

CYCLE TOURING ASSOCIATION OF WA (Inc)
35th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5 December 2009
at the Loftus Community Centre, Leederville

Meeting Opened: 10:15am

1. Present: Alan Booth, Ron Bowyer, Kleber Claux, Sarah Cutts, Noel Eddington, Mark Ewing, John Faris, Tom Hallam, Lynn Harrison, Mal Harrison, John Hector, Andrew Keay, Geoff Kelly, Simon Koek, Erica Larke, Liz Marshall, Roy Messom, Deb Palacios, Neal Porteous, Colin Prior, Perry Raison, Bruce Robinson, Jeremy Savage, Rowena Scott, Reg Tugwell, Michael Waters, Stephen White, Stan Wiechecki, Ann Wilson

Visitors: None

Apologies: Terry Bailey, Paul Loring

Opening Address: (Tom Hallam)

2. 2008 AGM Minutes:

Tom Hallam moved that the minutes of the 2008 AGM be accepted. It was decided to instead allow these to lie on the table to allow members to read them, and delay their acceptance to the end of this AGM..

3. Reports

3.1 President's Report: (Tom Hallam)

I'd like to keep this short, so sorry in advance if I miss anything. The club is going very well, membership numbers are healthy. There are new tours, new achievement rides and new members. The new "Sustainable Tours" started this year with Noel Eddington leading the "Making Tracks" tour in May. Robert and Joani are leading the next "Ride with a Difference" on 20-28 March 2010. I've heard that there are at least 2 suggestions for future tours in 2011 and 2012.

On your Bike has been going from strength to strength: restricting it to "members only" has not reduced the numbers and if anything has made people more determined to get in early. I've had a number of enquiries about 2010 including membership applications. This year Colin Prior led the extremely successful "Wheels, Wheatbelt and Wildflowers" tour. Next year's "Coast the Rainbow Tour" looks extremely interesting.

I'd like to thank various people for all the work they have done for the club: First, thanks to the committee:

Colin: Vice President/Achievement rides. Always bubbling with enthusiasm; ringing Colin always puts a smile on my face.

Ann: Treasurer. How many years now? Her untiring energy and enthusiasm for the job is only matched by her energy on the bike. She also has a fantastic attention to detail.

Deb: Excellent job as secretary. Always reminding us of upcoming meetings, agenda items and always getting the minutes out promptly.

Erica & John: The wonderful duo who always got the newsletter out on time, even when in New Zealand.

Jeremy: The vital and relentless role of coordinating rides for every weekend.

Stephen: Sorry, the clothing job was more than you expected, but you did do a good job getting it under control.

Mark: Organising the social evenings is not easy. Thanks for your hard work and new ideas.

Bruce: Safety and Promotion. Always bringing up new issues with safety, changes to regulations and Peak Oil.

Nola & Roy: Your contributions at committee meetings and assisting with organisation are much appreciated.

Noel & Colin: I'd like to thank both of you and your committees and volunteers for the tours you coordinated.

There is one final thanks: Thanks to all members for making this a great club. Keep up the fantastic work.

Hope to see you all on a ride sometime.

3.2 Treasurer's Report: (Ann Wilson)

At the end of the CTA financial year from 1st November 2008 to 31st October 2009 the membership funds are \$48,368.60. This figure includes all CTA bank accounts which consist of our main operating account, our investment account, Clothing account, Sustainable tour account, 'On Your Bike' accounts and Clothing inventory.

The CTA accounts and 'On Your Bike' accounts have been audited as separate entities and I will now report on each.

CTA Operating and Investment Accounts, Clothing Account and Inventory

For these accounts the membership funds have made a loss this year of \$2803.02.

The income was \$9,128.63 which is about \$2000 less than last year.

Main contributing items for this have been:

- Minimal sponsorship money (In 2008 this income was for Bikeweek activities which no longer exists for 2009).
- A decrease in membership fees due to the CTA committee having an honorary membership and more members joining in the second half of the year compared to last year. (11 this year as opposed to 5 last year).
- A decrease in clothing sales.

The expenditure was \$11,931.65 which is about \$3000 more than last year.

Main contributing items for this have been:

- Purchase of CTA membership badges to send to new members.
- Providing refreshments at the social meetings that have been held and therefore giving something back to the membership which I advocated at the AGM last year.

