

HARROGATE ADVANCED BIKES AGM

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019, 7:30 – 8:45PM

LOCATION: BILTON CRICKET CLUB

APOLOGIES:

Richard Stembrowicz (Treasurer)

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 MINUTES:

2018 minutes were approved by all.

AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF THE 2018 MINUTES:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

SECRETARIES REPORT:

TREASURER REPORT:

CHIEF OBSERVER REPORT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- CHAIRMAN
- VICE CHAIRMAN
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

RIDE-OUT COORDINATOR:

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS

CHAIR

2018 has been a successful year; we have had a number of good speakers at evening meetings, evening rides ,a full programme of monthly Sunday and midweek rides and a 2 day trip away. Our 'Skills For Life' activity has led to a good number of Associates passing their Advanced Test and there has been Slow

Riding training for all and Theory Sessions for Associates. Bob Hill will be providing more details in this in his report.

Financially we are in good health which is always good to know. More details from the Treasurer later. The General Data Protection Regulations have been considered by the Committee and, thanks to the work done by our Secretary Paul, the Club appears to be acting in accordance with this law.

So what can we look forward to in 2019

The Objectives of the Club are to deliver the 'Skills for Life' programme on behalf of IAM Roadsmart and provide a social calendar for members. With Bob Hill in charge we certainly deliver the 'Skills for Life'. Associates are met and greeted into the Club and given an initial riding assessment. So far Associates have been able to be assigned to an Observer quickly and we hope that can continue.

Socially I feel this year is going to be better than ever. The Committee has tried hard with this year's plan to be a bit more ambitious and organised so to offer more rides and events than ever before. These days winters are so mild that we're just as likely to get a nice sunny dry day in January as in July and with that in mind we have decided to continue the monthly Sunday rides throughout the year. The monthly Wednesday rides already run throughout the year. It's worth noting that when I joined the Club about 10 years ago there were approximately 15 rides in the year and now we have a potential 31. This offers choice for those with other life commitments to have a good number of rides in the year. This change does however place extra pressure on those members willing to organise and lead rides so I renew my plea to all members to consider offering to lead a ride or at least propose suitable new destinations.

Over the years there has been much debate about the size of the Club and the need to increase member numbers. Efforts have been made to do this with very limited success. Whilst always open to the opportunities to attract more new members I have come to realise that given our location we are unlikely to ever achieve the high numbers of say the West Yorks Group with its 150 members. Our numbers are nonetheless reasonably consistent and I feel it's important that what we do we do well in the hope that we can retain the members we have.

If anyone feels we can do things better please tell us or more importantly join the Committee and give us the benefit of your ideas.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members and Club officials for their work throughout the year and also, of course, the Observers and Ride Leaders all of who contribute to the success of the Club.

SECRETARY

Confirmed paid up members for 2018-19 stands at 47 which has been confirmed by the treasurer and checked against the IAM database DTE.

This year has seen the adoption of GDPR by the IAM and as an affiliated group we have ensured compliance with legal requirements and IAM GDPR policy. This has entailed a review of data retention and use. All members have been contacted with an 'Opt Out' form where we can be informed if any member has a specific issue with retention of personal data for club use only.

All communications are driven through the website using an email distribution list and blog type news feed. All new members are added to this as they join. If anyone is not receiving these regular emails please let me know (pjd0568@gmail.com)

Committee meeting minutes and the AGM minutes will be posted via the website also.

If anyone wants to put content on the website such as an interesting ride, a planned ride or trip or just something interesting then this can be forwarded to my and I will post on your behalf. You can include photo's and attachments. (Jpeg/PDF best).

The IAM DTE is an online database of all members details. The IAM has confirmed that this is secure and GDPR compliant (new data regs), if anyone feels that information is incorrect or changes their details please let me know and I will check/update.

The website is also up-to-date with meeting and ride out dates so should be considered as a central point for all club related information.

Treasurer

These accounts are presented to show a snapshot of the Group finances for the financial year from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018. The previous year's figures are also shown for comparison.

