

Harrogate Advanced Bikes AGM 2020-21

Meeting Date: Monday 10th May 2021, 7:15 – 8:45PM

Location: Via Zoom

As the meeting will be run via zoom the reports will be run in sequence. If any members wish to bring up any specific items or any other business then we would ask that these are forwarded to secretary@harrogateadvancedbikes.co.uk before the meeting to be incorporated in the agenda and floor time will be given to address the topics.

Members can freely contribute at any point by pressing the hand button however we would ask that this is after the main presentation and voting.

Apologies:

Approval of the 2020 AGM minutes:

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Agenda

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2. *Approval of the 2020 minutes:*
3. *Chairman's report:*
4. *Secretaries report:*
5. *Treasurer report:*
6. *Chief observer report:*
7. *Ride out coordinators report:*
8. *Election of officers*
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 - *Vice Chairman*
 - *Secretary*
 - *Treasurer*
9. *Committee members:*
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11. *Any other business:*

Reports

Chair

Chairman's Report 2020

I'm sure we can all agree this has been an awful year in almost every respect and so far as our club is concerned led to a frustrating lack of motorcycling activity. That said we have made the best of the opportunities available to us to provide training and social rides. I am pleased to say that despite this we have had a good number of new Associates join us though they must unfortunately remain patient to start their training until the restrictions are lifted. As you will see the report of our Chief Observer Bob Hill makes very optimistic reading with us managing to secure 10 test passes despite training and testing being prohibited for much of the year. I would like to commend Bob and the team of Observers for this and thank them for their commitment throughout the year. I note the request for more members to come forward to train as observers. This helps to secure our ability to ensure that Associates are able to begin their training immediately upon joining the club which is always our aim.

Ride-outs too have suffered with the lockdown and restrictions. Barry Ring our Ride-out Coordinator and the ride leaders have however done a great job at maximising the availability of rides within the restrictions. When the numbers have been limited to 6 the rides have often been run twice when demand required it. I would like to thank those involved for putting in the extra effort for members benefit.

Sadly the much loved 'Not the Christmas Dinner' was another victim of the pandemic. This event is special for the club as it is the one time in the year when the largest number of members get together to catch up with each other.

We must hope that this can take place early in 2022.

Sadly we were unable to have indoor meetings in 2020 and it is hoped these can be resumed as from September 2021. Suggestions for potential speakers at these meetings is always welcome.

IAM Roadsmart recommend that the maximum term for the chair of the club should be three years in order to provide fresh management and ideas. As this is my third year it is therefore my intention to stand down from this role. I have enjoyed the experience especially as it has enabled me to meet and get to know members better. I would like to thank all the committee officials and members for their support throughout this time and offer my best wishes to the succeeding chair.

May I wish you all safe and happy riding.

John Blanchfield
Chairman Harrogate Advanced bikes

Secretary

Confirmed paid up members for 2020-21 stands at 39 which has been confirmed by the treasurer and checked against the IAM database DTE. We have also been through a process of tidying up the member databases and writing to non-active or lapsed members asking them if they would like to re-join the group to boost membership.

With very little meeting activity and speaker sessions this past year the majority of communications has been with potential new associates wanting to join during the various lock downs and a few members transferring in from other regions. Our approach has been to encourage them to sign up for Skills for life with the IAM which in turn will secure their place with us and place them on a priority list when assigning Observers, Bob will comment more on that.

The new subscriber system to our posts and news is working well and provides members the flexibility of signing up and un-subscribing when needed. We did have a spam attack which was quickly resolved and the security on the site has been increased to prevent this happening again.

Other members of the group can access the website and make posts on behalf of the group. Barry, as ride out coordinator is the main contributor posting out information on ride outs and meetings and I would like to thank him for his efforts.

With the potential for in-door meetings to commence soon we will now start to look at speakers for the Monday meetings and will be looking at interesting and engaging speakers. If anyone has any suggestions, they would be more than welcome.

If potential or current members have any questions or concerns, then please email secretary@harrogateadvancedbikes.co.uk and I will do my best to answer or direct your question to someone who can help.