The financial status of the club is still very healthy, despite the deficit in funds this year and therefore I strongly recommend, as I did last year, that in 2010 we should continue to subsidise CTA events such as the weekends away and social evenings, which are always well attended.

'Sustainable Tour' Account

The total income was \$3,155.72 and the total expenditure was \$3,351.82 thereby making a slight loss of \$196.10. This is a very good outcome from this inaugural tour as the intention (as in all tours organised by CTA) was to provide the tour at cost price to the membership.

'On Your Bike' Accounts

The audited accounts include some financials from the 2008 tour which occurred in this year's CTA financial year and there are still outstanding financials for this year's 2009 tour and so the auditor's report represents the financial status as at the end of October and is not a report for the 2009 tour as a whole.

The 'On Your Bike' funds at the end of the CTA financial year are \$28,486.16.

For the 2009 tour the total income was \$66,357.43 and the total expenditure was \$59,466.71 thereby making a profit of \$6,890.72 which is just outside 10% of the planned budget on a break even outcome.

There are a few contributing factors for the profit:

1. Income – The sale of badges and shirts of about \$500 was omitted from the budget, an oversight by myself. Otherwise income was as budgeted for.
2. Expenditure – Several items were well under budget:
 - a. The cost of brochures was less by \$1000.
 - b. Refund to volunteers was less by \$600.
 - c. The cost of shirts was less by \$3000.
 - d. The bicycle transport hire of \$1400 was not used.

The Auditor's Reports providing both statements of accounts are available for perusal.

Membership for 2009

The membership for 2009 is 270 which is 9 more members than last year. There have been 51 new members for 2009 which is 18 less from last year. We have therefore retained our current membership and have attracted less new members. The membership type has remained constant with an adult membership type contributing 87% of the membership.

3.3 Clothing Report: (Stephen White)

CTA custodianship transferred

Custodianship of the CTA Clothing account (CTA clothing) for the Cycle Touring Association (CTA) of WA was transferred shortly after the last CTA AGM (6th December 2008) from Deb Palacios (DP) to Stephen White (SW).

Sales to members

CTA clothing has had a year of low sales activity. Sales of clothing items to CTA members have centred on mirrors and socks; only a few jerseys or shirts have been sold. The low level of activity was largely due to a lack of pre-emptive opportunity-taking — for example, clothing or mirrors were only occasionally taken along to Sunday rides or social events. Clothing sales typically peak just before the annual On Your Bike tour (DP, pers. comm.), but that did not happen in 2009. This situation arose both because the clothing custodian (SW) was out of the country for 6 weeks shortly before OYB, and possibly also in part because the OYB organising committee did not widely advertise CTA clothing before the event. However, one jersey, and a few pairs of socks and mirrors were sold to OYB participants at the post-OYB function.

Notwithstanding the low level of pro-activity, mirrors have sold steadily and stock was updated in March with an order of 50 Take-a-Look mirrors from the supplier, Bike Peddler, in Colorado, US. These mirrors are sold to CTA members for \$20, including a small (~ \$1) subsidy per piece from CTA. At the same time, 10 helmet mounting adaptors were bought on a trial basis because a few potential customers had indicated they might be interested. Demand for these has, in fact, been muted.

Issue of sales outside CTA

During the year, there were three enquiries by non-CTA members to buy mirrors from CTA stock. Although the use of mirrors is generally encouraged because of their value as a safety feature, as a matter of policy the CTA committee has discouraged sales of mirrors (or other CTA clothing items) to non-CTA members because: (1) CTA clothing is not a retail business, (2) CTA clothing items are sold to CTA members either at cost or with a small CTA subsidy, so prices would have to be recalculated for sale to non-CTA members, (3) CTA members might be disadvantaged if stock was depleted because of sales to non-CTA members, (4) apart from mirrors, most CTA stock is branded with the CTA logo, and it seems inappropriate have non-CTA members wearing the CTA brand.

At the November 2009 committee meeting, the CTA committee appeared to endorse a suggestion that the clothing custodian use his (or, in future, her) discretion in deciding if and when to sell mirrors to non-CTA members. In general, however, CTA clothing items, including mirrors, will be reserved for CTA members.

