

ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY

MINERS' WELFARE

Cycle Speedway Club

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB

CONSTITUTION

TITLE

The club shall be known as the Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club, herein after referred to as the Club.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide and promote community participation in cycle speedway racing for all interested parties, using the track located adjacent to the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley as the Club's base.
2. To develop and foster a spirit of comradeship and loyalty to the Club and its members.
3. To promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and to uphold the sport's ruling bodies' regulations, both in letter and in spirit.
4. To develop and encourage riders to enable them to fulfill their potential, both in individual and team events.
5. To continually strive to upgrade the Club's status and facilities for the broader benefit of the sport.
6. To safeguard the future of the Club within the sport's ruling bodies' rules and regulations.
7. To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club.
8. To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

CLUB MEETINGS

The Club shall hold an annual general meeting for the election of officers who shall form the Club Committee and serve for a period of one year. Only fully paid up members are entitled to cast a vote at the annual general meeting. In addition, the Committee shall convene Club and/or Committee meetings at their discretion. Constitutional amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of persons present who are eligible to vote and can only be passed at an annual or extraordinary general meeting. Changes to rules and regulations, or any other matters arising, shall require a simple majority of persons present who are eligible to vote.

COMMITTEE

The Chairman shall head the Club.

The Secretary shall provide administrative services to the Club.

The Treasurer shall maintain the Club's accounts and be responsible for the collection of income due to the Club, and the payment of expenditure incurred by the Club.

The Team Manager(s) shall be responsible for the selection of teams for Club events, the organisation of the recruitment, training, coaching, discipline and motivation of riders, working closely with the Club's Coach(es).

The Club Captain shall liaise between the Team Manager(s) and the riders.

The Development Officer(s) shall be responsible for enhancing the status and facilities of the Club.

The Track Manager shall be responsible for the maintenance and general upkeep of the Club's facilities and equipment.

The Club Welfare Officer shall be responsible for ensuring the well-being of club members whilst participating in club activities.

The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the efficient operation of the Club and may allocate specific duties to non-Committee members as appropriate.

Duties are described in greater detail in the Club's Job Descriptions and Match Day Officials' Duties documents.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all interested parties without discrimination in either an administrative, competitive or supporting capacity. The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.

CHARGES

Users shall be liable for Track Access / Equipment Hire charges, which will be set by the Committee before the commencement of the season. Charges will be paid per session.

FEES

An annual fee is payable for members aged 18 and over, to cover membership of the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club. Junior members aged under 18 have free membership of the Cycle Speedway Club.

All racing members shall be liable for registration, affiliation and entry fees to the sport's ruling bodies. The appropriate fees will be paid in full in advance of the competition(s). In the event of non-payment, racing members will be unable to participate in the competition(s) in question.

NON-PROFIT MAKING

All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered Community Amateur Sports Club, a registered charity or the sport's governing body, for use by them in community related sports.

Constitution approved 12th December 2007.

ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th December 2007 in the Function Room of the Miners' Welfare Club.

Present

Kath Hack, Mike Hack, Ron Hack, Roy Heslop, Gary Nuttall, Bill Phillips.

Apologies

Aimee Hack, Mark Keirl, Moyra Keirl, Darek Kurkowski, Glynis Priestley, Len Priestley, Louise Watson, Joanne Whitelegg, Paul Whitelegg, Tomasz Włodarczyk.

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm with Gary Nuttall in the chair.

Chairman's Welcome – Gary Nuttall

Gary summarised the 2007 season by stating that the club had performed very well in some areas but poorly in others.

- *Disappointing performances from the senior squad, but promising prospects for the future with the junior squad.*
- *Disappointments over the club not being able to access grants for development due to excessive delays in securing a long term lease from Wigan Council.*
- *Disappointment expressed by the meeting at the poor turn-out for the AGM.*

Acceptance of the 2006 minutes

The minutes were accepted a true record.

