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Last edition of the Halflink for 2019 including the minutes from the 2019 AGM.

Harp Hilly Hundred 2020

Next years Harp Hilly Hundred will be on Sunday 19th January, the same weekend in January as it was this year. We are again the second event in the Chilterns Classics series with the Westerley Winter Warmer scheduled for the weekend before.

Online entry through RiderHQ will open during the first week in December.

There will be the traditional pre HHH get together on the preceding Sunday, details to be circulated nearer the time.

2020 Club Runs

We are planning to start the usual monthly clubs runs for 2020 in early March if the weather is conducive. Details will be emailed to club members.



Action from the pre 2019 AGM club run

Usual day for the monthly club runs is mid-month on a Wednesday but anyone is free to organise additional club runs and on a different day of the week if so desired.



Photo of the frame ridden by Thomas Holdstock on the Ride Across America in aid of Cure Leukaemia one of the charities we donated to from this years Harp Hilly Hundred.



**Minutes of Harp Road Club AGM held on
Wednesday October 23rd 2019 @
Blackwells, 10 Common Lane, Chipperfield,
Kings Langley, WD4 9BS**

Present : Mick Clark (Secretary), Pete Coombs (Chair), Richard Hutt (HHH Organiser), Graham Holdstock (Treasurer), Dave Pratchett, Richard Thwaites, Dave Le Fevre, Den Fletcher, John 'Wally' Warren, Bob Degavino, Mick Konopacki.

Apologies received from Andy Hutt, Phil Corley (President), Jim Williams, Malcolm & Alison Putman, David & Thomas Holdstock.
Meeting commenced at 14.20 hrs

1) Minutes of 2018 AGM, Read & approved with no matters arising.

2) Review of 2019. Pete presented a written report mentioning the successful HHH and the charities we supported, well supported club runs from a variety of venues and racing results. Report approved.

3) Financial Report. Harp RC has 20 members however there was a small deficit of £103.25 in the current year due to an increase in expenditure for club lunches (2018-£1331.06/2019-£1227.81). Graham advised the matter of providing a copy of the club's constitution to our bankers had not been resolved as the draft wording had to be finalised. There are three options, call an EGM to discuss, e-mail all members with the wording or Chair & Secretary to agree the wording and adopt on Clubs behalf. General consensus was in favour of the third option.

4) Affiliation for 2020. CTT membership confirmed and Secretary would check with Jim Williams about his involvement with WLC.

5) Promotions & Organisers 2020. Richard is willing to continue organising the Harp Hilly Hundred with the full assistance of members.

6) Appointments of Officers & Committee 2020. All previously appointed officers are willing to stand again.

7) Appointment of Auditor. Mr. J.W.Keighley is willing to continue in this role.

8) Charity Donation(s) for 2020. There were several good causes put forward by members, MacMillan, reading books for underprivileged children and one dear to our Chair's heart which although isn't a registered charity is 'Help Charlie Walk' concerning one of the family whose 11 year old son isn't supported financially and any monies raised would assist with everyday living together with funds for treatment in America. Any final decision will be made in January before HHH.

9) A.O.B. Bob Degavino brought a road jersey along with the club's name printed on the back and would check out the cost involved. Richard will also check with Force GB to see how much it would cost to do the same. Richard also advised the racing hats should be available second week in November. Pete is organising a mid-week social lunch with partners in the Stevenage area, details of which have been sent to all members. Alistair Cunningham who joined us for monthly rides has joined the club.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 14.55 hrs.



HARP ROAD CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

2019 has been another good year for our club. The year started well with the Hilly Hundred as usual most of the members helped out where they could whether it was in the club house or out on the course. Well done and thank you to all those who helped.

As a result of the HHH we were able to continue our policy of charitable donations giving a total of £1600 split between Dogs Trust, Mind, Cure Leukaemia and Waterways Experience. Again, well done to all those who either nominated a charity or helped in distributing the money. Also we made a donation towards the resurfacing of Welwyn track.

In this age of cutbacks it's inspiring and unique for any club to be in a position to make these donations.

I think Richard is probably the only member still racing regularly although Malcolm did have an outing at the Milton Keynes bowl. Because of illness Richard didn't do too much only a 59.08 medium gear 25! If anyone else showed the club colours in an event well done.

Club runs were an important part of the club life with regular rides throughout the summer including the Leicester area ride which this year started at a different venue. Once again well done to everyone who help[ed] organise the rides and the routes. Generally we had around 8 or 10 riders each month which is pretty good, we also had one or two new faces join the rides and of course they are very welcome. Any suggestions for future rides are always welcome and this applies to all members. **ANYONE CAN ORGANISE A RIDE** it's your club please don't leave it all to someone else. On that point a big thank you to Richard and Mick for sending out the emails and planning most of the routes. And of course to Graham for keeping the books in order.

After 80 years the Harp still has a strong presence in the local cycling community, something we should all be proud of.

Pete Coombs Chairman Harp Road Club October 2019