Treasurer

Notes to the Annual Accounts 2020

These accounts are presented to show a snapshot of the Group finances for the financial year from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020, which obviously has been a very difficult year in which to carry out any form of normal activity. The previous year's figures are also shown for comparison.

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

Our total cash assets have increased from the 2019 balance by £514.14 as at 31st December 2020. However, adjusting for monies received in 2019 for the 2020 year, less those received in 2020 for the 2021 year (a balance of £75), we have received the slightly lesser amount of £439.14 more than our expenditure.

This adjustment is necessary because, as we have income and expenditure in December and January (subscriptions), 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 £4,113.57. The committee recognises that this is a significant sum and continues to discuss finding ways of using our funds to promote safer riding within the group and the wider biking community.

Although the initiative to assist younger riders in the area to undertake Skills For Life, in line with IAM policy, was stopped in 2019, one rider was promised it in error and the due amount, £149, has been paid to him.

The main factor allowing the excess of income over expenditure was the inability to hold meetings (only three in the year), for which we normally pay Bilton Cricket Club. Had these meetings continued, we would probably have reached a break-even position and, if further training expenses were incurred, there may have been a small excess of expenditure over income.

Membership was 49 in 2019, and was 48 in 2020. At present for 2021, it is 39, with hopes for this to increase once any subscriptions received later are paid.

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 (BIA).

The accounts also report the material assets of the Group, their location and an estimated value after an allowance for depreciation.

R. Stembrowicz

Richard Stembrowicz (Treasurer)

February 2021

Annual Accounts 2020

Income	2019	2020	Notes
Associate members - IAM SFL payment	£341.00	£465.00	
Full members subscriptions Received this year for this year	£435.00	£405.00	Paid up members 48
Full members subscriptions Received this year for next year	£240.00	£315.00	
Expenses paid by IAM	£0.00	£0.00	
Receipts for charities	£0.00	£0.00	
Meetings contributions	£0.00	£0.00	
Rideout contributions	£0.00	£0.00	
Administration (Error payment refund)	£45.00	£37.91	
Total income	£1,061.00	£1,222.91	
Expenditure			
Administration	£107.55	£28.86	
Donations	£0.00	£0.00	
Event expenditure - January Meal	£575.00	£0.00	
Deposit for next year February Meal	£0.00	£0.00	
Insurance	£139.00	£145.00	
Room hire charges and buffets	£550.00	£180.00	
Course refunds for under 40's	£0.00	£149.00	
Quiz prizes	£46.65	£0.00	
Error payment	£0.00	£37.91	Error payment refunded
Training expenses	£256.50	£168.00	Observer assessments, theory sessions
New lap-top computer	£458.99	£0.00	
Total expenditure	£2,133.69	£708.77	
Excess of income over expenditure		£514.14	
ADJUSTED ACCOUNT			
Income last year, for this year's account	February Dinner	£0.00	
	Subscriptions	£240.00	
Monies held for next year	February Dinner	£0.00	
	Subscriptions	-£315.00	
Adjusted Balance 2020		-£75.00	

Annual Accounts 2020**Assets**

2020	
BIA bank statement 1st January 2020	£2,549.63
BIA Interest 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	£0.91
BIA bank statement 31st December 2020	£2,550.54
Current Account Bank statement year end 31st December 2020	£1,563.03
Total cash assets at end of year	£4,113.57
Increase in Cash Assets 2019-2020	£515.05

2019	
Bank statement year end on 31st December 2019	£1,048.89
BIA bank statement on 31st December 2019 Interest £ 1.27	£2,549.63
Total cash assets at end of year	£3,598.52

Other assets	No	Keeper	Approx value
New laptop, existing speakers (purchase 26/11/2019 £458.99)	1	Bob Hill	£325.00
Display Banner (purchased 30/01/15 £103.00)	1	Doug Masterton	£15.00
Radio headsets (purchased 31/10/18)	1	Bob Hill and John Blanchfield	£160.00

Richard !

