



## Annual General Meeting

7pm, 8 May 2018

Cycling Otago Clubrooms - Seddon Park

**Present:** Graham Harris, Louis Harris, Ben Hogan, Ioan Fuller, Megan Boivin, Matt Boivin, Todd Redpath, Bronwyn Hughes, Nick Hoskin, Chris Ford, Greig O’Kane, Abby Napier, Jerome Wigger, Neil O’Fee, Louise Kennedy, Tom Kaminsky, Carl Haddon, Pablo Paulsen, Sarah Saunderson-Warner, Rachel Harris, Paula Hasler, Andrew Ellis, Will Tasker, Artem Piatine, Chris Latta, Joe Chapman, Hugh Fry, Wayne Evans, Simon Kennedy, Chris Henderson

**Apologies:** Mark Adamson, Helen Beattie, Ella Harris, Russell McGarry, David Geraghty

### Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 15 May 2017

*Moved:* Louise Kennedy

*Seconded:* Louis Harris

### President’s Report

- Separate report attached.

*Moved:* Todd Redpath

*Seconded:* Rachel Harris

### Treasurers Report

- Separate report attached.

*Moved:* Graham Harris

*Seconded:* Louis Harris

### Road Committee: Todd Redpath

- Separate report attached.

*Moved:* Paula Hasler

*Seconded:* Louise Kennedy

**Track Committee: Chris Ford**

- Separate report attached.

Moved: Louise Kennedy  
 Seconded: Paula Hasler

**Election of Officers**

		<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
• President	Paula Hasler	Louise Kennedy	Sarah Warner
• Vice President	Hold		
• Secretary	Rachel Harris	Louise Kennedy	Paula Hasler
• Treasurer	Bronwyn Hughes	Paula Hasler	Chris Ford
• Coaching Co-ordinator	Hold		
• Convenor of Selectors	Hold		
<b>General Committee</b>			
• Club Captain	Ioan Fuller	Louise Kennedy	Paula Hasler
• Funding	TBC	-	-
• Junior Delegate	Ben Hogan	Louise Kennedy	Graham Harris
<b>Road Committee</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Chapman</li> <li>• Mark Adamson</li> <li>• Paula Hasler</li> <li>• Geoff Keogh</li> <li>• Todd Redpath</li> </ul>	Louise Kennedy	Rachel Harris
• Handicapper	Graham Harris	Paula Hasler	Louise Kennedy
<b>Track Committee</b>			
• Track Convenor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Hoskin</li> <li>• Committee TBC</li> </ul>	Chris Ford	Paula Hasler

**General Business**

- **Winter Road Racing**  
 The question was asked whether those present had a preference for either Saturday or Sunday for a Winter Worlds type road series over winter. General consensus was that Sunday afternoon would be the more convenient of the two options.
- **STMS Support**  
 To help build our capability in the area of traffic control, the Club would like to hear from those interested in receiving the fully subsidised training/certification. Sarah Warner advised that she is already qualified to provide assistance to the Club and this offer was gratefully received. Matt Boivin offered to undertake the training, and any other interested individuals should contact Paula Hasler.

- **Cycling New Zealand presentation on the future of Clubs and Centres in New Zealand**

There has been very little detail available from Cycling New Zealand – Paula had attempted to get further information from the President of Cycling New Zealand Track & Road Committee, however no response was forthcoming.

The presentation was shared on the Cycling Otago Facebook and was quickly shared by other interested cycling parties/clubs around New Zealand. Most feedback appeared to express similar concerns to our own.

There was general agreement that:

- As a club we needed to know what the consequences would be for us if we were to amalgamate with Southland.
- We are growing and developing very positively as a club and we would not want to affect this momentum.
- The significant lack of collaboration and communication around the establishment and ongoing management of the Southern Performance Hub is a strong indicator of how any centre relationship might be viewed in the future.
- The 'proposal' as it stands lacks any information around the development of grassroots cycling and instead focusses on high performance. As a club, we recognise that without riders coming through the grades, there is no high performance (70% of cycling membership comes from the masters grades).
- It is not clear how the author of the document evaluated the performance of each centre as outlined in the presentation, and several of the points made about our own centre/club were perceived as ill-informed and questionable at best.
- From social media and the club's own feedback, the role of centres appears redundant, and there seems to be an appetite from across the country to remove centres and have clubs liaising directly with Cycling New Zealand.
- For the proportion of our members' fees that are absorbed by Cycling New Zealand, we receive very little by way of return.