Once again Group member Mr. Colin Bradley has audited these accounts, for which the Committee pass on sincere thanks.

Our total cash assets have reduced from the 2017 balance by £610.93 as at 31st December 2018. However, adjusting for monies received in 2017 for the 2018 year, less those received in 2018 for the 2019 year (a balance of £95), we have spent some £515.93 more than our income.

This adjustment is necessary because, as we have major income and expenditure in December and February (subscriptions and dinner), the timing of the receipts of these amounts influences our year-end balance.

Our accounts continue to be healthy, with year-end total cash assets of £4,465.04. The committee recognises that this is a significant sum and continually seeks to find ways of using our funds to promote safer riding within the group and the wider biking community.

In line with the IAM, the committee continues the initiative to assist younger riders in the area to undertake Skills For Life, by returning the course fee (currently £149) for associates who pass the advanced test whilst under the age of 40. Two riders achieved this in 2018.

The two factors causing the excess of expenditure over income are:

- The purchase of radio headsets to assist training, at a cost of £403.99.
- The return of £298, at £149 each, to the two riders under 40 that passed the test.

If these had not been purchased, the amount by which expenditure exceeded income would have been reduced to £186.06. It is therefore my belief that the account balances remain healthy.

Membership was 51 in 2017, reduced to 43 in 2018 but has so far increased to 45 for 2019.

Our cash assets are held in accounts with Lloyds Bank. We hold a current account and, on which we receive a tiny amount of interest, a Business Instant Account.

The accounts also report the material assets of the Group, their location and approximate value.

R. Stembrowicz

Richard Stembrowicz (Treasurer)

March 2019

Harrogate Advanced Bikes**Annual Accounts 2018**

Income	2017	2018	Notes
Associate members - IAM SFL payment	£403.00	£434.00	
Events February Meal - Income this year for this year	£325.00	£250.00	
February Meal - Income this year for next year	£350.00	£350.00	
Full members subscriptions Received this year for this year	£750.00	£345.00	Paid up members 43
Full members subscriptions Received this year for next year	£360.00	£315.00	
Expenses paid by IAM	£69.21	£0.00	
Receipts for charities	£122.00	£0.00	
Meetings contributions	£218.10	£26.00	Committee Decision not to collect in all of 2018
Rideout contributions	£172.00	£86.00	
Administration (Payments Received In Error)	£0.00	£45.00	
Total Income	£2,969.31	£1,851.00	
Expenditure			
Administration	£393.27	£131.63	£45 Subs payment refund, £86.63 Web Host Charges
Donations	£750.25	£0.00	Committee Decision not to collect in 2018
Event expenditure - January Meal	£775.00	£650.00	
Deposit for next year February Meal	£100.00	£0.00	
Insurance	£110.00	£135.00	
Room hire charges and buffets	£495.00	£744.20	
Course refunds for under 40's	£0.00	£298.00	
Quiz prizes	£0.00	£45.38	
Training expenses	£450.30	£459.00	Observer assessments, headsets, highway codes, Laptop update
Total expenditure	£3,073.82	£2,463.21	
Excess of expenditure over income		£612.21	
ADJUSTED ACCOUNT	Income last year, for this year's account	February Dinner Subscriptions	£400.00 £360.00
	Horses held for next year	February Dinner Subscriptions	-£350.00 -£315.00
Adjusted Balance 2018			£95.00

Annual Accounts 2018**Assets**

2018	
BIA bank statement 1st January 2018	£2,547.18
BIA Interest 01/01/18 to 31/12/18	£1.28
BIA bank statement 31st December 2018	£2,548.46
Current Account Bank statement year end 31st December 2018	£1,916.58
Total cash assets at end of year	£4,465.04
Reduction In Cash Assets 2017-2018	£610.93

2017	
Bank statement year end on 31st December 2017	£2,528.79
BIA bank statement year end on 31st December 2017 Interest £ 1.28	£2,547.18
Total cash assets at end of year	£5,075.97

