

Harrogate Advanced bikes - Committee meeting - Wednesday 23 July 2014

Minutes of meeting.

Present

Bob Hill
Pauline Simms
Barry Ring (Guest)
Andy Pratt
Doug Masterton
Paul Dresser
Tim Simms

Apologies David Haywood, Mike Fourie.

Meeting started 7.30pm, Bilton Cricket club.

- 1) Minutes of last meeting, discussed and agreed as accurate.
- 2) September open day.

Agreed last open day was a success but considered changes to be implemented.

Location still to be Bilton Cricket club, Saturday 27th September
Suggested earlier advertising to gain more interest, duties duly distributed as.

PJD - Website, leaflet distribution to Bradford and Shipley area.

DH - Copy of last year's flyer with amendments to date.

DM - Radio, Stray FM etc.

RDH - Contact local papers, Harrogate and Wetherby Advertisers etc.

PS - NY Police and Bike safe.

BR - Motorcycle News meeting section

AP - Discuss tie in with Get Geared and possible sponsorship for prize draw.

Format of day: Sessions at 10am, 11am and 12am, briefing and assessed ride with observer.

Tea and biscuits provided during day.

Attendees to be entered into a prize draw (subject to sponsorship)

Suggested that all Observers should be invited to attend and their input would be valuable to the day, all members invited - bring a friend to increase numbers.

Paul dresser to publicise event and winners on website after the event.

- 3) Training - Pauline gave mid-season training report.

Went through current associates and status

Due to lack of new associates for second cohort of the year the theory session would not be run.

Discussed issues with York IAM members being dissatisfied and have approached HAB ???

Graeme Rimer resigned as Observer

Pauline advised she intended to step down as Chief Observer after this season.
Agreed to canvas membership for who would be interested in taking up the role.

4) Admin

David Haywood has updated the subscription database and is now up to date.

DH in absence requested to look into status with IAM of honorary, associate and non-riding members, what are the rules? Concerned that the club could lose members who don't ride or do not want to be IAM members.

5) Discussed low turnout and lack of structure to Monday evening rides, suggested it was difficult for some members to get out for a ride in the evening.

Suggested that we shorten the riding season for Monday rides to May, June, July and August with the other months hosted by Bilton Cricket club. - Invite members' comments.

Discussed that the September ride should be just a meet at Squires Café, if agreeable to be published on the website.

6) Events to create a more social and inclusive club atmosphere.

It was discussed that because of the nature of our meetings in that on Sundays we went for a ride and the only times that members could talk was during stops that it may be in the clubs interest to organise more social events. Suggestions were:

NEC Bike show
BSB Events

I2I Training (Group and club discounts)
Gymkhana - RDH,DM,PJD,JB attended one and good fun
Weekend trips - BR Wales in September, discussed Lakes for next year.
Get Geared open day.

Appleyards Evening, Other bike makers open days and test ride events
Rally's and days out, The Yorkshire Rally, could we organise our own for Members instead of a ride out - RDH to investigate.

Bike safe - Group Booking
Charity Ride - Air ambulance.

Treasure Hunt/Scatter Rally format. RDH & AJP to liaise on this.

More challenging rides.
Off road experiences
Track days.

For now we agreed that Barry Ring is doing the weekend in Wales, Tim Simms would organise a minibus/coach for NEC in November and Paul Dresser would organise BSB Oulton Park next May.

All members invited to comment on these activities.

Meeting Closed 9 pm.