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Peel's Keyboard June 1999

The poorly attended AGM took place on Thursday 17 June 1999, with six or so apologies and an attendance of only fourteen. As far as elections were concerned the incumbents agreed or were coerced into continuing with their respective office. There were no real changes other than the sad loss of Derek Boon from the general committee, he will be sorely missed. His place has been taken-up by a newish member Dan 'Rhino' Haynes - thank you and welcome. There are still a couple of places vacant on the general committee if you are interested....

The appointment of John Kavanagh, Michael Valentine and Katie Chown to join Peter Harris as the Memorial Clubroom Trustees was approved.

The Open Promotions for the year 2000 were agreed as the Fred Peachey 25, South East League Road Race, one Crystal Palace Circuit Race, one Eastway Off Road event and finally a Cyclo-Cross event.

Nick Kinsey continues to win! His third victory out of three rides in the Veterans class of the 1999 RAV4 cross-country National Points Series - can he keep it up?

The OMA summer lunch at Brighton was, as usual, a great success - unlike the weather... It was good to see Johnny Darroch after all these years - his hair hasn't aged as much as the rest of him... only joking John!

Hope to see you at the Herne Bay B-B-Q or the Fred Peachey 25.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ALL OUR
RACING MEMBERS

DO WE STILL HAVE AN MTB
SECTION

WHY NOT LET US HAVE YOUR
RESULTS

ED.

What Prize Presentation?

It was a real shame that this year's prize presentation was cancelled. However, it must still go ahead at some point this year and it is very important that our winners are presented with their medals and trophies.

I think the main problem is perhaps the date. I know a lot of families like to go away for Easter and so perhaps Good Friday is not a good time. However, the club and the committee do not know what the solution is unless you let us know. Perhaps this will spur people on to let their feelings known.

To me there seems to be a general apathy around the club. I know that I only get down to the clubroom on Thursday committee evenings and recently I haven't been doing that due to family commitments. The De Laune has been around for a long time and if it is to continue to survive needs a good body of officials and people willing to help with its running. I have heard along the grapevine that our De Laune Editors are looking towards a rest from producing the magazine. 'The DLN is a very important link and therefore it is vital to somebody ready to step in. Yes, it is an enjoyable and time consuming job - I did it several years ago.

Well, lets hope my comments above push some of you into either writing an article volunteering to do something or whatever. **REMEMBER YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU**

Yvonne Gregory

Yes Yvonne you have heard correctly I have told the committee that we wish to give up the job of producing the DLN at the AGM in the year 2000. This should allow plenty of time to find a replacement. As you know I took over the job from you in December 1993 on a temporary basis until a new editor could be found. I also did the photo copying for a number of years before that, so by June next year I will have been involved with the Mag for well over 12 years.

O. M. A. NEWS

Yet another successful O.M. get together on Sunday 30th May this time - another new venue arranged by Patricia - at the Brighton & Hove Golf Club, high on the South Downs. Beautiful views should have been seen from the Clubhouse, but it was cloudy and overcast all day, we could see the sea - just! But us 'oldies' never let the weather get us down, so it was drinks in the Lounge Bar, 33 of us had arrived by 1.00.p.m. (even Terry!) So it was off into the very nicely laid out Dining room to be served with our Starters, Marion and Derek arrived just in time for the food having already played Golf before dashing down to Brighton.

It was really good to see Jack Young (Chauffeured by Tich) and sporting his usual tan, the last time Ken and I saw Jack he was in Hospital that was in 1977. (I think Dot mean 97, what age does to us Ed). He is now out & about enjoying his walks into Brighton and no doubt picking up the odd coin on his route! A few cross-toasts were taken, 'Kav' welcoming his Email clubmate John Darroch over from Thailand visiting family, not just for the Lunch! Great to see you again John. Also good to see our 'oldest couple' attending and looking fit & well and still 'Strictly Ballroom' dancing. Who was it cross-toasting Bill on the results of 'Viagra'? As always it was a 'Fun Do' everyone chatting and lots of laughs, long may we all continue to meet up at our O.M.s gatherings. It was a good venue Pat - thanks for the arrangements.

We may well be looking forward to our next date, which will be at Marks' Golf Club in mid September - hopefully, so prepare yourselves- lets have another good turnout. Happy -Holidays to you all, keep watching for the next date.

11th June

Woken early by the 'postman' this morning - for the 3rd time this week, what a lovely surprise. Beautiful flowers from Jack Young, I thought how nice of Jack to remember my birthday, but no it was'nt my birthday he sent them for. It was to thank me for our Brighton lunch, how very thoughtful, I do appreciate it. Thanks again and so pleased you enjoyed the day.

Dot.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17 June 1999 at the De Laune Memorial Clubroom, 93 Choumert Road, Peckham. 13 members present. M Peel in the chair.