Other assets	No	Keeper	Approx value
Laptop computer and speakers (purchase 29/7/2010 £468.31)	1	Bob Hill	£25.00
Display Banner (purchased 30/01/15 £103.00)	1	Doug Masterton	£20.00
Radio headsets (purchased 31/10/18)	1	Bob Hill and John Blanchfield	£405.99

Richard Stembrowicz
Treasurer
March 2018

CHIEF OBSERVER

Chief Observer's Report 2018 to 2019**Overview**

During this period a review of the Observers list resulted in a reduction of Observers. The Observers dropping off the list were not regular Observers so the effect has been minimal. Associates carrying over from the previous year's continues to present problems as this absorbs Observer availability. On the plus side we have maintained a steady stream of passes during the year with Two First's and a similarly steady stream of new associates to keep us busy at least for the first half of 2019.

Associate Training**Test Preparation**

We have 13 Associates in test preparation.

Deferred from 2018: 8 Associates are carried forward from 2018 and previous years.

New Associates to date 2019 5

Currently in Training **13**

Associates continue to be tardy which means their through time is extended which has an impact on new Associates and the availability of Observers.

Test Passes 7. Tim Fryer (First), Gordon Atkinson (First), Vincenzo Denti, Trevor Cooper, Adrian Waterhouse, David Gilbert, Glynn Richardson and Ian Watson

Observer Availability and Training

Sadly we lose one of our most stalwart Observers who has chosen a life of ease in Spain over Observing. Andrew Pratt has been observing for the Group since 2004. He is also a large contributor to ride outs and a staunch club and past Committee member. We should thank him for his contributions to the Group and his constant and professional work which has seen many Associates through to test. Graham Crowther has also ceased to Observe for the Group. And has offered his services to York. His contributions to Observing will also be missed.

We now have 5 Observers Under training as Local Observers and hope encourage more to come forward

In summary we have:

- National Observer Local Observer Assessors 3
Bob Hill, Doug Masterton and John Kelly
- National Observers 2 John Blanchfield, and David Cranswick
- Local Observers under training 5.
- Total Number of Observers **10.**
- This number will allow us to continue for the moment. However, in order to maintain our viability we need all the above to gain certification. We need to start training at least two or three more this year. Once again I appeal to all members to consider training as Observers.

Riding Quality of Members

Overall the Group's riding standards remain reasonable, although we should not be complacent, especially on ride outs. The main concerns are:

- a. Poor standard of slow manoeuvring.
 - (1) Excessive use of front brake whilst riding slowly and poor or none existence of rear braking especially on poor surfaces.
 - (2) Lack of planning leading to hurried braking and near misses.
- b. Repeated failure to ride as an individual with planning, mindfulness, consideration and not just following the man in front.
- c. Carrying excessive speed into corners resulting in hasty braking.
- d. Following too closely in "Line Astern" instead of staggered line.
- e. Badly positioned marking of junctions leading to confusion of other road users and some near misses.
- f. Allowing a "cavalcade" to build up by stopping and waiting for the group. This blocks roads and irritates other road users.

Finally

Several members have now completed an assessment ride and hopefully others will follow this direction to improving or maintaining their standard of riding.

May I ask you all to join me in expressing thanks to all the Observers who have done a sterling job this year in supporting the Group.

Rides Safely

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the club stood down and Paul Dresser took over to elect a Chairman.

Chairman: John Blanchfield was proposed – all in favour.

Vice Chair: Peter Smith was proposed – all in favour.

Secretary: Paul Dresser was proposed – all in favour.

Treasurer: Richard Strembrowicz was proposed – all in favour.

Committee members:

Bob Hill agreed to continue as Chief Observer.

Barry Ring agreed to continue as ride coordinator.

Peter McNulty and John Watts agreed to be additional members of the committee.

MEETINGS AND RIDE-OUTS:

Barry Ring our ride out coordinator appealed for members to lead ride outs. Emphasised that there was plenty of support from experienced existing members to help plan the first ride out. We are always looking for new places to visit and it could be somewhere interesting for members to visit. David Haywood was thanked for continuing to lead the mid week ride, in all conditions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Non

Date of next AGM set.