

**CYCLING OTAGO INCORPORATED**  
**MEMBER NEWS LETTER JULY 2009**

Just to bring members up to date about A COUPLE OF THINGS that are happening behind the scenes for the club.

1. A proposed new constitution and
2. The purchase of a timing system.

But firstly I just want to reiterate that the club is our club – that means we all own it together and need to work together to enable the club to provide the benefits that all members want.

Subject to adequate consultation, it is reasonable to conclude that the majority wishes of the membership should prevail. Divisive behind the scene complaining is not helpful and really shouldn't be tolerated by fellow club members.

**1. A proposed new constitution**

Why change the constitution? -Some members may not be aware that the sport is administered by a Centre Committee and by the Club Committee. The Centre has operated for many years with the mission of promoting the sport and liaising with Bike NZ, while the club has the more direct role of administering races etc.

All members of the Centre are club members with most having dual rolls in both committees with the consequential time commitment – time off the bike so to speak. A former Bike NZ official and legal practitioner – Wayne Hudson - has kindly drafted a proposed new constitution that, if agreed to by the Centre and the Club will effectively merge the two and mean the club becomes the centre and will also run races etc.

The majority of the Centre Committee has informally endorsed the proposal, and if they confirm officially at the Centre AGM to be held shortly, then it will be over to the club members to agree or oppose the new constitution.

A copy of the proposed constitution is attached for your information. As you can see the document is reasonably straight forward and will give the club the necessary template to move forward more effectively for cycling in Otago.

At this time our Club President - Chris Henderson - would be pleased to have your individual responses - either for or against - or any other short comment you may wish to offer.

## **2. The purchase of a timing system**

The other good news is that the club has been granted a charitable donation of \$15,000 from Pub Charity to help in the purchase of a timing system quoted at some \$30,000 inclusive of GST. Two previous applications to other charities were unsuccessful.

The Club Committee has previously approved the funding of the balance of approximately \$15,000 – so we are about to confirm our order with Time Seven - the supplier of the system to other clubs in NZ and also the endorsee from Bike NZ.

Before we confirm the order, we need to have a core of members who will be prepared to familiarise themselves with the system and be available from time to time to set it up etc. My brother in a North Island Club (PNP) is able to set up the system, race and still get results to every participant within a couple of hours of the race finish.

The Club Committee sees the timing system as a major breakthrough for the sport.

It will mean every participant will get individual times and results at both scratch and handicap races. It can even give you your average speed! Great way to track fitness and achievement levels!

SO – IF YOU ARE REASONABLY COMPUTER LITERATE AND ARE PREPARED TO GIVE IT A GO - LET ME KNOW PLEASE.

Email me at – [TONY@CHAPMANCONSULTANCY.CO,NZ](mailto:TONY@CHAPMANCONSULTANCY.CO,NZ)

I hope to be back on the road biking again shortly after over three months off – look out “C” grade here I come!

Lastly, Lorraine Stewart our Marshall co-ordinator has asked us to inform you that we have used our full club list already this year for Marshall's and that you will now require to do it for a second time .Please respect her requests as marshall co-ordinator is the worst job in the club and Lorraine fronts up to organise you all week after week. I know we all respect her position.

Tony Chapman  
VICE PRESIDENT CYCLING OTAGO