Paula is attending the AGM in Christchurch the weekend of 19/20 May 2018 and will represent the Club's views.

**Meeting closed:** 8.00pm



**Cycling Otago**  
**President's report**  
**2018 AGM**  
8th May 2018

**Introduction**

Another busy and positive year has passed, thanks to the amazing support from members, parents, and friends who have volunteered their time and expertise over the past year – the people in this room and many others. I wish we had the time to talk in detail about everything that has been achieved, and to personally thank everyone who has helped. But here is my best effort at a “succinct” summary.

**Summary**

In the past few seasons we have made the transition to a modern Club which accepts the busy reality of life for its members, and aims to cater to a wide demographic. For the 2017/2018 season we have continued with what we know works well for our road programme and have had great participation. Many of our riders have achieved outstanding results in competition locally, nationally, and internationally. Many more have achieved amazing progress with their fitness, skills and enjoyment of road riding. Our junior contingent grew thanks to the launch of the Youth Development Academy – and there are exciting developments afoot for the coming year. Thank fully the weather came to the party for the recent Track season. A small but extremely committed team of officials and riders had a positive season culminating in a fantastic meet at the Age Group Nats in Invercargill.

While we continue to utilise a committee structure, this has evolved into team enterprises and the contributions made engage a significant number of people. I would like to acknowledge the following contributions.

**Executive Committee** Thank you all for your enthusiasm, hard work and collaborative approach:

- Louise Kennedy (Treasurer), Rachel Harris (Secretary), Todd Redpath and Tom Kaminszky (Road Committee representatives), Chris Ford (Track Committee representative), Ella Harris and Grace Hurring (Junior Delegates).

**Track Team** They have had a great year and have big plans to increase participation and outreach. Thank you:

- Chris Ford (Convenor), Nick Hoskin, Eric MacKenzie, David Geraghty, and others.

**Road Team** Building on the momentum from the previous season, we kept with a winning formula for the Road racing programme. Thank you – I have really enjoyed working with:

- Todd Redpath, Tom Kaminszky, Louise Kennedy, Mark Adamson, Michael Greaves, Carl Haddon, Dom Elder and everyone else!

## Highlights 2017/2018 season – in no particular order

- **Club membership** Continues its healthy trajectory and we have welcomed many new members, particularly as a result of MNR and the Youth Development Academy. This is something to be really proud of.
- **Volunteer uptake** Was huge in the past 12 months. We cannot offer racing, training and development programmes without marshals, time-keepers, STMS support, race managers and coaches. Our self-selecting Marshal roster works pretty well, but thank you everyone who was shoulder tapped on the day and stepped up to help!
- **Coaching skills development**  
The Club has funded several of our members in attending the Cycling NZ Coaching accreditation courses: Matt Boivin, Michelle Watt and Richard Hilliard. We now have an excellent core of coaches who are all regularly offering their skills and time.
- **Development & skills opportunities**  
The **Youth Development Academy** initiative has been a major highlight of the season. The YDA team will be discussing their achievements and plans later in the meeting.  
Other Programmes have been run on the Road and Track. Teaching skills to brand new riders, and those wanting to work on their race craft. Every week we offer chaperone riders to assist with new entrants to MNR. The mentorship aspect of riding is important and this has been progressed through the regular social rides such as the Dudstowen Wheelers. There has been some outreach to schools via Track Taster Sessions, and we would like to progress this further as our coaching resource develops.
- **Events**  
We have come a long way since I attended my first AGM in 2014, where the traditional Road programme was on the verge of being scrapped due to low participation and volunteer engagement.  
Now in our third year of offering MNR, and a variety of weekend events, participation and event income has continued to increase year on year. Always keen to try new things – and listen to the fans - we ran some new courses and event formats. The long course made a cameo at MNR, we took back the Peninsula for a handicap in November, and had an impromptu graded handicap format for the rescheduled DC Memorial complete with hill top finish.  
Greater participation combined with the hundreds of volunteer hours you all put in puts us in a healthy position in regards to event income. We are now offering **prize money** for all major races and series, and can work with our riders with fund raising initiatives to help get them to target events.  
In February we successfully hosted the Masters Games cycling and our third iteration of the Dunedin round of the **Calder Stewart Elite Series**. Thank you so much to our dedicated army of volunteers and organisers - the benefit to the Club is significant in terms of funds earned, and in raising our profile.  
Chris will be delivering the **Track** report; but I would like to mention the commitment from the Track Team in delivering weekly racing and training, and to the cohort of dedicated riders. Fitness, race craft and performances improved significantly throughout the season and the spirit of mentorship was fantastic.

