



The Veterans Time Trials Association

2019 AGM MINUTES

Ramada Hotel, Church Hill Road, Solihull B91 3RF

On Saturday 26th January 2019

Attendees (Group Representatives)

East Anglian Andrew Grant Keith Dorling John Golder Chris Holmes Dave Nock	North Ruth Crossley Dave Oliver	Surrey/Sussex Robin Johnson Keith Wilkinson
London & Home Counties John Hoskins Geoff Perry	North Lancs & Lakes Barbara Bell Sue Cheetham	Wessex Norman Harvey
Manchester & NW Nev Ashman	Nottingham & East Mids Graham Green Ron Hallam Colin Parkinson	West Brian Griffiths Gordon Scott
Merseyside Geoff Edgerton Phil Guy	Scotland George McLaughlan Iain McLeod Alex Munro	Yorkshire Mike Penrice Brian Sunter
Midlands Alan Colburn Alistair Semple	South Wales Robert Jones Derek Morgan	National Executive Committee Ian Greenstreet Glen Knight

Additional Attendees (National Executive Committee)

Andrew Simpkins	National Chairman
Rachael Elliott	National Secretary
Barry Quick	Committee Member

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27 January 2018

The minutes were approved.

2. To approve the following:

- a. National Treasurer's Report and the adoption of the audited accounts
- b. Annual Report

Both were approved - no comments.

3. Financial Forecast and Subscriptions for 2020

The Chairman noted that actual income in 2018 was ahead of budget by just under £600. Overall there was a loss of £9761 but most of this had been forecast and was the result of spending much of the Les Lowe legacy of £12000 received in 2017 on the website developments in 2018. The loss for the year was somewhat more than forecast due to NEC agreed additional website developments such as the inclusion of events and results, GDPR changes, and renewal emails. The 2019 budget makes a provision for further work on the website to include group age records as well as the national age records.

Ray Retter questioned if the website charges would go down. The Chairman said that these should now be on a more level basis but there are some additional features that we may add in the medium term. We want to consider further utilisation of the results data on the CTT website (for example to help with compiling the results of season long competitions) but this needs some further investigation before any commitments are made.

Andrew Grant (East Anglian Group) said that although there were indications that the number of new membership applications was increasing (probably helped by online membership) he wondered if the membership projections over the next 3 years were realistic. The Chairman replied that we were setting ourselves a target to increase membership but if this was not achieved we would have to adjust income and expenditure forecasts accordingly.

The costs of the Veteran within the budget were raised. It was noted that some 500 members have so far elected to take the email version but some delegates felt that the Veteran should be offered to members with the email version as standard, and people who want to receive it in paper format should help to cover the cost. John Golder (East Anglian Group) suggested the membership fee should be increased for those who have the Veteran by post. It was agreed that the NEC would discuss this at the next Committee meeting in March.

ACTION: NEC to discuss at March meeting

The Chairman confirmed it was not intended to increase national subscriptions for 2020.

4. To confirm a programme of National Championships for 2019

2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Event Date	Distance	Course	Organising Club & NEC Representative
28 April 2019	10 Mile	G10/41	VTTA Surrey/Sussex – Jon Fairclough <i>Dave Pollard, 2 Harison Road, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 3PN. 01323 893455</i>
22 June 2019	50 mile	V350a	VTTA Yorkshire – Mike Penrice <i>Mike Williams, 10 Manor Garth, Skidby, Cottingham, Hull HU16 5UF. 01482 849264</i>
9 June 2019	25 mile	E2/25	VTTA East Anglia – Rachael Elliott <i>John Golder, 6 Middlemead, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8UT. 07709 328113</i>
14 July 2019	100 mile	L10010	North Lancs Time Trial Association – Carole Gandy <i>Nigel Clementson, 80 Shevington Moor, Standish, Wigan WN6 0SE</i>
20-21 July 2019	24 Hour	D24hr	Mersey Roads Club – Alan Colburn <i>Jon Williams, 7 St Paul's Close, Rock Ferry, Merseyside, CH42 3XL</i>
11 August 2019	12 hour	E2/12hr	ECCA – Keith Dorling <i>Len Gordon, 7 Cambridge Close, Langdon Hills, Basildon, Essex SS16 6UW. 07807 839204</i>
1 Sept 2019	30 mile	WM30/1	VTTA Scotland – Andrew Simpkins <i>Michael Devlin, 36 Erskine Hill, Polmont, Stirlingshire FK2 0UQ; 01324 310242</i>
8 Sept 2019	15 mile	T154	VTTA North Group – Mike Penrice <i>Gavin Russell, 2 Antrim Avenue, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7JF. 01642 654419</i>

Trophy Allocations

***The Strevens Memorial Trophy:** To be allocated to Scotland Group for first on standard
The Brafman Cup: To be allocated to Notts & East Midlands for first club team of 3 on standard
The Pett Trophy: To be allocated to Wessex Group for first on standard
Groups to notify NEC of the event for which these trophies will be awarded*

The championship calendar was accepted.