In November, SW facilitated a purchase of 30 mirrors by the Over-55 cycling group from Bike Peddler in the US. The Over-55 group, and other such organizations, will, in future, be encouraged to make their own purchases directly from the supplier.

3.4 Social Activities Report: (Mark Ewing)

As the social organiser I have had the pleasure of arranging club social nights of which venues and refreshments are provided and funded by the club (a percentage of your membership goes towards these evenings).

This year's turnout to each of the nights was quite good, but I feel the attendances could grow larger. So keep an eye out in the Chain Letter for the dates and please try and let the organiser know that you intend on coming along to enable him or her to arrange the right amount of catering and keep an eye on numbers if they are limited. Ringing up on the night of the event to RSVP doesn't help us with organizing the catering.

The first club social night was an introduction to Basic First Aid, provided by Australian Red Cross. It proved to be very informative and enjoyable and I also think a member or two went on to do an advanced work place First Aid course through the Red Cross via their employees. Also the facilitator managed to put both Colin and Kleber in their places, they were deemed as the naughty boys of the class.

The second social night was a social gathering at the Loftus community centre with a twist. It was a swap meet bargain fiesta, with cycling parts and other spare bits and pieces. I also think I recall a phone fax machine printer and possibly an electric fan trying to be flogged off as well. Not quite cycling equipment but still there was a bargain to be found by all.

Unfortunately for the next two social nights due to work commitments and being interstate I was unable to attend. The nights were led by Colin and Jeremy and I thank them for helping out. Colin had arranged a great mind boggling quiz night at the Loftus Centre along with light refreshments. Jeremy arranged a question and answer night at the local South Perth Bikeforce with pizzas coffee and great deals provided by Micky. From what I have heard and the feedback from the members that attended, they were a great night out also well attended a great laugh and another chance to socialise with fellow members on and off the bike.

3.5 Ride Coordinator's Report: (Jeremy Savage)

This was my second year as the ride coordinator so I should have learned from some of last year's mistakes, but it has been such a hectic year that unfortunately some of the plans for this year just didn't happen. But there will be next year and I am sure that some really exciting events are not far away!

I need to thank the committee for their continued support and the wonderful people who are always more than happy to lead rides for the club.

Some of the highlights that I believe need to be mentioned for 2009 would be the fantastic Foundation day long weekend ride that was organised (with some last minute hiccups!) by Colin and the by all accounts very successful "Sustainable Tour" organised by Noel and team. All rides need planning and organisation, but to organize a weekend or week away takes some real planning and I take my hat off to anyone who can pull this mean feat off!

I am not planning on continuing as the Ride Coordinator for 2010 as I want to let someone else have a turn, but I do expect that I will still be around and hopefully riding more rather than the less that seems to have happened of late.

I wish whoever is to take on the role all the best and I look forward to putting some of my plans for 2010 into action.

3.6 Achievement Rides Administrator's Report: (Colin Prior)

This is now the third year that I have done the job of Achievement Rides co-ordinator, and it was only while typing out this presentation that it dawned upon me how gratifying the job actually is. As published in the news letter the traditional focus of the series was to present training opportunities for loaded pannier touring using a framework based on Audax randoneer rides of a set distance to be completed in a set time period. The idea being that if a cyclist could complete a particular distance unloaded then they could complete half of that distance loaded up for touring. This was all done while still remaining within the relative comfort of a club ride.

It was good to see that numbers were up on last year, and I believe there were several reasons for this. First and probably foremost we were blessed with some seriously good weather for just about every ride. This was a big difference from 2008, when we did the 5 in 4 in the pouring rain and twice had to cancel/postpone at the start of a ride because of safety concerns. Another reason was that there were some minor changes to the schedule. For example there was a larger than average turnout for the 50 take 1 with many people saying that the only reason they were doing it was because it was run on the course that is traditionally used for the take 2 and they had never ridden it previously. I know I've said it before but I will again ask that everyone bear with some of the other schedule changes that were forced upon us due to there being many other club commitments while the AR series was on, such as Bike week and Noel's highly successful "Making Tracks" tour. There are only so many weekends in the year.