- **Profile**

Engagement in Social media is fundamental to communication and increasing the Club's presence with our membership and in the wider cycling community. Many people have contributed to this with photography, memes (!) race reports, and publishing our communications. The buzz after our events is a big part of the experience.

- **Funding and income**

Previous hard work with funding applications allowed us to support our various development programmes, and to get our new Club vehicle fitted out and on the road, plus purchasing the Track motorbike. We have recently completed a major funding application to OCT, if successful this will underpin the rider and official development opportunities we are planning for the upcoming season. Events, membership and hire fees are all very healthy.

- **Collaboration & engagement**

The Club has networked and collaborated with various sporting bodies and volunteer groups, for example, Sport Otago, the DCC, Spokes, Otago Southland High Performance Hub, and various Clubs and schools. In June 2017 we submitted a letter to CNZ requesting information and clarification about the recently launched Otago Southland High Performance Hub, and CNZ support for Road, and in particular U23 development. Recently we lodged a submission to the **DCC 10 Year Strategy**, including our preferred option for the **Portobello Rd widening**. We will be engaging in the discussion about the role of Clubs & Centres with CNZ.

- **Rider achievement**

Across the year we have seen achievement at a number of National and International events. Most recently, a number of our members performed extremely well at the Age Group Road nationals held in the Wairarapa, and the Age Group Track Nationals in Invercargill - with several winning or placing in their respective age groups. There have been many great results in major races such as Lake Taupo and Le Race, and in the Calder Stewart Elite Series. Some of our riders competed internationally as part of trade teams and development squads. Our Youth riders have competed in Schools competitions and Tours such as Yunca. In our Club racing we saw many moving up categories and pushing themselves – awesome.

## **Challenges**

With the club growing in physical numbers and events, this creates some volunteer resourcing issues. The incoming committee would appreciate any offers of assistance, whether it be a one off or more long term. If this sounds like something of interest, please let us know.

For me personally, I would like stand again for President, but would like to step back from convening the Road Committee after this season. The programme is complete to December 2018 – I would love to hear from anyone keen to take on this role for 2019. The Track team are looking for a new convenor as well.

## **Conclusion**

In closing, the past year has been a very busy and successful one for the club. With all your help, I know that we can continue the positive momentum.

**Paula Hasler, President.**



## Treasurer's Report

(The Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017 and Auditor's Report were tabled)

### Summary

Membership has remained stable with a slight increase on the 2016 membership year.

Racing income is at \$13,500 after the payment of road management fees and prize money.

We have had less funding in the 2017 year, with funding money spent on a canopy for the new Club truck, and a track shed for the starting gate.

Carry over funding from 2016 has seen in the 2017 year a purchase of a much needed new Club truck, new coach inductions, and three new commissaires.

We again had another successful Calder Stewart Race and a Hastie Memorial which contributed over \$3,000 to race income.

It is pleasing to see that since first coming on board as Treasurer, our bank and quality usable assets have both doubled.

Due to more modern attitudes, racing is now weekly in spring/summer season, more community/family based, and is attracting large numbers. Memorials are back to paying cash prizes. With more financial comfort we can now put junior programs in place and are consequently seeing an increase in juniors at racing.



## Road Committee Report

Over the 2017-2018 season, the road committee has been focused on continuing the reinvigoration of the road programme over the past several years.

The mainstay of this initiative has been **Monday Night Racing**, which continues to attract strong numbers for competitive weekly racing.

Over the 2017-2018 season, 209 individuals competed in MNR, with an average weekly turnout of 64 riders. MNR continues to provide a good environment for riders to improve their racing, with many racers moving up through the grades as the seasons progress.

**Tour de Otepoti** saw some good racing, despite sometimes inclement weather. Early starts were prone to frost, so we are implementing mid-day starts for winter races during 2018. The Emersons criterium series was unfortunately hampered by weather. Many club members expressed their enthusiasm for a crit series, so we can revisit this in the future.

**Peninsula connection** - great to race on the Peninsula again, race organised on short time frame due to re-scheduling of Cooksley, thanks to Mark Adamson for putting the leg-work in to get this race together in a short time frame.

**Midway Motors 1 day tour** - initiated and generously sponsored by Chris Henderson, this event proved popular with a number of out of town entrants, and several requests for a repeat. This will be back in November 2018.

