

Harrogate Advanced Bikes Annual General Meeting 11th March 2013

Present:

28 members
Bob Hill (BH), Chairman
Doug Masterton (DM), Treasurer
Pauline Simms (PS), Chief Observer
David Haywood (DH), Secretary (temp)

Apologies:

Paul Barker

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated that David Haywood would be acting as Secretary to the meeting as Mike Fourie is away on holiday.

The minutes from the 2012 AGM were accepted as read and approved.

Proposed by Tim Simms Seconded by Paul Dresser

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Bob Hill gave thanks to all committee members serving over the last 12 months, his first year as HAB Chairman.

Bob thanked everyone who organised group ride outs last year and reminded members that planning these events is not an easy task and sometimes a thankless one. All rides have been well attended.

Thanks to everyone involved in training and to all group Observers.

Steve Briggs is standing down as Events Secretary. Bob in particular thanked him for his efforts collecting cash for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance - a total of £266 has been collected in the past year.

IAM have now introduced a new database for group members and it is hoped this will help make life easier and more efficient. A number of new Observers have qualified through the year while some qualified Observers have attained Senior Observer status.

As for the coming year, Bob said he wanted the club to continue to improve and to promote itself better with the goal of increasing membership numbers. He emphasised that recommendations from existing members to friends and family are one of the best ways of promoting new membership.

Acceptance of Chairman's Report:

Proposed by Andy Pratt Seconded by Aisla

Training Report

Chief Observer Pauline Simms presented her report for the year.

Associates

2012 has been a good year with 15 new Associates and 8 passes. 6 of the 2012 Associates are carrying on with their training this Spring with 3 new members joining them.

Observers

A total of 11 Observers are continuing this year with 3 members wishing to become Observers in 2013.

Pauline said that new Observers will from now on be progressed to the new IMI format. Anyone interested in becoming an Observer should register their interest.

4 people progressed to Senior Observer level last year with one more in the process.

A group of 3 Observers are to attend training at IAM to learn more of the new IMI format.

Training

(i) A training session for new Observers was held in the Spring. Once newly appointed group Observers have completed their initial training and had a ride out with the CO, they are allocated an Associate.

(ii) 2 lots of Theory sessions were held in 2012 introducing the new Saturday morning format which has worked well and is to be repeated in 2013. Emphasised that feedback from tests nationally shows theory is the overall weakness.

(iii) The slow riding skills and gymkhana event is to be repeated in 2013.

Ride-outs

Pauline said that work is needed to ascertain preferences regarding type of rides and distances.

Learning from critical incidents has focused attention on managing the group ride-outs.

Group insurance

Pauline stressed that the club welcomes riders to come out with the group for a "trial" before making a commitment to Skills for Life and stressed that regular riders must be Associate or Full Members of IAM - i.e. their subs must be paid up to ensure membership is confirmed. Where there was need for clarification on membership status, e.g. the IAM database not being up-to-date, Pauline has emailed adherents asking for clarification.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the year were circulated to those present and Treasurer Doug Masterton presented his report.

Doug summarised income and expenditure for the year and said that all transactions and reports were available for inspection by any member.

Club subs remain at £15. The IAM pay the club £31 for each new Associate joining the Skills for Life programme.

Doug said that the 2012 accounts covered the first full year since the year end change. The annual club dinner charge was too late to be included in 2012 and will appear in next year's accounts.

34 members have paid up for the current year and DM made a request that all outstanding subs be paid ASAP.

Doug pointed out that meetings at Bilton accounted for the bulk of the expenditure; also that expenditure has been subsidised to a certain extent by the lack of website costs. As a consequence, assets are artificially high due to the lack of expenditure included.

Acceptance of 2012 accounts:

Proposed by Roy Beniston

Seconded by Tim Simms

Election of Executive and Management Group Members

In accordance with club rules the entire management group stood down.

DH said that Bob Hill was the only nomination for Chairman and asked for a vote of approval.

Bob Hill was re-elected unanimously and took over control of the meeting.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands in favour of Doug Masterton being re-elected Treasurer and this was carried unanimously.

Mike Fourie is standing down as membership Secretary and David Haywood was proposed by Bob Hill and Mike Fourie to replace him. A show of hands in favour was requested and the motion carried unanimously.

In addition to the executive posts Bob said that his committee would be made up as follows:

Paul Dresser - overall responsibility for the website

Andy Pratt - responsibility for group ride-outs

Mike Fourie - Events Secretary

Pauline Simms - Chief Observer

Tim Simms - help to the CO

Any other business

John Arnott questioned the amount paid to the group by the IAM for each new associate (i.e. out of the Skills for Life total fee) and felt this was too low at £31. The IAM representative present at the meeting stated that the (approximate) makeup of the total fee was: £31 to the group; £65 for the advanced test; £10 for the Skills for Life training book with the balance Admin related. A general discussion ensued before the Chairman intervened to say that, at the end of the day, HAB are affiliated to the IAM and therefore we have to accept the status quo.

Paul Higgins asked about Saturday ride-outs. Bob stated that although official rides are on Sundays, other rides can be organised independently.

Next meeting

The next AGM is to be held on Monday 10th March 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.