Another change for this year was the introduction of a new ride, the "200 in 2 days", and a new level, "The Achiever", into the series. For that I again wish to thank Rowena Scott, as the "200 in 2 days" was totally her idea. She dreamed it up a while ago when she wanted to do the next level up from the Merit series but thought that doing 200 km in one day was a bit beyond her. The obvious follow on from that was the introduction of a new level in between the Merit and Challenge. These were the first changes to the series since I joined the club in 2002.

As per usual several people used the AR series to obtain Personal Bests in distance. Well done this year to Ali Aydin, Cara MacNish, Rob Lydon, Christina Torres, Dave Hyne and Deb Palacios for their efforts. Thanks also go to Mike, Robyn and Kelly all of whom drove along as support on the longer rides. Quite simply, like ride leaders, if we don't have the support for the achievement rides we don't have the rides.

For the last few years I've always made particular mention of what I believe to be the best ride of the series. In 2007 it was Richard Marshall doing a PB on of all rides the 10 in 8, last year it was Ras Gill doing the 160 on a \$300 mountain bike only a few months after he started riding. This year I would like to mention my wife Deb for her efforts in doing a PB on the 200 tucked in behind my back wheel the whole way and with Jeremy posting regular updates on Facebook from his Iphone. She and then realised that to get to the Challenge level all that was left was the 10 in 8. She had told me so many times that she had no intention of doing it because it seemed so hard but do it she did. Well done Deb

Continuing on from the successes this year there may well be some more minor changes to next year's series. Some of the possible changes include new courses for the 5 in 4, 50 km and 200 in 2 days. None of these are confirmed at the moment so keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

Finally the AR series has usually been done by the VP. To that end I am more than happy to restand for the position or another if it should be so. I would be both humbled and honoured to fill a position on the committee but would fully support anyone else who put their hand.

3.7 On Your Bike

3.7.1 On Your Bike Committee Report 2009: (Colin Prior)

On Your Bike this year was on from September 12th to 20th, starting in Guilderton at the mouth of the Moore River. From there we stayed at Gingin, New Norcia, Wongan Hills, Goomalling, Northam, Toodyay and Gingin again before finishing back at Guilderton.

The main thing I want to say here is to thank everyone who came along and be part of an absolutely fantastic tour. In particular credit needs to go to the vollies without whom it would be quite impossible for the tour to run. Further to that I want to thank some of the unsung people. In particular Bruce Robinson who is with a doubt a stick in the mud about safety but proof of the pudding is definitely in the eating. When I contacted the shire councils and told them of our safety record many of them thought it was an example of the number of accidents we have each year rather than the whole history of CTA and OYB.

Although the riding was great, the roads deserted except for us, the scenery spectacular and the weather gods reasonably kind, it is without a doubt the people on tour that make it so much fun. For example those of us who stayed up will never forget that hilarious night in Goomalling and how good was it standing around all those open fires after the BBQ at Toodyay. As I made mention in the last newsletter and many people have since agreed, nothing though topped Maria thinking that Brian had his little "floozy on the side" along with him. For those who still don't know Brian's floozy was his daughter Bronwyn.

Probably the best compliment that I hear this year came from Dixie Criddle who was one of the green dots (first time OYBers). There were a few of us having a drink in the Gingin hotel and she said that she couldn't believe how smoothly the whole thing ran. She and her husband had been on several of the Bike Vic organised "Great Escapades" and she was adamant that they, as professional event organisers could definitely learn a thing or two from the bunch of keen amateurs that is CTA and OYB.

I also need to again thank the OYB committee of Tony Humphries, Terry Bailey, Allan Duff, Roy Messom and most important of all Ann Wilson. Kleber once told me that Ann is the real driving force behind the whole thing and as per usual he was totally correct. Ann thank you.

To finish with on the last night of OYB I asked of everyone not to thank me for the tour. I'll say again, the best thanks that people can give me is to come along on CTA rides, to support Rob and Joni's Tour with a difference in Busselton next year and of course come on next year's OYB with Terry Bailey.

3.7.2 On Your Bike Committee Report for 2010 tour: (Terry Bailey)

Coast the Rainbow Tour 2010, Saturday 30 October to Sunday 7 November 2010

The 2010 On Your Bike Tour will be following Western Australia's beautiful but rugged southern coast from Bremer Bay to Walpole. The weather along the southern coast is generally cooler with frequent coastal drizzle and showers, which is also why this coastline is known as the Rainbow Coast. We will be within 20 km of the coast for the entire 440 km of the tour, which is why the dates have been pushed back as late as possible to try and get some warmer weather while still avoiding the grain cartage season.