5. Proposals for changes to Rules & Regulations

AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT RULES PROPOSED BY NEC (REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY)

1. NEC Payments – Add sentence to Rule 2.6.2

All cheques must be signed, by any two of the current officers as follows: the National Treasurer; the National Secretary; the Chairman; the Editor. For online payments written authorisation must be provided to the National Treasurer by two of these other officers.

Reason: Payments are now made mostly by online banking not by cheque

FOR: 31

AGAINST: 2

CARRIED

2. Change of Group - Delete phrases regarding notification in 2.8.3

A member wishing to change from one Group to another shall give notice to the Group Secretaries concerned and the change shall be effected as soon as possible.

Reason: With the online membership system there is now no need to inform directly the National Membership Secretary. Also one month's notice is unnecessary now we have the online system.

There was a discussion about the continuing issue of members being able to join a group which is not in their local region. The Chairman highlighted that any Group is entitled to decline a membership application at their own discretion.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

3. Membership Period - Amend 2.9.2

The combined subscription for any new member is payable on election. Members who join after 30th September in any year will be entitled to membership until 31st December of the following year. Similarly, members renewing after 30th September will be entitled to membership until 31st December of the following year.

Reason: Clarify that all membership applications and renewals after 30th September will be taken as for the following year. Note that Group Committees should update their membership subscriptions as from 1st October even if they need subsequent ratification at their AGMs.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

4. National Subscriptions – Amend 2.9.6 and delete 2.9.7

At the end of each quarter, the National Treasurer shall send to Group Treasurers a statement of all National subscriptions due from their Group according to members' payments recorded on the National Online Membership System during the last quarter. Group Treasurers should then make the required payment within four weeks of receiving the statement. For the purpose of this Rule, quarters shall consist of the three-month periods ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December.

Reason: The new membership system has made it possible to streamline the process of quarterly payment by Groups of the national element of the subscriptions they have received from members. The new process was tried successfully in the third quarter of 2018 and should be continued.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

5. Cost of Honorary Life Members – insert into 2.10.2

The cost of funding the benefits of HLMs shall be borne by the Group that appointed them and not the NEC. This will be done by Groups paying an annual subscription to the NEC for each of their HLMs. The proposed figure would be set by the National AGM but an indicative figure is £6 per HLM.

It would apply with immediate effect to new HLMs and for 2020 membership to all HLMs. The NEC would cover the cost of Distinguished Life Members (DLMs).

Reason: Groups appoint HLMs, but the NEC bears the cost of sending an HLM The Veteran and the Handbook free of charge. The estimated cost of this is £6.17 per HLM per annum. The total cost of the approximate 400 HLMs to the NEC budget in the last 12 months is therefore significant, amounting to £2,370.

A number of points were made around the motion:

- Robin Johnson said that regardless of the HLM result, those with Distinguished Life Membership (DLM) should always receive the Veteran and the Handbook free of charge. The Chairman confirmed that this would remain the case.
- Phil Guy (Merseyside) said that small Groups (such as his own) with a large proportion of HLMs would incur a significant impact on their finances and this would make it difficult for them to implement.
- George McLaughlan (Scotland) noted HLM donations. Many HLMs make substantial donations to groups which more than cover their cost of the Veteran.
- Norman Harvey (Wessex) proposed that the issue was that HLMs should be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Groups. The Secretary noted the number of requests for HLM certificates had declined significantly over the past year.
- John Golder (East Anglian) suggested that Groups should ask all HLMs that they receive the Veteran by email. Others countered this by suggesting many HLMs do not have access to a computer.

Although the cost of HLMs was noted there was not a majority in favour of changing the current procedure.

FOR: 15
AGAINST: 16
NOT CARRIED

AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT REGULATIONS PROPOSED BY NEC (SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE)

6. Standards Applications – Amend 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.2.5

Change Regulation 3.2.3 to a single option by deleting (a) and (b) below

3.2.3 Applications for standards may be made as follows:

(a) A single attempt at any distance or time on one type of machine (i.e. bicycle, tricycle, tandem bicycle or tandem tricycle) in a nominated event.

