

Harrogate Advanced Bikes Annual General Meeting 10th March 2014

Present:

24 members + 1 guest

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

Apologies:

Apologies received from Mike Fourie, Mark Tanner, Mike Holroyde, Steve Corson and Toby Shaw

The minutes from the 2013 AGM were accepted as read and approved.

**Proposed by Barry Ring
Seconded by Graeme Rimer**

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Bob Hill thanked everyone for a successful year. Bob said there had been a big change to training style and the ethos of the club which he found particularly pleasing.

Club group ride outs continue to be well attended with between 15 and 25 members attending each month and a club weekend trip to Wales was organised in May (thanks to Barry Ring). Bob invited members to put forward other ideas/venues for the coming year.

There have been 8 test passes in the year and 3 National Observer passes. We also have a new Observer who has joined us from elsewhere.

The club's first Open Day held last September had a good turnout with 8 potential new member attendees of which 3 are now group Associates continuing into the new year.

Secretary's Report

David Haywood said that there had been 14 new members joining the club as Associates in the last 12 months.

There has been good attendance at all meetings and David thanked in particular ride out leaders for their time and effort in making these happen. He stressed that we are still looking for ride out leaders for certain months through the season and invited members to put themselves forward.

A number of club events are already planned for 2014:

Sun 27 Apr	Slow riding event
Mon 5 May	Group ride to BSB race at Oulton Park
Sat 13 Sep	Group BBQ
Sat 27 Sep	Club Open Day
Sat 27 Jan	(2015) Seasonal Dinner

With regard to the Seasonal Dinner next year, David said the venue had still to be decided and asked for any suggestions from members to be put forward.

We are keen to have another Club weekend away and Barry Ring has said he will organise this, probably to Wales again. Details to be put up on the website as soon as possible.

David said that the committee were keen to discover what members thoughts were on how their club could be improved, together with their likes or dislikes etc. To this end a link will be published on the website to an online Questionnaire. This will be a fairly simple affair taking only a few minutes to complete; David asked that all members filled in the Questionnaire as their feedback is vital to move the club forward.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Masterton said the Annual Accounts 2013 document was just a snapshot of the situation as of December 31st. An advance payment for the annual dinner in January was not included and accruing for this payment showed a book loss of just £2.69 - effectively breaking even.

Doug warned that increased catering costs at Bilton meant we would be paying an extra £10 per night in future (from £30 to £40). The club will continue to subsidise food such as the cafe at the Slow Riding event.

The committee feels there is no need to increase subscriptions at this point but Doug stressed the importance of being vigilant collecting contributions from members at meetings and ride outs.

Doug pointed out that IAM membership is a prerequisite of HAB membership. From the floor, Barry Ring asked about social members; Doug advised that non-riding members are welcome to join the club as social members but riding members must have IAM membership to comply with IAM insurance requirements. The only caveat is that a potential member can be invited to a ride with the group, but this for a single, trial ride only.

The Secretary informed the meeting that all Officers of the Club were now standing down.

Bob Hill has offered to stand again as Chairman and no other nominations have been received. Bob told the attendees that anyone can stand for Chairman and that no offence would be taken if anyone wanted to stand against him.

Bob Hill was voted in as Chairman unanimously.

**Proposed by Paul Dresser
Seconded by John Blanchfield**

The Chairman said that Doug Masterton was standing down as Treasurer and was proposing Andrew Pratt as the new Treasurer.

Andrew Pratt unanimously voted in as Treasurer

**Proposed by Bob Hill
Seconded by Doug Masterton**

Bob Hill gave thanks to Doug for all the hard work he has put in over recent years as Treasurer.

David Haywood has offered to stand again as Secretary and no other nominations have been received.

David Haywood unanimously voted in as Secretary

**Proposed by Doug Masterton
Seconded by Paul Dresser**

Bob Hill told the meeting that the group is to have a Vice Chairman for the first time and that Doug Masterton had put himself forward.

Doug Masterton unanimously voted in as Vice Chairman

**Proposed by Bob Hill
Seconded by David Haywood**

In addition to the executive officer posts the remainder of the committee will remain as before:

Paul Dresser - overall responsibility for the website

Mike Fourie - Events Secretary

Pauline Simms - Chief Observer

Tim Simms - help to the CO

Andy Pratt will continue as co-ordinator for group ride-outs in addition to his new post as Treasurer.

Chief Observer's Training Report

Pauline Simms reaffirmed the good year enjoyed by the club and gave thanks to all Observers and Group Members.

In 2013 there had been 13 new associates with 8 test passes and 5 carried over.

The two Theory Sessions held in the year had both enjoyed good support.

23 people came to the Slow Riding Workshop and the Open Day attracted 8 visitors. 3 of the 8 signed up for Skills for Life and one ex-police rider joined the club as an Observer.

Bob Hill gave thanks to Pauline for all her hard work through the year.

Any other business

The Chairman stressed the importance of members encouraging bike riding friends, family and contacts to join the club and to promote the club and the Open Day wherever possible.

Malcolm Lonsdale from the IAM asked if radios were used by Observers. Bob Hill said he thought radios were best limited to more advanced training. Malcolm agreed but said that radio training would come in. A show of hands was requested but this was inconclusive; only one person thought it would be an advantage.

On the subject of membership of the IAM being a requirement of HAB membership, David Haywood said that members/guests will be asked to sign-in on an attendance sheet at future ride outs.

Alex (Sandy) Patrick reminded the Secretary that he never receives the automated club emails; at least one other member said they had the same problem. David Haywood said that he was aware of this issue but that no one's been able to discover what's actually causing this. David suggested that he email all members manually to ask if they were getting the automated emails. Anyone saying they were not could then be put on a list and have a manual email sent each time.

Next meeting

The next AGM is to be held on Monday 9th March 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

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