Day 1 of the tour will start with participants being coached from Armadale down to Wagin for lunch, then continuing down to Bremer Bay with an informal afternoon ride around Bremer Bay after arriving. For participants in the south west, there will be the option of secure parking at Wagin where you can join the others for lunch before getting on the coaches to Bremer Bay.

Day 2 we will ride 63 km from Bremer Bay to Boxwood Hill, staying at the Boxwood Hill Sporting Complex.

Day 3 we will ride 90 km from Boxwood Hill to Cheyne Beach, passing through Wellstead and staying at the Cheynes Beach Caravan Park.

Day 4 we will ride 69 km from Cheyne Beach to Albany, passing through Manypeaks, Kalgan and Lower King.

Day 5 is a rest day in Albany for people to explore the many attractions, learn about the history of Western Australia's first settlement, or just relax at one of the beaches or cafes.

Day 6 we will ride 67 km from Albany to Denmark, via the Lower Denmark Road passing through Elleker and Youngs.

Day 7 we will ride 68 km from Denmark to Peaceful Bay via Scotsdale Road, staying at the Peaceful Bay Caravan Park.

Day 8 we will ride 55 km from Peaceful Bay to Walpole via the Tree Top Walk and Hazelvale Road. The last night concert will be held in the Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre.

Day 9 we will ride 25 km from Walpole back to Bow Bridge for morning tea before getting on the bus for the trip back to Perth via Wagin.

3.8 Newsletter Editor's Report: (Erica Larke and John Faris)

The 2008 AGM saw Deb Palacios relinquish the role of Editor of the Chain Letter. The Editor has had one of the larger roles in the Committee and no one person wanted to take on the task. So instead, it was divided predominately between two people. Erica took charge of compiling articles and chasing up various reports from the President and Rides Coordinator. John then took the reins and published the document into a suitable format and liaised with printers.

The new editors retained the format of the Chain Letter attempting to balance CTA details, particularly the President's regular overview of activities, the lift out Rides Calendar section, news of Achievement Rides and Tours both past and present, with topical articles of interest to cyclists and members of the Association. A suggestion was made that the wall to wall text of the President's Report on the front page was uninviting, but the editors considered that the President's Report was really show casing CTA activities and did deserve front page precedence.

However, to increase the immediate appeal of the publication, interest photographs were placed on both front and back pages and the President's Report split with half continued on an inside page. This seems to have been a successful change. The other significant change has been to publish the Chain Letter on the web site in colour rather than black and white as with the print version. We hope that in 2009 we have been able to maintain the high standard set by Deb and her predecessors.

There are some other key people along the way who have been vital to making this process so successful. Leonie Tanner – thank you for organizing the people at Paraquad with folding, labelling and stamping the newsletters before delivering them to Australia Post. Tom too, has helped transporting the newsletter from the printers to Paraquad. Simon – thank you for organizing the database and printing of labels. Thanks also to the committee for their input, advice and above all their detailed proof reading (even if we didn't always agree with some of the suggested changes).

And finally but certainly not least, thank you for all the contributors to the newsletters – a special mention to Colin Prior, Bruce Robinson, John Bell and Sarah Cutts. It is not easy to find new, interesting articles each month. Photos, stories, facts are always gratefully accepted. Keep them coming, after all this is your newsletter.

3.9 Safety Report: (Bruce Robinson)

There have been no serious injuries reported this year, but a number of minor ones. Please let me know of injury crashes, and near misses (both for our records and so we can learn better how to improve our safety standards).

Riders need to be vigilant at all time to reduce risks.

Crashes on CTA Rides

(1) A crash at Kwinana in January at the start of a casual ride saw two cyclists taken off in an ambulance and treated in an emergency department and released. Following too close behind, and

poor braking technique contributed to the crash, as one cyclist went over the handlebars under braking, bringing down a following cyclist.

Paul Loring ran a braking and cornering skills session a couple of months ago to help riders practice emergency braking techniques, and I would recommend that the CTA strongly support more such sessions, and that all members should attend at least one such course.

