



**Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc.)  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Minutes of Meeting**

When: Sunday 26 February 2023  
Where: The Rise, 28 Eighth Ave, Maylands  
Time: The meeting commenced at 10.05 am.

**Agenda**

**Attendance:**

Members: **Attendance:**

Members: Allwen Pascoe, Angus King, Ann Wilson, Arie Lemson, Barb King, Boris Roglich, Bruce Robinson, Bruce Shaddock, Carl Sputore, Christine Liddiard, Cliff Miller, Connie Van den Ende, David Grubb, Debbie Grose, Doug Allen, Hilary Beck, Huilin Sun, Ian Grose, Jeremy Knowles, Jane McMahon, John McMahon, Judy Anderson, Judy Wilson, John Farrelly, Kleber Claux, Linda Tompkins, Matthew King, Mary Roglich, Michael Waters, Noel Eddington, Patrick Clancy, Randell Holland, Rita Miller, Robyn Cilli, Ron Bowyer, Sarah Cutts, Silvia Klemenz, Simon Koek, Stuart Crombie, Taka Nukumizu, Terry Bailey, Trevor Knox, Yew Li Cheng. **43**

*Quorum requires 23, attendance 43*

**Returning officers:**

Returning officers Hilary Beck and Ann Wilson appointed:

**1. Welcome**

Stuart (President and chair) welcomed members to the meeting.

**1. Apologies:**

Jane & Paul Millgate, Elsbeth & Richard Marshall, Penny Oldfield, John Gummer, Nick Choy, Jacqueline Billington, Phyll Tiller, Arthur Bishop, Sally Grubb, Rob Lydon, Brian and Rosalee McAuliffe.

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the last AGM held 27 February 2022 (on the website since March 2022).

Acceptance of the minutes moved by Stuart seconded by Ron; the motion was carried unanimously.

**Reports**

Reports were on the website prior to the meeting and remain on the website.

CTAWA committee members provided verbal highlights of their report.

**President** Stuart Crombie

- Compared to the previous year this year's (2022) accidents from tours and rides was much less (2 ribs, 1 wrist injury). This suggests that although the ride groups were larger this year people were more careful.
- Covid: Members thanked for being mindful of the need maintain healthy practices and where there were occasions a rider felt they may have either a cold or covid coming on took the responsible option and stayed away.
- Stuart thanked ride leaders, particularly Connie for leading rides this year. Numbers



were up. Each ride often exceeding 24.

- Tours were again popular even with the threat of covid and some of the camping grounds no longer available. Brian and Christine thanked for their leadership of the 2022 and 2023 OYB.
- Retirees' Run, Queensland Rails, Trails tour, Toodyay long weekend tour and Australind Spoke tour were well attended.
- Stuart also alerted the incoming CTA committee that 2024 would be CTAWA's 50 year anniversary. The implication is that we normally have something special each 10 year anniversary.  
Trevor volunteered to undertake planning and leading a celebratory tour for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Day rides is an ongoing task all year to maintain a calendar with leaders for every Sunday and Wednesday plus the occasional night ride and perhaps may have to be restructured.
- Trevor suggested that a tour to one of the eastern States in a year or two would be good and that he was looking into this.
- The CTA committee has 13 office bearers and members. This is quite large, but means individuals are not burdened with a lot of work. We had looked at operating with just the 4 office bearers and 1 committee member attending meetings, and the other committee members carrying out their duties without having to attend meetings. This may be something the new committee might want to consider.
- Liability insurance continues to be an expensive item. Last year it cost \$3,000 and is expected to increase again this year. It was noted that we do need liability insurance as all local councils require we (they) are covered.
- The storage of the OYB bike trailer is a problem. Disposal is a possibility. Trevor pointed out that because of the age of many members and with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 the trailer would be a requirement. Apparently some members have offered to provide storage. It was suggested that a broadcast to all members be made to establish if a suitable alternative location to Brian's front yard (where it is currently) can be found.

Acceptance of president's report moved by Stuart seconded by Gus motion carried.

#### **Treasurer**

- The position of treasurer has been vacant for 2023 so Stuart informed the AGM of CTAWA's financial position. Using a power point to display graphs and charts, it showed that since 2009/10 to now our assets and cash has been increasing and the CTA is in a very sound financial position.
- Membership for 2022 was 233 which is slightly down.
- Membership fees have been lowered in recent years to comply with recommendation from two year earlier AGM to reduce the funds by lowering costs to the members.
- OYB made a slight profit in 2022.
- Chris Meadwell was treasurer for most of 2022 and when he wasn't able to finish out the year Christine again took over this role. Stuart recorded the CTA's thanks.

Acceptance of treasurer's report moved by Stuart seconded Barbara, motion carried



### **Rides Coordinator (Connie)**

Connie thanked everyone who lead rides in 2022. The ride leaders were made up of both regular leaders and new leaders and this provided rides to new and wonderful locations. A compilation of the rides in 2022 and the number of participants amounted to over 100,000 kilometres.

