

Harrogate Advanced Bikes

Committee Meeting - Bilton Cricket Club - 30 December 2014

Present:

Bob Hill

Doug Masterton

Mike Fourie

Andrew Pratt

Paul Dresser

David Haywood

1. Apologies received from Pauline Simms and Tim Simms.
2. Minutes from the last meeting on 23 July 2014 read and approved.
3. Theory sessions for Associates / Observers: DM wanted clarification on whether one or two sessions should be held in the year and to finalise date/s. Both DM and BH stressed the importance of these sessions to ensure key messages are given to everyone at the same time, in particular to Observers so that they all give out the same key points. BH felt strongly that Associates should be forced to go to the theory session/s first before starting any observed rides, i.e. along with their Observer - if for no other reason than that this demonstrated a high level of commitment to the course, something stressed in the theory sessions anyway. DM said there had been instances where Associates taking their cross-check had been found to be lacking in key areas such as positioning etc. AP felt this was more a question of Observer training rather than general theory sessions and thought we should revisit the i2i Observer Course to get all Observers up to the standard required by the IAM. DM agreed with this and said he would look into the cost of putting this in place.

Dates agreed for Theory sessions:

- (i) Sat 7th and Sat 14th March 2015
- (ii) Sat 6th and Sat 13th June 2015

Dates agreed for Slow Riding days:

- (i) Sun 26th April 2015
- (ii) Sun 26th July 2015

***DM to look at cost of i2i Observer training
DM to fix venue for Theory / Slow Riding sessions
DH to put dates on website calendar***

4. DM suggested that one summer ride out be associated with a charity fund and that this might also get publicity for the club. All agreed with this in principle and that thought should be given to the idea, i.e. which charity etc. so that a decision can be made at a later date. AP thought it would be best to choose a charity that was linked in some way to a club member to make it more meaningful.

The Ride Out schedule for 2015 was also discussed. Agreed to continue with 3rd Sunday of the month starting 15th March with the last ride out on 18th October.

One of the Ride Out dates may be used for a Treasure Hunt to be organised by AP and BH unless volunteers are found for all dates in which case a Treasure Hunt could be scheduled as a separate event.

AP to ask for ride out leader volunteers and to publish schedule

5. Marketing and club events.

BH said he had left club leaflets with Allan Jefferies sales department and that they had promised to put one of these in the documents pack with all new bikes sold. He also thought that 'club cards' should be procured so that any club member who wanted to could have a batch for handing out to other bikers they might get talking to etc.

Jefferies have also told BH that, when they have a bike launch, club representatives could sit in the coffee area with a small stand/table and a banner advertising the club/IAM.

MF kindly offered to hold a club BBQ again in Ilkley. Date set for 4th July 2015.

***DH to ask IAM if there is a banner available for loan
DH to put BBQ on website calendar pending new Events page***

BH said he thought the website needed bringing up to date as certain sections haven't been updated recently, for example the Calendar is not kept up to date and the About Us page is woefully out of date.

PD suggested that a new page be added for 'Upcoming Events' so that items such as the annual dinner could be added with relatively easy access.

DM thought it important that those members of the committee who wanted to make their own postings should continue to do so, rather than just one person having responsibility which can create a bottleneck.

DH said we should consider doing away with the 'Event Calendar' as such and replace this with the 'Upcoming Events' page.

DH and PD to liaise on updating website going forward

6. Club meetings programme - Monday evenings in the summer.

2nd Monday evening in May / June / July / August to continue as ride out events.

2nd Monday evening in April and September to be indoor meets at BCC (or another venue if appropriate).

The December quiz meeting at BCC on the 2nd Monday to continue for 2015.

DH to ensure BCC is booked

7. Membership items:

DH said he'd received a suggestion some time ago asking the committee to consider having 'Machine Control' sessions on an evening to give more members the chance to participate. It was pointed out that we are holding two Slow Riding events in 2015 instead of one which will enable more people to attend. It was also felt that we could give up one of the 2nd Monday evening events to this if this was of interest.

DH to add this to Questionnaire

DH asked for clarification on HAB membership status for Associates vis-a-vis their IAM membership renewal; this quickly sidetracked into a discussion on whether the club can operate under different rules to those laid down by the IAM. DM said he was going to 'phone IAM for clarification and, under the circumstances, it was agreed to postpone this discussion until the next meeting.

DM to contact IAM

Suggestion received from a member that a profile page be set up on the website where members can post up their own details with photo to make it easier for others to recognise them. Although a good idea it was felt this would be impractical to maintain. It was also felt that the best way to get to know people was to make a point of speaking with them and if necessary asking their name.

8. Members Questionnaire

Agreed that all members be sent a link to the Survey Monkey online questionnaire as soon as possible.

9. Any other business

(i) Should a training log book be made available for Observers to complete and pass on to their Associate. Recommended by IAM but not compulsory. No decision made - left for DM to consider in his role of Chief Observer.

(ii) IAM are considering holding an event at Elvington in 2015 for cars and bikes covering Slow Riding, Local/National Observer training, Masters Training etc. Would we be willing to support this? Decided to wait until we have more information on this.

DH to reply to original email to this effect

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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