(2) A crash on OYB left a member with broken ribs, again caused by someone riding too close to the rider ahead.

Moral: It is safer to ride a couple of metres or much more from the rider ahead. Drafting can reduce the effort, but it increases the risk, and one can not look at the scenery.

(3) A crash on the May tour was caused by lack of awareness of the risks posed by angled railway lines which can twist the front wheel and cause a crash, especially in wet weather.. When crossing railway lines, slow down, look for traffic behind, and then cross at right-angles to the rail lines, not at a shallow angle.,

Crashes involving CTA members, but not on CTA events, included:

(1) I hit a fence on a cyclepath and hurt my hand while I was trying to put my reading glasses on over my dark glasses to read the bike-computer. Solution. Bifocal industrial safety sunglasses with reading lenses are available for \$22 in East Perth (www.safetyoptics.com.au)

(2) Kleber lost control on sand on a corner on a path near the Narrows Bridge. Bruises.

(3) Jeremy was hit by a car at night and dented. Extra care and reflective clothing are required at night, and assuming the motorist is aware that a cyclist is nearby is risky.

Moral: It can happen to anyone if we are not all careful and vigilant.

Police crash reporting has been changed and is even more heavily biased against cyclists (which further degrades our share of road safety funding).

Bikewest has discontinued their longstanding and successful e-mail Hazard Reporting System, due to their lack of interest and lack of resources. The replacement web-based system is unfriendly, does not allow the inclusion of photos, and in particular expects the cyclist to work out which of the multitude of road and path authorities are responsible, whereas the previous systems provided that service to cyclists.

3.10 Making Tracks Report: (Noel Eddington)

The Inaugural Sustainable Cycle Tour was run 2-9 May 2009. Starting from the Mandurah Railway Station, it stayed overnight at Waroona (Lake Navarino), Australind, Collie for 2 nights, Williams, Pingelley, York and finishing at Midland railway Station.

I would like to thank firstly Erica for all the work she put in to make the tour the success it was. Along with Mark Ewing who produced the profiles and route directions, Roy who helped out in a variety of ways, and of course Connie, for her support, and the input she gave before, during, and after the tour.

39 riders took part over the 8 day tour. The intention was to have a flexible format where riders were responsible for their own food and could choose the level of accommodation which suited their budget. The age of participants was not restricted, with Kit Boulton (18 months) travelling in a trailer.

It is interesting to note that as a couple Mark and Erica were able to stay in Motels each night for around \$850.

The costs of the Tour were kept very low at \$65.00. This covered the cost of the reconnaissance, printing, and, the biggest expense, the truck hire. With only the one vehicle it placed a greater reliance on each individual to be capable to complete the distance.

The finances came out at a slight loss, mainly due to me not filling the truck with fuel before returning it, thinking they would top it up even if I filled it. Not reading the fine print of a \$2.50 charge per litre, made the difference between breaking even and losing money.

Some observations from the survey of participants (16 out of 39 responded, which is an extremely high response for a survey):

Everyone was able to do the distances, which ranged from 56-90km. The issue raised in the feedback form is that at this time of year you start to run out of daylight quite early, so to complete the ride, buy food, put the tent up, shower, cook dinner and eat dinner; before it was completely dark, was not always possible.

An Esky for food was appreciated by those that took part but needed to be checked and things labelled and perhaps bringing along containers.

The Esky for beer was an interesting one. Although not 'officially' run by the organising group it was agreed to have an Esky for beer. It worked quite well. But as in society people loved or hated the idea of the beer Esky.

Collecting money for camp fees caused some issues. I did this so as the Caravan park office only had one person to deal with. But in hind sight that is their job.

Although the Australiana night in Collie sounded like a good idea we would have been just as happy without it.

Overall the comments back were extremely positive. I also hope that "Making Tracks" is the start of a series of tours offered by the Club. I look forward to "The Tour With a Difference" in March 2010 and wish Joani and Robert every success with this tour.

Thank you for your time this morning.

4. Awards

4.1 Achievement Series Awards:

Since longer rides could be substituted for shorter rides, the spreadsheet showing how the following awards were arrived at is attached to these minutes. Asterisked names (*) indicate the member was not present to accept their mug & badge.