Acceptance of rides coordinator's report moved by Connie seconded by Noel, motion carried

### **Tours Coordinator (Trevor)**

Trevor briefly mentioned to points of interest about the 2022 tours. Retirees' Run was restricted with limited accommodation so ride numbers were small. Queensland Rails Trails tour was run at the time of adverse conditions and as a consequence participation numbers reduced. Toodyay long weekend tour was popular and Australind Spoke tour was exceptionally well attended. The Southern Dams and Murals Tour (to Collie) organised by Christine in 2021 was also a popular tour. So much so that the Over 55's are planning a tour based on this tour.

Trevor added that there could be more cross exchange of tours between the two associations.

Feedback from tour participants suggests spoke tours are popular.

Although Trevor is stepping down from the position of tours coordinator he will continue to plan and lead tours.

Acceptance of tours coordinator's report moved by Trevor seconded by Stuart, motion carried

### **Achievement Rides (John)**

In 2022 there was in the order of 25 entries in the various achievement rides. John considered it an interesting task to arrange and manage the various achievement rides and will continue to do so in 2023.

Acceptance of achievement ride coordinator's report moved by John seconded by Connie, motion carried.

### **Social (Yew Li)**

There were 6 events for 2022:

Christmas Lunch – Chidlow Tavern

Ride Leaders BBQ (Yew Li applied for and received a \$250 grant from the Department of Transport through Westcycle).

The Whys and Wherefores of OYB Tour

Qld Rail Trail Tour + Q&A with The CTA Panel

Christmas In July

Quiz Night + Talk on Cycling from China to the UK

Yew Li undertook to have interesting choices of foods at the socials. Yew Li thanked all the helpers, Particularly Robyn C. who assisted in the preparation of these nights.

Acceptance of social coordinator's report moved by Yew Li seconded by Sylvia, motion



carried

**Clothing (Liz)**

In the absence of Liz, Stuart reported that stocks were low and will need topping up. Sun protection items like nose cone and sleeves proved to be popular. There may be a demand for other items not currently on offer and suggestions should be made to the 2023 merchandise coordinator.

Acceptance of clothing coordinator's report moved by Stuart seconded by Randell, motion carried

**Website (Gus)**

Gus after 7 years developing and running the CTAWA website will be stepping down as webmaster. Gus indicated that although he would no longer undertake this role he was willing to assist in the behind the scene activities.

Acceptance of webmaster's report moved by Gus seconded by Trevor, motion carried

**Newsletter (Randell)**

Randell compiles a newsletter for each season. The 4 newsletters each year contain a number of interesting articles supplied by members and Randell thanked members for their support. Randell made the comment (Randell's sense of humour creeping into the AGM) that he tried to get a front page photo of the CTAWA president eating a goodie from a bakery.

Acceptance of newsletter editor's report moved by Randell seconded by Ron, motion carried

**OYB 2022 (Brian)**

In the absence of Brian, Christine reported that the 2022 Southern Forests OYB tour had 115 riders including one from Tasmania and one from Germany.

This OYB was possibly one of the hilliest OYB to date.

Christine thanked the OYB Committee and the many volunteers who assisted on tour. The only real concern during the tour was a mechanical problem with the bike trailer.

Acceptance of OYB 2022 leader's report moved by Christine seconded by Terry, motion carried

**OYB 2023 (Christine)**

The 2023 OYB is "The Rivers of the Darling".

Planning is proceeding well and there is just some finalizing of catering outstanding. The route has been modified from the original course in order to keep daily rides to a comfortable distance. This was achieved by removing two of the towns that were in the original planning and substituting two closer towns.

Interestingly Wandering which is the smallest town the OYB will be camping at was the first town to say yes to the tour and yes to being able to handle the catering.

The tour brochure should be available in early April.

Acceptance of OYB 2023 leader's report moved by Christine seconded by Jane, motion



carried

The AGM endorsed the following OYB sub-committee:

Christine Liddiard (Tour Leader)  
Ann Wilson  
Sue Piesse  
Roy Stone  
Terry Bailey  
John Farrelly

### **3. Awards**

These awards recognize the achievement rides or positive influence to the CTA by individuals.

Achievement Ride Recipients – awards presented by John and awarded to:

- I. Merit – Eric, Liz, Greg, Jeremy, Taka.
- II. Achiever – Bruce S.
- III. Challenge – Patrick
- IV. Super Achiever – Linda, Christine and John

Newsletter Article of the Year – presented by Randell to Gary P.

(1) Ride of the Year

i. Most Rides by a Rides Leader - presented by Connie awarded to Connie

ii. Multi Day Ride of the Year – presented by Stuart awarded to Trevor for the Australind Spoke Tour

(2) Cycle Tourist of the Year – presented by Stuart awarded to Brian. Stuart then listed the many areas that Brian had made a contribution to the CTA. As Stuart said at the AGM “Should always take a Brian with you”.

