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Chairman's Report – 6 December 2009

Welcome to the Inaugural Department of Cycling AGM, it is hard to believe that it was this time last year that we presented the idea of starting a cycling club. One year on we have not only started a cycling club but also attracted 100 members and have supported some fantastic events.

There were initial hoops to jump through with registering a club (unfortunately we could not register as a religion) setting up the financials, scheduling monthly meetings and setting out a plan for the year.

From the start DoC was always going to be different, building on the huge effort that Jeff and Jakub started with at AvantiPlus to build a community of like minded people. As the community grew it was obvious that a good thing had started and it was time to formalise it.

The club also set out to advocate cycling and we have worked with Waitakere City Council on a number of initiatives from helping design safely signage on Scenic Drive through to drafting a proposal to develop the Birdwood and Te Rangi Hiroa Reserves.

In a time of financial uncertainty it has been humbling to see the number of people join DoC and to get their friends and families involved, increasing that all ready started community spirit people.

People have asked me what's in DoC for me, why would I join? I think the answer is pretty simple, through cycling we have gathered a unique bunch of people that want to further themselves in the sport but also to support and motivate each other. It is great to see people achieving their goals from riding 4 laps around Taupo to buying a bike for the first time and completing the 35k Saturday morning loop.

I think we have exceeded what we set out to do in 2008, now it is time to plan for 2010 and beyond, but first I would like to thank our 2009 committee,

Jeff Webb for being the driving force to get the club started and to share his vision of creating the world's best cycling club.

Catherine Webb for making sausage rolls for the meetings... oh and for doing the most amazing job at managing the membership list and organising the membership packs.

To Barb Jackson for putting in some many hours of her own time to help organise events and fundraising

To Rochelle Young, for doing a stellar job as club secretary, organising awesome weekends away and for being the main liaison between us and the Council Rotorua / Taupo, Oki Doki to name a couple

Gary Hutchinson, for making sure that we don't spend more money than we have, and for providing endless entertainment both on and off the bike.

To Craig Thompson for coming on board as our mountain bike delegate, your help in building the mountain bike side of the club up will be hugely appreciated.

And finally to everyone that has joined the Department of Cycling thank you for your support not only to the club but to fellow members for making the first year of DoC absolutely amazing.

Cheers

Jamie