Merit (7)	Bruce Beecham (mug & badge taken by Kleber Claux) Erica Larke Cara Macnish* Perry Raison Andrew Sturman* Lance Whiteford* Patricia Whiteford*
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Achiever (12)	Mike Antonio Kleber Claux Mark Corbett* John Faris Lynn Harrison Mal Harrison Rob Lydon Richard Marshall (mug & badge taken by Liz Marshall) Chris Rowley* Rowena Scott David Van Zyl Mike Waters
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Challenge (6) Stuart Crombie*
 Mark Elliott*
 Liz Marshall
 Deb Palacios
 Bruce Robinson
 Ann Wilson

Super Achiever (3) Mark Ewing
 Colin Prior
 Jeremy Savage

4.2 Ride of the Year:

Foundation Day Tour led by Colin Prior, who will receive a voucher for \$20 to either a bike shop of his choice, or towards purchase of CTA clothing.

4.3 Newsletter Article of the Year:

Riding with Altitude, by Sarah Cutts, who will receive a voucher for \$20 to either a bike shop of her choice, or towards purchase of CTA clothing.

4.4 Cycle Tourist of the Year Award:

Jeremy Savage, who receives honorary membership for 2010, an individual trophy engraved with his name, and his engraved name added to the club's perpetual trophy.

5. Election of Committee for 2010

The following committee were elected:

President:	John Faris Replaces Tom Hallam	nom: Deb Palacios, 2 nd : Noel Eddington
Vice President:	Jeremy Savage Replaces Colin Prior	nom: Mark Ewing, 2 nd : Erica Larke
Secretary:	Rowena Scott Replaces Deb Palacios	nom: Noel Eddington, 2 nd : Tom Hallam
Treasurer:	Ann Wilson	nom: Mark Ewing, 2 nd : Erica Larke
Ordinary members:	Bruce Robinson	nom: Colin Prior, 2 nd : Mike Waters
	Sarah Cutts	nom: John Faris, 2 nd : Mark Ewing
	Roy Messom	nom: Roy Messom, 2 nd : Erica Larke
	Mal Harrison	nom: Erica Larke, 2 nd : Mark Ewing
	Simon Koek	Nom: Mark Ewing, 2 nd : Erica Larke
	Mike Waters	nom: Bruce Robinson, 2 nd : Colin Prior

Outgoing ordinary committee members include Nola Cray, Mark Ewing and Stephen White.

6. Appointment of Auditor

The treasurer recommended that the current auditor be appointed for the next year. The auditor's details are as follows:

John Yarrow
 Chartered Accountant
 329 Great Eastern Highway

REDCLIFFE WA 6104

Ron Bowyer moved to accept, Tom Hallam seconded, passed by members

7. Confirmation of CTA Address

The Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc) address is confirmed as:

PO Box PO Box 174
WEMBLEY WA 6913

8. General Business

8.1 Committee Member Honorary Membership:

The following motion was put by Deb Palacios "I move that CTA Committee positions are as honorary members for 2010 while they remain on the committee". The motion was seconded by Ron Bowyer and passed by the members.

8.2 Membership Subscriptions:

The constitution specifies that membership pricing is to be reviewed and voted on at each AGM. Ann Wilson moved to keep pricing as currently advertised: \$40 Adult renewals, \$35 for new Adults, \$23 for Full-time Students/Pensioners, no charge for dependants under 18. This was seconded by Deb Palacios, and passed by the members. This pricing applies to the 2011 membership year. At the 2010 AGM the club will vote on the 2012 membership pricing.

8.3 Changes to Constitution:

Members were advised through the Nov/Dec 2009 issue of the Chainletter that the AGM would be voting on changes to the CTA constitution. John Faris summarised the information in the article for those present: The existing Constitution only allows for the election of committee members **at an AGM**. There is no mechanism by which vacancies on the committee can be filled at any other time, or by the existing committee acting on its own. The Associations Incorporations Act 1987, Schedule 1 requires our constitution to allow for the filling of casual vacancies on the Committee, and we need to comply with the Act.

John Faris moved that the following articles of the CTA constitution are repealed and replaced with the following:

3. Management of the Association.

The Association shall be managed by a Committee as set out in article four (4) of the constitution. The committee what be elected at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Members of the Committee will serve until the next general meeting at which elections are to take place at which time they will retire but will be eligible for re-election.