M Peel started the meeting late at 9.00 p.m., despite 8.30 p.m. being given as the start time in the Agenda. This was whilst we waited for more members to join the disappointingly poor turn-out. M Peel thanked those who had made the effort.

Apologies for absence:- P Harris, J Rudd, M Ballamy, J Ballamy, G Wood, P Burns, A Lester and S Carter-Smith.

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 1998 were accepted as a true record, proposed by D Boon, seconded by M Peel.
2. Election of Officers for 2000 (Committee positions)
 - a) President - M Peel is prepared to continue but reminded us that this is this is the last consecutive year he is allowed to remain President under the Club rules.
 - b) Vice-Presidents - A How, G Wood, H James, L Pyne, J Darroch, G Birch, D Fuller
 - c) Chairman - M Peel is prepared to continue.
 - d) General Secretary - K Chown is prepared to continue.
 - e) Assistant Secretary - Y Gregory is prepared to continue.
 - f) Treasurer - S Carter-Smith is prepared to continue.
 - g) Social Secretary - M Peel is prepared to continue.
 - h) De Laune News Editor - M and J Ballamy are prepared to continue but only for one more year. At the next AGM a new DLN editor will have to be found. D Boon also pointed out that the Ken Hill Fund will have all been spent by then so alternative means of funding the production of DLN will need to found.

- i) Press Secretary - J Briggs is prepared to continue.
- j) Junior Secretary - This position was left unfilled.
- k) Canteen Manager - This position was left unfilled.
- l) Property Steward - F Rudd is prepared to stand.
- m) Old Members' Association Secretary - D Fuller is prepared to continue.
- n) Clubroom Maintenance Co-ordinator - W Wright is prepared to continue.
- o) Club Clothing Secretary - W Wright is prepared to continue.
- p) Club Captain - M Goodes is prepared to continue.
- q) Club Vice-Captain - W Wright is prepared to continue.
- r) Road Race Secretary - I Cleverly is prepared to continue.
- s) Time Trial Secretary - J Briggs is prepared to continue.
- t) Track Secretary - P Jenn is prepared to continue.
- u) Off-road Secretary - W Wright is prepared to continue.
- v) 5 Club Committee Ordinary Members - J O'Brien is prepared to continue but D Boon is not. D Haynes and J Lyon volunteered to fill two of these positions. (This leaves 2 further positions unfilled). The Club welcomes J Lyon back to the Committee and D Haynes, a new member, to it for the first time.
- w) Three Memorial Clubroom Trustees (M Ballamy and D Boon are standing down, as did K Fuller last year). The retiring trustees have recommended K Chown, J Kavanagh and M Valentine who are all prepared to stand.

D Boon proposed and I Cleverly seconded that all these positions were accepted en bloc.

3. Officials for 2000 (non-Committee positions)

- a) General Trustees - P Harris, W Miles, D White, G Birch, W Wright, M Peel, M Rice, D Fuller and M Ballamy are all prepared to continue (D Boon was removed from the list).

- b) Timekeepers - M Ballamy, R Savery, M Rice, W Wright, J Ballamy, M Peel and J Briggs are all prepared to continue.
- c) Handicappers - M Rice, A Castle, M Peel, M Adams, J Briggs, M Goodes and J O'Brien are all prepared to continue.
- d) Handbook Editor - M Peel is prepared to continue.
- e) Club Historian - B Saxton is prepared to continue.
- f) Silverdale How Committee - B Saxton, K Chown, W Wright and F Rudd are all prepared to continue (M and J Ballamy were removed from the list).
- g) BAR Co-ordinator - W Wright is prepared to continue.
- h) Roller League Representative - This position is currently unfilled but K Chown suggested approaching A Lester.
- i) South East League Road Race Representative - I Cleverly is prepared to continue.

4. Adoption of the Accounts for 1998. Proposed by I Cleverly, seconded by W Wright.

D Boon suggested that the trustee-controlled accounts should not be shown in the main Club accounts as the money in them is not directly available to the Club.

D Haynes suggested that with some urgency the Club needs to consider means of raising funds. This was agreed by the meeting and will be a matter for discussion at the next Committee meeting and the next Memorial Clubroom Trustees meeting.

