

MINUTES OF RRND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th December 2013

Present

Mike Blackman, Dave Charman, Carol Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Rob Edwards, Trevor Howell, Pete Jenkins, Neville Lewis, Antony Read.

Apologies for Absence

Richard Coles, Stuart Read.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Circulated by e-mail and approved.

Matters Arising

- Limited company status- Mike to give details next month ie difference between shareholders and directors. Proposal was made that the President should be the only one but Debbie queried this and whether all committee should be. **Mike** to report back.
- Charity donation- to be paid to Joan Westbrook this year. £45 as agreed by the committee. **Carol** to get contact details.
- Inventory of club equipment- **Carol** to progress.
- Membership fees- Decision not to give early payment discount will stand and there will be no rise in membership fees.
- Reel Hall Farm- Colin will organise a thank you card for Doug to be given to him at the February club trial.

Secretary's Report

Carol has paid the subscription to rb sport and will also deal with the BMF (£289) and ACU (£20) affiliation.

Carol has spoken to the owner of Sandfields Farm and also Wickham MC and a club trial has been agreed for the 29th June. It will be a Wickham event with RRND invited and will be strictly only club members no guests. **Carol** is to speak to the owner again nearer the time.

Treasurer's Report

A small profit was made at the Shamley Green club trial.

Editor's Report

Not many articles this month but Debbie included the article written by Rachel Measures for the TMX.

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership stands at 80 and some have already rejoined for next year. Colin asked about the possibility of adding the trials dates to the back of the membership card. **Rob** will look at this but space is limited.

Competition Secretary's Report

Colin felt that the trial was good at Shamley Green although some thought it was a bit hard. Antony added that consistency, when different teams were laying out, was impossible and that it should be accepted that there will be more marks lost by everyone at some trials than others. Colin spoke about Doug selling the land and that the new owner was not interested in trials events and was having all the rocks/concrete removed from the woods.

Colin has now booked most of next year's trials and is trying to use some new land. Antony suggested asking at Blacklands about any other Guide/Scout land.

Neville feels that the yellow route is still too hard and that those laying out should test them out by riding them in a sitting position. Various views were aired including that some yellow riders had ridden the same route for months if not years and whether or not it should be laid out for raw beginners.

Star Group Trial

All is ready. The only problem now is that we will not be able to park in the field as it has been let out and sown. Parking will therefore be very tight even though Gervais has cleared the area where the barn was going to be built. Mike will take a look and report back to Colin. The laying out team will do what they can on the Saturday and **Carol** will put a note in the programme about the situation and ask riders to share transport if possible.

LDT

Richard has done all that he can at the moment and it seems the real push will come in January. The parking situation at Beare Gill could now affect this as well although it has been reported to Richard who can organise things to use Tilburstow if necessary. **Carol** to check with Richard on who will be the secretary of the event and putting it in the TSM.

Social Secretary

Debbie will appeal again for someone to come forward to run the camping weekend. Failing this, the organisation will need to be shared between the committee as we will need to start booking things in January. **Dave** will talk to the Smallfield chippy van owner.

Any Other Business

- Richard is definitely standing down as Chairman at the next AGM but will be remaining on the committee.
- Trevor suggested we ask Bruce to put clear notices on the homepage of the website about both 2014 club membership and also ACU licences including links to the forms. Pointing out, as an incentive, that they will need both in order to ride in the first Star Group Trial at Hungry Hill on the 12th January. **Debbie** will do this and add to e-news.
- Rob asked about a training trial. After discussion it was decided to aim for the first Sunday in February and **Debbie** will ask for member's views in e-news.
- It was also decided to run a couple of evening trials next year, probably in June and August.

- Subject to confirmation the AGM will be held on the 13th February.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th January at The Red Lion, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, to be followed by the club night.