Acceptance of accounts as a valid record voted:

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Chief Observer's Report 2020 to 2021

Overview.

We have 10 Observers listed. All have been certified. Despite the low numbers we have been able to cope with the number of Associates joining the Club in 2019. We have 8 Associates who started training in 2020 and 4 new associates registered in 2021. During 2020 we achieved 10 test passes including 1 First.

Associate Training

Test Preparation

We have 12 Associates in test preparation.

8 Associates are carried forward from 2020 and previous years.

New Associates to date 2020 4

Currently in Test Preparation **12**

Despite Lockdowns we have managed to continue training

Test Passes 9. Sam Relton, Rob Beange (First), Peter Germaine, Lorraine Matheson, Carl Bergin, John Featherstone, Kevin Wray, John Hacking, Geoff Hale

Observer Availability and Training

We now have 2 Observers hoping to go forward as National Observers this year and have qualified 3 Local Observers. We still hope more members will come forward.

In summary we have:

- National Observer Local Observer Assessors 2
Bob Hill, and John Kelly
- National Observers 3. John Blanchfield, David Cranswick and Graham Crowther
- Local Observers 5. Gary Wilson, Ian Watson, Peter McNulty, Richard Stembrowicz, Glynn Richardson
- Total Number of Observers **10.**

We are managing fine with the number of Observers and are covering all Associates. We need to recruit two further Observers this year. Members should consider becoming Observers. Anyone wishing to become an Observer should contact me for an assessment and a full brief on requirements. A reward for Observers was discussed in committee. May I suggest a riding kit voucher of £100? rather than IAM Skill Days? This would support Observers in a more practical way.

Rider Training

We have been unable to conduct any group training in 2020. We await the relaxation of Covid rules to see if we can do more in 2021. We still offer individual training if members would like to check their riding standards which may have suffered during lockdown.

Finally

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.

Election of officers

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

Chairman: xx (Nomination received for Paul Dresser)

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Vice Chair: xx (Nomination received for Peter Smith)

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Secretary: xx (Nomination received for Peter McNulty)

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Treasurer: xx (Nomination received for Richard Stembrowicz)

Proposed: xx

Seconded: xx

Committee members:

Chief Observer : Bob Hill

Rideout Coordinator: Barry Ring

John Watts

Open to the floor for anyone wanting to join the committee.

Meetings and ride-outs: Ride Out Coordinators Report (Barry Ring)

Despite the horrible disruption for everyone last year and earlier this year at long last we seem getting back to normal with our Ride Outs. From 17th May restrictions should be lifted and we can get back to open invites for the HAB rides.

Regular ride leaders 2020 and 2021 to thank are:

David Haywood especially for Wednesday rides.

Chris Armstrong

Andrew Pratt

Paul Holmes

Martin Pettitt

Trevor Cooper

Pete McNulty

John Blanchfield especially for sorting a multi-day trip.

Apologies if I've left anyone out and thanks of course to all the TEC's for their efforts as well.

All the dates available to lead ride outs are on the HAB calendar and if there is no name is against it have a look and if you haven't lead one before, don't be shy, chose a date and give it a go (full HAB members). It's much easier than you think and any help you need, including a base GPX route to work with is available.

Consider:

A Sunday Ride

A 1st Wednesday of the month Ride

An Evening Ride

One thing we have learned in the last year is that ride dates or days don't have to be set in stone as we have always done in the past so any suggested dates, days or particular trips can be considered. Hopefully we can continue the trend to put on additional group rides and happily consider new ideas from anyone else in our bike club to come on board to help organise our rides. HAB guidelines for ride leaders are on the HAB website.

As usual safety of all HAB members is the most important thing so lead or come on a ride if you are comfortable socialising with your fellow members and if you do-stick to a good anti-Covid practice especially at break and lunch stops even if it means bringing your own refreshments.

Ride safely.

Any other business:

Members have been invited to raise any other business in advance of AGM so these matters can be added to the Agenda.

Date of next AGM 7th March 2022