does attract larger numbers.

Summer Schedule

Only 3 or 4 riders have been attending the Monday Recovery/Beginners ride. But although the numbers are low the people who are attending are happy to ride in their small group.

Tuesday Hill reps (Drumossie) – At the start of the summer schedule a number of riders did turn up for the hill reps, however once the summer holidays were upon us the numbers attending seemed to fizzle out and has not continued for the remainder of the summer schedule.

The Thursday chaingang ride is easily the most successful scheduled club ride with rider numbers being excellent throughout the summer with there being at least 3 to 4 groups every week. On one occasion there was even 6 groups riding. There was one incident where a car hit the first chain gang group however thankfully no-one was seriously hurt. At the time the matter was reported to the Police who are continuing with their enquiries and it is understood that the driver is being charged with Dangerous Driving and has also been reported to the Fiscal. The incident was caused entirely by the car driver and was not the fault of any club members.

Comments on the Saturday and Sunday rides are the same as the winter schedule comments.

Club events

Burnside Wood Cyclocross

Both events which the club held were at Burnside Wood on the Black Isle and were organised by Graham Whyte. These events were held in (12th) November and (18th) February and were part of the North of Scotland Cycle Cross Series. The numbers for each event were good with approximately 70 riders registered for the first event and 35 riders for the second event. Although on both days it was cold and resulted in challenging icy conditions the events were a great hit and well received by the riders with the benefit of a log stove to warm the cold riders at the end of each race.

15/04/18 Garve 2-up

This was the first time the club have organised this 2-up event in an attempt to put something on the race calendar in April for local riders to look forward to early on in the race season. This event was organised by Neil Sharpe and there was a total of 10 teams who entered the event. On the day it was a crisp spring day and the event ran smoothly. Although the numbers were low the general consensus was that the riders enjoyed the event and was good to have early on in the season.

06/05/18 Scottish National 10TT

The event was organised by Eric Davidson and an impressive number of 137 riders registered for the event. Although to organise the event involved lots of advance planning, on the day the event was well received by all riders with both the women's and men's events being held without a glitch.

03/06/18 MFCC Road Race

This Road Race was part of the Scottish Cycling North Road Race series. On the back of a successful event held on the same course on the Black Isle last year, Kenny Riddle organised the Cat 3/4 Road Race on the Black Isle with the finish being at the top of the brutal climb to the Culbokie Inn. A total of approximately 60 riders registered for the event and in typical MFCC fashion there were plenty of club volunteers for the event and the took place without any issues and was a success.

12/08/18 Scottish National Road Race

The event was organised by the ever-efficient Eric Davidson with the assistance primarily from Kenny Riddle. The road race course was a route on the Black isle used previously by the club for stage races with both the women's and men's races starting & finishing at Cromarty. On the start list for the women's event were 17 riders and for the men's 59 riders. The event ran extremely well and was well received by all the riders. On a glorious sunny day it showed what the highlands and our cycling club in the best possible way and has certainly raised the bar for any other club to achieve if they offer to organise a national event in the future.

1.2 Captain's Report

Club Captain, Kenny Riddle, reported on the year's results as follows:

Kenny started with the sad and sudden loss of Ivor Reid this year. Ivor was one of the four founding members of the club in the 80s and picked up countless wins in that time including being a member of the team which won the Scottish 100km TTT. A memorial ride for Ivor has been organised for Saturday 20th October and is open to anyone. There will be 20 or 40 mile route options.

Notable results for club members this year include:

Anne Murray winning senior women's Cross Country series as well as Scottish National Championships.

1.4 Membership Report

	Male	Female	Total
Adult (18+)	79	8	87
Junior (2000-2001)	2	0	2
Youth (after 2002)	0	0	0
Total	81	8	89

2. Membership Fees

Membership fees are to remain unchanged from last year. The fee is **£20** for renewing membership before the end of January. From 1st February, the renewal fee will increase to **£25**.

Second-claim membership fees are the same as first-claim members and also remain unchanged for this year.

Youth and Juniors can join free of charge.

2. Club Kit

After discussion it was agreed to keep with our current kit suppliers. Individual orders can be purchased through IMPSPORT (using the club shop – password available on the club website) and group orders via BIORACER.

At Bikes of Inverness there is still some stock of club kit remaining from the 2017 bulk order. Work is in progress to determine what stock is left and will be added to the website shortly.

3. Club Communication

It was agreed that communications should remain as-is. Information is sent out via email, twitter and facebook.

4. Club Sessions

Winter

Tuesday Turbo + Core session: Neil Aimers is now unable to guarantee his attendance on a weekly and therefore it would require someone else to open the hall up, set up the projector etc. for the turbo sessions. At the AGM, no club member in attendance would be able to take over Neil's role. If the Tuesday evening session is to continue then a club member is required to volunteer for this role.

Subject to finding a volunteer for setting up the projector, the first session is scheduled for Tuesday 6th November.

Saturday Training ride: To continue in it's current format.

Sunday Club Run: To give more structure to the club ride either Kenny Riddle, Hector Nicolson/Stuart Morrison/Phil Richmond will ride with the group(s) to ensure the intended average speed is maintained and no one is left behind on the road. The route details for each Sunday will be listed on the calendar that is available on the club website. On the morning of the ride

Kenny/Hector/Stuart/Phil will decide if due to weather conditions the proposed cycle route needs to be changed.

On the last Sunday of every month the rider will be longer and include a café stop.

Summer

Monday – 6pm, Castle St Car Park - Beginner/Recovery ride.

Tuesday – 7pm, Nairnside (where the Chain gang finish is) - Hill reps.

Thursday – 6pm/6:15pm, Culloden Battlefield car park - Chaingang.

Saturday/Sunday rides as per winter schedule.

5. Race Organisation

The following races were decided upon:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
25/11/2018	Burnside - Cycle Cross	Graham Whyte
01/05/2019	Croachy - 10 mile Time Trial	Graham Whyte
02/06/2019	MFCC Road Race	Kenny Riddle
12/06/19 or 19/06/19	Garve - Mid-summer 25 mile 2up Time Trial	Neil Sharpe
25/06/2019	Daviot - 10 mile Time Trial	Chris Goddard
18/08/2019	Garve - 25 mile Time Trial	Chris Goddard

6. Club Expenditure

6.1 First Aid Course

To supplement the number of club members with valid First Aid certificates (to allow assistance at club events), Chris Goddard, Anne Murray, Graham Whyte, John Macmillan & Jame Millar offered to attend a first aid course to obtain the necessary certificate, if arranged & paid by the club. Chris Goddard to enquire about a suitable first aid course and then circulate to volunteers.

6.2 Club Logos

We do not have high quality electronic versions of the logos and colour schemes used for club branding (to be used for club kit, websites, posters/flyers, etc).

Eric Davidson will look into having versions of these created for the club.

6.3 Cyclocross Fencing

Graham Whyte is to enquire about costs for plastic fence posts that are required for the Cycle Cross event.

7. Appointments

Chair: Chris Goddard

Club Captain: Kenny Riddle

Treasurer: Ross MacDonald

Secretary: Fraser MacBeath

CTT Rep: Eric Davidson

Welfare Officer: Neil Sharpe

8. Any other Business

Chris Goddard to enquire about the timing chips which Scottish Cycling (North) have available for clubs to determine if they would be suitable for use at any of the MFCC events.