

Harrogate Advanced Bikes

Committee Meeting - Bilton Cricket Club - 12 February 2015

Present:

Bob Hill

Doug Masterton

Mike Fourie

Andrew Pratt

David Haywood

1. Apologies received from Paul Dresser.

Pauline and Tim Simms have both resigned from the committee owing to other commitments.

2. Approval of minutes from the 30 Dec 2014 meeting

Matters arising:

(i) Theory sessions at BCC; DM still awaiting reply regarding use of the car park

DM chasing up

(ii) The banner leant by IAM needs returning to them.

BH to give to DH - DH to return to IAM

Minutes approved.

3. AGM, March 9th 2015

AP warned that the accounts for 2014 would show an overspend against income of £231. The group's bank balance is still healthy however, with a surplus of around £4.5k.

Agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £15 but that the monthly Monday night meeting charge should be raised from £1 per head to £2. This was considered more than reasonable as the group have been subsidising the food at these events by around £30 per meeting. It was also pointed out that the amount collected each month rarely if ever matched the number of people attending; i.e. some are not paying at all.

Agreed group Treasurer should raise this issue and inform membership of the increase at the AGM.

AP to progress

DH suggested that the three club officers write up their respective reports and circulate it to the other officers. Hopefully this will avoid officers repeating what others had already said.

BH, DH and AP to write draft report and circulate to each other

MF asked if we would be actively seeking other committee members now that Pauline and Tim have resigned; DH suggested this be added to the forthcoming questionnaire (to be published in advance of the AGM).

DH to progress

A copy of the AGM format to be sent to the Chairman.

DH to email

Written nomination forms are required for all club officers seeking re-election
All serving officers with the exception of vice-chairman Doug Masterton are putting themselves forward for re-election:

Bob Hill, Chairman - nominated by Doug Masterton, seconded by Mike Fourie
David Haywood, Secretary - nominated by Andrew Pratt, seconded by Bob Hill
Andrew Pratt, Treasurer - nominated by Doug Masterton, seconded by David Haywood

The office of vice-chairman is now vacant and should be advertised as such.

DH to progress

4. IAM / HAB membership rules

Agreed that the club has no option but to continue operating under IAM rules. As the group is affiliated to the IAM we are obliged to ensure that all club members have current IAM membership; this is particularly important for all activities involving the riding of motorcycles.

This to be emphasised at outdoor events by insisting that all present sign the Event Attendees list

DH to ensure all future event leaders/organisers are provided with an Event Attendees print out

AP to tell all ride leaders that it is their responsibility (or the person they've nominated to ride as tail ender) to have the Attendee list signed by everyone joining the event and that all present must have active membership of the IAM.

AP to progress

BH suggested that an aide-memoire be issued for the benefit of ride-out leaders to ensure that a standard pre-event briefing is given covering all the main points, e.g. IAM membership, potential hazards en route etc. This to include guidance on what to say to an individual who has turned up for a ride-out but does not have active IAM membership.

DM to draft the aide-memoire

Event postings on the website must include the following text:

Overview of IAM rules covering Group Ride Outs:

Everyone joining the Group Ride must:

- Have current IAM membership***
- Recognise they are personally responsible for their own safety and the actions they take***
- Obey traffic laws at all times***
- Be riding a bike which is properly licenced, insured and MOT'd***
- Be familiar with the 'drop off' system for marking the route (explained at pre-ride briefing)***

A full copy of the IAM's 'Group Organised Rides' guide is available for download from the IAM website.

(i.e. the same text as appears on the Event Attendees list mentioned above).

DH to progress

With regard to HAB membership, AP stated that 40 members have already renewed for 2015. A reminder letter to be sent all those who have not yet renewed.

DH to send Reminder emails

5. 'Green Badge Holder' ride outs

AP suggested that maybe the club should consider additional ride outs to the scheduled 3rd Sunday ride, aimed at experienced riders only. These would be limited to riders who have passed their Advanced test and exclude Associate members and guests. The objective would be to allow potentially longer, more progressive and more challenging routes. This is something some groups in other areas do already.

After much debate it was considered separate events such as this might appear elitist and that it was best to stick to the third Sunday rides. We should not, however, discourage longer, more challenging rides so long as they were advertised as such beforehand. On that basis an inexperienced rider could make his or her own decision whether or not to go.

We should also make the pre-ride briefing more explicit and stress to everyone that, with the drop-off system, faster riders can (and are encouraged) to overtake as long as they do so safely and legally.

Furthermore, ride leaders should be told to make good progress at all times and, as long as they have at least one other rider in view, not to be too concerned about what's happening behind.

On a separate note, all agreed we should encourage different members to lead ride-outs.

AP to progress

6. Any other business

DH asked if he could be provided with a list of all current Observers

DM to provide list

BH asked for an up-to-date membership list.

DH to provide list

BH said that i2i have offered to give us two free places for one of their 'Machine Control 2' days, worth around £175 each. One thought was to get members to sign up for MC2 through the club then give a collective discount based on the £350 saved. Decision held over on this.

BH felt that there was a danger that committee members, himself included, talk amongst themselves too much at meetings and should make more effort to chat with different members. All agreed with this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

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