The memorial races continue to provide the highlights on our calendar, and the past season included:

**Brian Woods Memorial** - 30 starters (similar to 2016), another good race on a great course in good conditions!

**Thomson Memorial** - 51 starters in good conditions, a competitive race out on the Taieri.

**Hastie Memorial** - a big field, lots of out of town entrants, this was a great day of racing.

**Cooksley Memorial** - had to be re-scheduled, and was run as an evening graded handicap in February. Hill finish on Taioma Road seemed to work well (even if it wasn't the full climb!).

**Otago Champs** saw small numbers again this year, but good racing in testing conditions from those who raced. It would be great to try and build the numbers up for this one.

The programme is in place for the remainder of 2018, with the next race being the Brian Woods on May 12. This is to be followed by a three race hill climb TT series through June July, then three winter worlds races during August, ahead of handicap races resuming in September.

Numbers for weekend races are generally improving, enabling us to schedule more through the season. Scheduling isn't always straightforward when it comes to avoiding clashes with other events that our members have.



Tentative dates set for winter racing, but we are keen on feedback in terms of Saturday vs Sunday for maximising entrant numbers. It would be great to see a strong club contingent at Age Group Nationals next year, which will be in the South Island.

Traffic management continues to be a logistical challenge, and we are exploring options to improve how we manage this, supporting training for a member or supporter to become a TC or STMS remains an option.

The self-selecting Marshal volunteer system generally works well, but occasionally we need to put the call out for additional volunteers and it is great that members are willing to step up and assist.

Overall, the road programme continues to grow, and is attracting and retaining new racers and members. Massive thanks are due to Louise and her band of volunteers for keeping the MNR series (and many of our other races) ticking over week to week as well as Dom Elder for preparing Traffic Management Plans, and Carl Haddon for STMS/course set up. Thanks also to everyone else who has volunteered their time to assist with marshalling and managing races, and also to all the riders who line up at our events. Without you we would have no racing!



## Track Committee Report

### Introduction

The track season was one of two halves; the pre-Christmas period featured a core group of riders that turned up each week and generally enjoyed pushing each other to go faster each week. After Christmas, the focus shifted to preparation for Nationals and the group of riders widened and it was notable how preparations became very serious very quickly.

### Highlights

The track group may be small but it had a notable number of successes this year. Our highlights included:

#### The Otago Champs

Our club champs this year featured the strongest quality of riding we have had for a few years. The day was helped by great weather and the policy that riders need to ride club champs in order to be backed by the Centre for Age Group Nationals. And everyone enjoyed themselves from my perception.

Running the club champs involves many volunteers but I'd particularly like to thank David Geraghty for his work in organising the event and commissaires Louise Kennedy and Graeme Harris for their commitment and support.

#### Nationals

Both elite/U19 and age group nationals were held in Invercargill.

The elite group consisted of two riders, Brad Evans represented us in the elite level and Ronan Geraghty represented us in the under 19s.

- Brad Evans did exceptionally well, medalling in each event he entered. In total, Brad won gold in the Points, Scratch and Madison and Bronze in the Individual Pursuit.
- Ronan's strongest result was a PB of 1 minute 13 seconds in the 1,000 m time trial. This was Ronan's first national meet and he gained great experience. I'd like to thank everyone who helped Ronan, lending wheels, other equipment and encouragement.

Otago sent a team of seven to the Age Groups Nationals, and this team achieved a number of podium results. And before I acknowledge the success of the riders, I'd like to thank to Shane Melrose for managing the team which is not an easy task when you are also riding.

Notable rider successes include:

- Justin Stott, Masters 1 Men - Gold in the Points, Scratch and Kerin
- Shane Melrose, Masters 1 Men – Gold and a New Zealand record in the 1,000m Time Trial
- Chris Harvey, Masters 2 Men – Bronze in the 2,000m Individual Pursuit
- Chris Henderson, Stew Thomas and Shane Melrose – Bronze in the 750m Team Sprint

#### Masters Games

2018 was the club's turn to host the New Zealand Masters Games. The Track Cycling field was in line with that of previous years. This was quite a fun event to run and it was a useful fund raiser for the club. I'd like to thank Louise for being commissaire, Grieg O'Kane for commentating and Nick Hoskin for his assistance in running this event.