(b) Any number of attempts in the same season at any one distance or time on one type of machine.

(c) Any number of attempts per season at all distances or times on one type of machine.

FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED

Simplify and Amend regulation 3.2.4 to read:

3.2.4 Members' application and payment for Standards must be made online or by post prior to any event for which they subsequently claim a standard.

FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED

Set a National Fee for Standards - Amend 3.2.5

3.2.5 The Standards entry fee will be set nationally by the AGM. Payment of one fee only covers one type of machine (solo, trike or tandem).

Reason: Simplify standards applications (as has already been done by several groups) to only provide for any number of attempts at any distance/time. Also set a common national fee for standards at the National AGM as local variations have no obvious justification. The proposed figure to be agreed annually at the AGM.

A number of points were made around the motion, particularly around the varying costs of medals:

- Gordon Scott (South) questioned if the purpose of provided a common national fee was to set a level playing field. The Chairman confirmed that this was the case, but also to simplify the process across Groups.
- Alan Colburn (Midlands) said the fact that costs vary across different groups should be taken into consideration.
- Geoff Edgerton was of the view that Groups had to use the incumbent medals provider, First Stop. It was confirmed that this was not the case and Groups are entitled to approach a medal provider of their choice. Some Groups used a different provider for all parts of their medals, others (such as East Anglian) had the medal centres provided by First Stop but used their own medal producer to make the actual medals.
- Phil Guy (Merseyside) pointed out that allowing different Groups to charge different amounts meant it enabled groups to manage their own finances.
- John Hoskins (London & Home Counties) said that there would be a disconnect: Groups would have to unify charges for standards, but the charges to join a Group would continue to be ascertained by the Groups.

FOR: 5
AGAINST: 28
NOT CARRIED

7. Track records – Add to Regulation 3.3.3

Add sentences: 'Indoor track records must be set on a track (fixed wheel) bike. Outdoor track records may be set on a track (fixed wheel) bike or on a road/time trial bike'.

Reason: Clarify the type of bike to be used in indoor and outdoor track record attempts. It is hoped that allowing outdoor track records to be set on either a track or a road/TT bike will encourage greater participation in outdoor record attempts, of which there have been very few recently. It is considered that there is no material advantage between a track and a road/TT bike outdoors and therefore it is unnecessary to have two categories of outdoor records. Outdoor tracks are expected to permit both types of machine.

FOR: 27 AGAINST: 6 CARRIED

8. Eligibility for National Championships – Amend Regulation 3.4.2

3.4.2 To be eligible for Championship awards, riders must be paid-up VTTA members by the time of issue of the start sheet.

Reason: The online membership system now makes it possible to check membership immediately and for new members to join immediately. This change would allow the championship organiser to permit a non-member (or a rider who was mistaken about their membership) to join between receipt of their application and the issue of the start sheet. This has occurred a few times already in 2018.

A number of points were made around the motion:

- Andrew Grant (East Anglian) was concerned that this could potentially deprive a member the chance of a ride if those who had not joined at the time of the closing date were given the opportunity to join after the closing date. John Golder (East Anglian) backed this up by saying it would cause significant confusion.
- Colin Parkinson (Notts & East Midlands) said the motion would cause additional administration for organisers that would not be welcome in the run up to an event.

**FOR: 0
AGAINST: All
NOT CARRIED**

9. National Championship Awards – Regulation 3.4.4 and 3.4.5

All discussion around 3.4.4, 3.4.5 and 3.5.5 are contained at the end of Section 9.

National Champion - Amend 3.4.4. Also proposed by London & Home Counties.

3.4.4 The male and female riders with the biggest plus overall will be declared National Champions and will each receive a Championship jersey.

Reason: Also see 3.4.5 below. If we are awarding separate medals to men and women, it is inconsistent not to also award the first woman a Champion's jersey. It will also further encourage women to see themselves as competing against each other in championships.

**FOR: 27
AGAINST: 6
CARRIED**

Championship Medals – Clarify 3.4.5

3.4.5 Medals will be awarded to the first three male riders and to the first three female riders overall on Standard. The first on Standard will receive a gold medal. The second on Standard will receive a silver medal. The third on Standard will receive a bronze medal.