Annual Report

The annual report was accepted by the meeting. All present were happy with the financial statement and the current balance of £1505.14. It was noted that a further £500 was still outstanding from two sponsors – Rowlands and Kensite.

Constitution and Rules

It was proposed and agreed that the rider subscriptions introduced for the past season be scrapped, as they were to cover the anticipated increase in travel costs as a result of the move into the Premier League.

- Senior members (18 years and over) to pay membership at the rate to cover membership of the A & T Miners Welfare Club.
- Junior racing members remain free.

The meeting agreed to delete the position of Social Secretary to the Club Committee.

Several other minor changes were proposed and agreed, to enable the club to comply with the requirements of HM Revenue & Customs in order to secure Community Amateur Sports Club status.

Election of the Committee

Chairman – Bill Phillips
Secretary – Mike Hack
Treasurer – Gary Nuttall
Senior Team Manager & Coach – Mike Hack
Junior Team Manager – Lee Phillips
Junior Coach – Gary Nuttall
Track Manager – Gary Nuttall
1st Team Captain - Tomasz Wlodarczyk
2nd Team Captain –
Club Welfare Officer – Louise Watson
Development Officers: Sponsorship – Paul Thompson; Grants and Funds – Aimee Hack;
Website – Len Priestley.

Future Activities

Competitions

Club to compete in Northern League only on Sundays, plus entry into British Club Championship, British Youth & Junior League, Northern Grands Prix, Manchester League competitions.

Club to stage 5 Grand Prix Rounds for North West Go-Ride clubs, in conjunction with British Cycling.

Club to host BY&JL RR1 on Saturday 5th April.

Club to host U-13 British Club Championships on Saturday 19th July.

It was agreed not to re-introduce the A & T Festival meeting.

Club to provide travel subsidies for long distance team events.

Treasurer to include in his budget provision for the season.

Track Work

Gary Nuttall to organise track work, including adding shale to the track and the clearing of drains, in January 2008.

Pre-season training

Training is to commence from Sunday 3rd February 2008 onwards. It is essential that team fitness is up to scratch for the first Northern League match on Sunday 30th March 2008.

Team Line-up

A & T are welcoming back Przemek Binkowski after an absence of three seasons, for a limited number of matches. The club are exploring the possibility of other riders returning, working closely with Fred Longworth High School and British Cycling, recruiting from other cycling disciplines.

Facilities and Lease

Update provided on the continuing absence of a long term lease from Wigan Council. Many lines of enquiry have recently produced the offer of a 5 years lease, not the 25 years needed. The main effect of this is that A & T cannot access a £150,000 British Cycling Grant.

Meeting agreed to investigate the possibility of acquiring plastic tip up seats when Hilton Park, Leigh is vacated.

Meeting agreed to purchase a new small freezer for the Refreshments cabin.

Meeting closed 9.50 pm.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Thursday 20th November 2008 at 7.15 pm.

Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit.

AGENDA.

1. Chairman's welcome.
2. Confirmation of persons entitled to vote.
3. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007.
4. Matters arising.
5. Discussion and acceptance of Annual Report 2008.
6. Proposed Changes to Constitution and Rules.
7. Election of Committee 2009.
8. Future activities.
9. Any other business.

ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants	671.00			
Club Equipment				
Contributions				
Sponsorship	1410.00			
Fundraising	540.70			
Sales	1052.77			
Fees	403.50			
Hire Charges	372.00			
Others				
TOTAL INCOME		4449.97		
EXPENDITURE				
Track Improvements	410.00			
Track Maintenance	260.11			
Club Equipment	1311.46			
Administration	54.37			
Subsidies	680.00			
Awards	359.46			
Hospitality	30.00			
Fundraising				
Sales	700.25			
Fees	415.00			
Others	674.82			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4895.47		
Excess of Expenditure over Income			445.50	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Brought forward from 30 November 2007			1505.14	
MINUS Excess of Expenditure over Income			-445.50	
Balance carried forward from 30 November 2008				1059.64
Assets				
Current Balance				1059.64