5. Appointment of two Club Auditors for the 1999 Accounts - A Lester and C Curthoys are both prepared to continue.

6. Open Promotions for 2000

- a) Time Trials
Fred Peachey Memorial 25 mile TT - J Briggs
- b) Road Races
South East League RR - I Cleverly

- c) Circuit Races
Crystal Palace League meeting - M Peel
- d) Track
Open Track meeting - It was decided as only 2 clubs held open meetings this year (on Saturdays), it was not worth taking the financial gamble involved in promoting an open track meeting next year.
- e) Off-Road
MTB Eastway League event - W Wright
- f) Cyclo-Cross
Eastway is the most likely venue - W Wright

7. Affiliations for 2000

All the affiliations were renewed en bloc:

British Cycling Federation
 British Cyclo-Cross Association
 Cyclists' Touring Club
 Eastern Counties Cycling Association
 Eastway Supporters' League
 British Schools' Cycling Association
 Herne Hill Supporters League
 Kent Cycling Association
 Road Records Association
 Road Time Trials Council
 Southern Counties Cycling Union
 South East Road Racing League
 South London Roller Racing League
 Women's Cycle Racing Association

8. Winter Activities for 1999/2000

- a) Freewheel Contest - T Deeley
- b) Christmas Club Run - F Rudd

9. AOB

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Hi Mark and Kav, Sunday 6th June 1999.

It was really great to see you both last Sunday as well as the other De Laune friends present. It was a really nice lunch with good conversation, a really nice event. My brother and his wife also enjoyed themselves immensely. I can truthfully say that this was the highlight of my brief trip to England. My journey back here was uneventful, if you ever fly Singapore Airlines they are the best service of all airlines I have ever flown. New 747-400 Megatop, great food and impeccable service by the flight attendants. The only snag is that by going through Singapore it adds about 1 1/2 hours to the journey since you go one hour further south to fly back north again. I imagine that I shall be seeing a few visitors towards the end of the year and New Year.

Kav:

Like you said I could not easily buy any 27" road tubs, did manage to put a repair kit together, strong thread, needles, thimble and a puncture repair outfit, will amuse myself with repairing two tub punctures when the rains set in. I cannot believe how the bikes have suddenly changed. It was the same in the U.S.

That's about it for now,

Keep in touch,
Regards, **John.**

MORE RACING NEWS FROM OUR MAN IN AMERICA

Twilight June 3rd, Senior 4/5

I don't remember how it happened, but after 4 minutes out of the allotted 35 minutes I found myself in a breakaway with Ron Callison of the VSRT, a rider from the Peninsular Velo and one other. We were working well but were soon joined by Eric Zimmer of the VSRT who brought up another guy, who turned out to be not too strong. After 15 minutes Zimmer and Callison went really hard after I had done my turn on the front and those two rode away. This left 4 of us, with the Pen Velo guy replaced by another Pen Velo rider. A prime was offered and two of the guys went for it but burned themselves out so then it was me and this body builder type from the PV. We had about 5 minutes to last so we just kept the pressure on, with the Peloton gaining slowly but I thought not quick enough to catch us. The last lap was really painful and I encouraged the PV rider to go for it as I was out of juice. I went as fast as I could but was passed by three from the VSRT, so I came 7th.

District Crit Champs - Senior 4 - June 5th

55 riders who all thought they could win. A very physical race which required the odd use of the elbow to defend my patch of asphalt on the odd occasion. The pace was changeable with no teams willing to take on the task of pacing, so the corners were difficult with the leaders easing up causing bunching and banging. I tried to get away with 5 laps to go but was chased down and the peloton was content to risk a big bunch sprint along the long 350-meter finishing straight.

George of Le Matin had a blowout on turn 3 which brought 3 riders down in front of me but did not slow us up, but the pace was still not fast enough and I was caught in the middle of the gruppso so decided to not contest. Another crash after turn 4 was inevitable which left Mike Ma of SJBC out front to power to the line with Steve Wu 2nd.

ICCC / wont masters 35+ 4/5 45 minutes - same day 1 hour later

After 15 minutes Ron Callison chased down a guy from the SJBC who had just gone for a prime and when I saw that he meant business I jumped across the 20-yard gap. The guy from the SJBC informed us that he was not up to it, so Ron and I decided to go for it. Ron did the headwind / crosswind pulls and I did the cross / head and tailwind turns and we built up a half mile gap by the end of the race, where I decided not to contest the sprint and came in 2nd.

Twilight Crit June 10th Senior 4/5 40 minutes

A changeable pace, with Zimmer and myself marking each other. We both made one attempt to create a break, but neither came to anything. The last two laps saw the formation of a VSRT train on the front and I created a space so that I could take 4th in the line. Out of turn 4 Thomas Gowan was still going ballistic but faded with 200 to go and I crept up to 2nd at the line, with Zimmer again taking 1st. (when is he going to upgrade)

Twilight same evening, P/1/2/3 plus a few 4's given permission to ride.

Fast from the gun, we averaged over 27 mph for the 40 minutes plus 5 laps, which made it really exciting and really exhausting at times. I redlined at least 3 times but managed to find a wheel to suck and recover so by the end I had pretensions of a second placing. But with the sprint beginning between 3 and 4 and although I was on Wu's wheel I could not maintain and came in about 20th out of about 40 starters.

Garry



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