(3) See basis for this award to Brian at the conclusion of these minutes.

### **4. Election of Committee Members for 2023**

Prior to the AGM the only nominations received were for Treasurer, Achievement Rides coordinator and Newsletter editor. All other positions were declared vacant and without a nominated candidate.

In absence of any nominations from the floor some discussion followed, including an earlier option the CTA committee had raised at their meeting to operate with an executive committee of the 4 office bearers and 1 committee member, with the remaining committee members free to attend meetings but not an expectation.

It was noted that because many of the retiring committee members had served for a number of years, this should not be seen as an obstacle in nominating for a position. There is some merit in having committee members being only eligible for a maximum of say 2 continuous years.

Appointment to these positions were called for at the AGM and the following people



volunteered and were elected unanimously:

President – nominated Stuart Crombie, seconded Christine Liddiard elected unopposed. Stuart's willingness to continue as president could be interim if someone else was prepared to step in.

Vice President – nominated Noel Eddington, seconded Stuart Crombie elected unopposed

Treasurer – nominated Bruce Shaddock, seconded Stuart Crombie elected unopposed

Secretary – Jeremy Knowles, elected unopposed.

In accepting the position, Jeremy alerted the meeting he would be absent during the following periods:

27/02/2023 to 1/4/2023

3/7/2023 to 4/10 2023

Christmas period.

The committee will need to cover Jeremy's absence during those times.

Rides Coordinator – nominated Sarah Cutts, seconded Silvia Klemenz elected unopposed

Tours Coordinator – The necessity of having a Tours coordinator was raised. Connie recalled that until about 5 years ago the CTA operated without a Tours Coordinator. Before accepting the cancellation of the position of Tours coordinator the invitation was given to speak against this motion, but no objection received. Meeting agreed that a Tours coordinator not necessary.

AR Rides Coord. – nominated John Farrelly, seconded Stuart Crombie, elected unopposed

Social Coordinator Allwen Pascoe elected unopposed

Webmaster – Simon Koek elected unopposed

Newsletter Editor – nominated Randell Holland seconded Stuart Crombie elected unopposed

Clothing – nominated Connie Van den Ende, seconded Rita Miller, elected unopposed

## **5. General Business**

### **1. Subscriptions (Membership Fees)**

2. Appointment of Auditor – Motion by Doug 'To appoint Martin Gray, a CPA and experienced auditor, as the CTA auditor', seconded Simon, motion carried.

3. CTA Address – Meeting accepted that the CTA postal address will remain the same, namely: PO Box 174 Wembley WA 6913.

### **4. Other business:**

- Bruce suggested that the name badges used for the OYB were printed with too small a font. This could be looked at by the OYB committee.
- Bruce raised concerns about where there were unsafe road surfaces on cycle paths or poor signage warning of dangers and suggested the CTAWA appoint a safety officer.



- **Subscriptions:**  
A schedule of the existing fees from the power point was displayed on a screen. Christine mentioned that the committee was aware the existing level of funds allowed for the CTAWA to meet increased costs without varying the fee structure. Based on a budget she had produced outgoings were expected to increase in 2023 by \$2,000. The meeting agreed to leave prices unchanged.
- There was a suggestion that with an aging membership some rides were too fast or too long. A short discussion suggested that there would always be a balance in the ideal speed/ distance. Connie suggested that when members are unhappy with the rides offered "To put your hand up and lead a ride". This comment supported.
- The CTAWA's approaching 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 was raised. A full pannier tour from Albany to Perth was generally favoured, but other options could be looked at. Trevor announced that he already had been looking into this as was looking at a 16 day ride from 20/04/2024 to 5/5/2024. The possible route would be modified (shortened) and not follow the coastline and offer the riders the choice of staying in chalets. There would be partial support and e-bikes welcome. Trevor will continue to work on this and provide further feedback through the newsletter.

**Winner of Cycle Tourist of the Year: Brian McAuliffe**

Nominator: Christine Liddiard

Reason for nomination: Leadership, Club Support and Innovation

Brian has been a member of the CTA since 2006 with 2022 being his 8th year on the OYB Committee, and the 2nd year he has been the OYB Tour Leader. For the 2022 OYB tour, Brian was instrumental in allowing a small number of e-Bikes on the OYB tour for those long-term members who now, for personal reasons, would otherwise not be able to participate in OYB. Also, on the 2022 OYB tour, when the other two committee members with truck licenses were ill during the tour, Brian drove the truck for 7 of the 9 days of the tour. In mid-2022, when the location for storing the CTA Trailer became no longer available, Brian took the trailer to his house where it has been stored (with some inconvenience) since. Brian has also supported the club by leading several day rides throughout the year. Brian is nominated for his Leadership, Club Support and Innovation

Minutes prepared by Doug Allen, secretary

Approved by:

Stuart Crombie  
President CTAWA

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.