4. The Committee

4.1 The Committee shall consist of:

4.1.1 A President

4.1.2 A Vice President

4.1.3 A Secretary

4.1.4 A Treasurer

4.1.5 Up to six other Committee members.

4.2 A casual vacancy on the Committee will occur if a member of the Committee resigns from the Committee, is no longer a member of the Association or in any other way is no longer

eligible to be a member of the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to appoint any member of the Association to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee.

4.3 The Committee shall have the powers to co-opt additional members of the Committee or to seek assistance from the members of the Association.

10. Election of Committee Members

10.1 Nominations of Committee Members will be received by the Secretary up to and on the day of the General Meeting at which an election is to take place. All nominations shall have a proposer and a seconder and shall be announced at the meeting.

10.2 Nominees, proposers and seconds shall be voting members of the Association. Where more than the required number of nominations have been received for any of the position(s) the method of election shall be by ballot.

Tom Hallam seconded the motion. At this time the members present discussed whether or not the wording of the existing motion was clear enough, since section 4.1 indicates a maximum of 10 committee members, and section 4.3 allows "additional members." Bruce Robinson moved an amendment to the motion, to include a point 4.1.6 as follows:

4.1.6 Additional members as may be co-opted by the committee in accordance with rule 4.3.

The amendment was seconded by Tom Hallam and carried.

The amended motion was passed by the members

8.4 Amendment to 8.1 Committee Member Honorary Membership

After the passing of the above changes to the constitution, Deb Palacios commented that with the co-opting of additional committee members, the number of honorary memberships to the club could be detrimental to income. She moved to amend her above statement to read "I move that **elected** CTA Committee positions are as honorary members for 2010 while they remain on the committee", thereby limiting the number of honorary memberships per year to a maximum of 10. This was seconded by Ron Bowyer and passed by the members.

8.5 CTA ride offerings:

Kleber commented that feedback to him from other members to him has indicated the membership wants more "regular rides", and less emphasis on Achievement Rides. He suggested deleting the "Take 2" Achievement Ride offerings. If members can't make the advertised date, they should do the ride on brevet. He also said that many of the rides were "too hard".

Simon Koek noted that in previous years, the Achievement Rides were spaced by 20-35 days, which allowed for members to train adequately and progress their fitness to the next level ride/distance level, while this year's Achievement Rides calendar did not do that.

Jeremy Savage and Colin Prior (Rides Coordinator and Achievement Rides coordinator respectively) agreed that this year's calendar was not optimal, but said that the timing of the Achievement Rides was due to the addition of the "Making Tracks" Tour and several other events outside their control, and that the regular rides on offer were what members volunteered to lead. They said that if CTA members want more "easy" rides, they need to step up and volunteer to lead them, or talk someone else into volunteering.

Kleber Claux also said "Don't forget pannier touring", to which Reg Tugwell commented that there's no reason pannier touring and supported touring can't be combined.

Mark Ewing commented that there are only so many weekends in a year to fit all we want into. Simon Koek commented that the committee really needs to map out a Main Events calendar for each upcoming year.

8.6 Gibb River Challenge May 2010

Colin Prior, Jeremy Savage, Roy Messom and Mark Ewing are registering a team for the Gibb River Challenge. This is a 700+km ride on unsealed roads, benefiting the charity of their choice, which is Canteen. Colin asked the members present if they would be willing to subsidize the trip in some way (either towards the cost of travel to and from, or for the charity itself). He said since all 4 riders were on the committee, he felt going to the committee could be a potential conflict of interest, and wanted to raise the question amongst the members. Further discussion indicated that the membership was hesitant to have the club support one charity over another, but that listing the details of the ride/riders in the Chainletter, and inviting individual donations that way would be acceptable.

8.7 2008 AGM minutes:

Ron Bowyer moving that the 2008 AGM minutes be accepted with the following amendments: Pt 1, Apologies: the spelling of Stan Wiechecki's name be corrected, and Pt 4.1, 3rd paragraph "Making Tacks" be corrected to "Making Tracks". This was seconded by Tom Hallam and passed by the members.

Meeting concluded: 1:00