### Development of Coaches and Officials

For the club to continue to develop riders and to host events such as the club champs we must continue to develop our pool of qualified officials and coaches. In the past year we:

- Hosted a Regional Commissaires' course in June 2017. This was attended by eight Commissaires in training. Previously we had just one qualified commissaire
- Nick Hoskin was supported by the Club to attend a Cycling New Zealand Coaching Development Course in Cambridge in mid-November 2017, and this was a great opportunity to further develop his coaching skill set.

### **Support**

The Track group has had strong support from the Club's Executive throughout the year. It is my experience that the Executive is well committed to supporting track cycling and has an open door to initiatives and proposals that can achieve that.

Financially, a notable feature of this support was the purchase of the motor bike for motor pacing, which we had previously been borrowing from a club member.

We also had strong support from a range of sponsors. These sponsors feature in the new advertising hoardings that line the back straight of the track. I'd like to thank the sponsors for their contribution and Nick Hoskin for his work in organizing the long overdue renewal of the track advertising.

I'd also like to thank Stew Thomas and Avanti Plus for their generous donation of prizes for the track prize giving evening.

### **Challenges**

Track cycling - despite the great adrenaline rush and sense of personal achievement it provides – remains a minority sport in Dunedin. We are not alone, however, as growing the grass roots is a national problem.

We have had robust discussions on how to build club numbers. Our main thoughts are that we need focus in on:

- Engaging more senior riders. With the growth of the road programme there is a strong pool of fit and engaged riders. Finding an event, or opportunity, that would entice more of these riders to try the track is a key objective. Given the prevalence of bunch sprint finishes in MNR, we think MNR riders' aspirations would definitely benefit from some time on the track.
- Junior engagement. We continue to work to extend our outreach to local schools. This year we trailed running taster groups direct with schools. The two groups we worked with both greatly enjoyed their sessions but we gained no follow through with riders coming into the track program. Nevertheless, it's still a goal to offer school group track tasters with additional schools this year but also to do so in September/October so that we have a greater chance of new riders coming into the spring track programme.
- Publicity – we need to be more savvy with social media – using it more actively and accurately and maintaining a consistent volume of activity to raise the profile of track cycling.
- Our race programme. The events, the days and the times are all factors that we can adjust in our efforts to recruit a wider range of riders. For example, a corporate pursuit series has been suggested and this might prove to be a useful gateway to track for a number of riders.



## Youth Development Report

### Introduction

The Youth Development Academy has had a productive and positive year. The Academy was created in May 2017 to be a central point for parents and youth riders to connect with and to support riders' participation and progression in the sport.

### The Academy's programme:

The Academy has:

- Worked with Schools to provide a gateway into the sport
- Provided riders with access to coaches – each age group has had a coach as a mentor
- Provided riders with an age group appropriate weekly training programme
- Held off bike education seminars, such as basic bike maintenance
- Hosted a group erg session during the winter months
- Held a regular Sunday group ride, with a café stop, over various distances and routes
- Led a once a week hill climb during the spring months
- Encouraged riders to enter into competitive events
- Supported a van load of riders to travel to the 2017 Rolling Plains one day tour

Our most popular initiative was the weekly erg session held in a school gym every Monday from June to October. Often over a dozen riders would attend and space was at a premium.

### Leadership

The initiative has been developed and carried by Louise Kennedy, Rachel Harris and Chris Ford. The group was ably supported by a number of coaches during the year, and our thanks to Michael Greaves, Shane Melrose, Bailly Saville, Michelle Watts and Richard Hillard for the generous amounts of time and energy they gave to the Academy.

We are looking for more parents to play a role in organizing and supporting initiatives. A pleasing aspect in the past year has been the broad, and growing, number of parents joining the Sunday ride.

### Membership

Membership fluctuates during the year. Many riders have other sports that from time to time take priority, other riders have grown up and moved on, while some have decided that cycling is no longer their thing.

Nevertheless, we have a committed core group of riders, and a number of these were not club members at this point last year – which is evidence that the academy works as an entry point.

### Rider progression

The Academy supported – on a trial and a cost share basis – a few riders to access professional coaching. This is to introduce committed and talented riders to the benefits of being coached. After the trial period the riders decide whether they wish to continue working with the coach.

Feedback has been that this initiative has been valuable to the riders. We will look to continue to offer this on a case by case basis to promising and committed youth riders.

**Next Steps**

We have established a solid basis to the Academy. We are about to get our second winter program underway and we aim to hold a Youth Development camp in the spring and generally further develop the Academy's membership and program.