Reason: Clarify the current wording that medals are awarded separately to men and women as per the amendment approved in 2016.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

10. BAR, 3 Distance and Short Distance Medals – Amend 3.5.5 (Replace last sentence as follows)

Medals will be awarded to the first three male riders and to the first three female riders overall on Standard in the BAR. The first on Standard will receive a gold medal. The second on Standard will receive a silver medal. The third on Standard will receive a bronze medal.

Reason: As noted above, since 2016 we have awarded separate medals to men and women in championships. This amendment also provides separate medals to women in the three season long competitions. Note that regulations 3.6.3 and 3.7.2 state that awards for the 3 Distance and Short Distance competitions shall be the same as for the BAR competition.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

There was some discussion regarding the fact that the standards seek to provide a level playing field for men and women and yet we also propose to award separate medals and jerseys to women. The Chairman said the aim was to encourage women's participation in the sport especially as we only have just over 400 women members in a total of nearly 2900. He asked how the women delegates in the meeting felt about the change.

Susan Semple said that she would very much value seeing separate women's and men's podiums at Championship events and would find it inspiring to see other women on the podium. The view was also echoed by Ruth Crossley (North).

John Golder (East Anglian) said that this may cause an issue in future championships if we were to have to run two events. The Chairman said that events will continue to be run "as normal" in 2019 and we would address the issue of whether it was necessary to run two events in 2020.

It was confirmed that the changes affect *championship events and season long competitions* only and event organisers can continue to award overall veteran prizes on standard.

10. C.W. Cooke trophy – Clarify 3.9.1 to read

3.9.1 The C. W. Cooke trophy is awarded annually to the rider whose performances are considered by the NEC to be the most meritorious during the season.

Reason: Clarify that the trophy may be awarded on the basis of multiple performances during the season.

**FOR: All
AGAINST: 0
CARRIED**

Items for Consultation

1. Handling of National Subscriptions

With the new online membership system, and for those members who pay online, it would be possible to deduct the national component of their subscription before transferring the balance to Groups. This would save Group Treasurers having to include these members' national subscription in their quarterly return. Group treasurers would still, however, have to send in a payment for those members who paid by cheque and other means. Would Groups in principle favour adding this facility to the membership system?

Phil Guy (Merseyside) said that as Group Treasurer he felt this was a logical next step to take, although more time is needed to work out the fine detail given that postal payments would still have to have their national component sent to the National Treasurer

The Chairman said we could wait to see how more widely online payments are taken up in the next year and revisit as a proposal at the 2020 AGM.

2. Trophies

Trophies are now kept in storage and only taken out for presentation at the Awards ceremony when a photo is taken of each winner and their trophy. Trophy winners are presented with certificates. Trophies have not been engraved for the last 7 years. To bring the engraving up to date would cost about £800 and £100 per year if done annually. The NEC would value views on how we proceed with trophies:

- a) Does the Association want to continue with physical trophies or should we move to a 'Roll of Honour' system?
- b) If we continue to store and present trophies do we bring up to date, and maintain, the engraving of winners' names?

The meeting was fairly evenly divided over whether to bring the trophies up to date, but several delegates were also in favour that a roll of honour should be started for both men and women for future trophies.

Ian Greenstreet (National Awards Secretary) pointed out if we were also to have separate women's and men's trophies this would be significant additional expenses, especially when the additional costs of boxes would increase the costs further.

Jim Burgin said that he has records of the Championship results if these are required.

The NEC would consider the feedback from the meeting. The Chairman noted that the costs of engraving had not been included in this year's budget however.

6. Election of Officers

The following have been nominated and the meeting approved their re-election:

President	Carole Gandy	Kent
Chairman	Andrew Simpkins	Midland
Secretary	Rachael Elliot	London
Treasurer	Mary Corbett	Wessex
Recorder	Glen Knight	Midland
Records Secretary	Geoff Perry	London
Awards Secretary	Ian Greenstreet	London
Editor and Advertising Secretary	Mike Penrice	Yorkshire
Membership Secretary	Merv Player	East Anglian
IT Manager	Jon Fairclough	Surrey/Sussex

7. Election of Committee Members:

The following have been nominated and the meeting approved their re-election:

Alan Colburn	Midlands
John Hawkridge	Kent

Robert Jones
Barry Quick
Keith Dorling

South Wales
London
East Anglian

8. Appointment of Honorary Vice President

It was agreed to appoint Jim Burgin of London & Home Counties, and former National Chairman, as an Honorary Vice President.

9. Appointment of an Independent Examiner

It was agreed to re-appoint Margaret Colburn.

10. Any other relevant items for discussion that do not require changes to the Rules & Regulations

No items raised.

Meeting closed at 16:17