

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### **Present**

Dave Charman, Richard Coles, Carol Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Rob Edwards, Danny Haste, Jo Jenkins, Pete Jenkins, Stuart Read.

### **Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Circulated by e-mail and approved.

### **Matters Arising**

- Limited company status to be carried over again. Richard and Rob are to attend a meeting next week at Reigate and Banstead Council and will report back.
- Club clothing is now awaited.
- Long distance trial- Richard is waiting to hear if it can be fitted into this year's calendar. He does however still plan to work out the course even if we don't end up running it until next year.
- Tea urn- this is not repairable and a new one will cost in excess of £300. As it would not be used until the August camping weekend we will delay making any decision on this until later and see if anything comes up in the meantime.

### **Secretary's Report**

Carol has received e-mails from Neville raising the following points:

- Neville has offered to organise the camping weekend again this year and the committee unanimously agreed to accept this offer.
- Another camping weekend possibly Spring Bank Holiday. This was discussed and in view of the lack of support for the Sam Connor training weekend camping (only 2 campers) it was decided a club trial weekend at Beare Gill might be best with practicing on the Saturday. This way we would not risk losing any money for a poor turnout or cancellation due to bad weather. Colin will look at dates.
- A charity trial in aid of Cancer Research with photos to local paper. As the Christmas trial has in the past been a charity trial with a donation being paid in advance last time it was decided to maintain this at the moment.
- Neville questioned the delay in getting started on organising the long distance trial but this is however due to the fact that we are still awaiting confirmation of a date as detailed above.
- Neville also queried why our club nights are not always on the first Thursday of every month. Apart from January which would have been too soon after Christmas/New Year, on the other occasions it is just a case of when most are available. We will however try and stick to first Thursday whenever possible.

At this point Richard suggested that we should again ask Neville to join the committee even if he could not manage to get to every meeting and it was agreed by everyone that Richard should ask him.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current account £1876.77. Tracker account £10,660.46.

Jo issued a cheque for £362 to renew our membership of the BMF but with funds to pay in from membership being more than enough to cover this she intends to transfer £1000 back to the Tracker account.

This being her last committee meeting, Richard thanked Jo for all her hard work as Club Treasurer over the years.

### **Editor's Report**

Debbie has received a Christmas card for the club from John Hawyes, a member who receives his newsletter by post. He also enclosed 6 stamps to help towards postage. Debbie thanked Antony for the trials facts and figures which were included in this month's e-news as well as the notification of the AGM to members. Votes for the clubman's cup have also been requested.

£53.68 has been raised by easyfundraising and this money will now be going straight into the club's bank account.

Bruce has now changed the base format of the website which will improve usability for i phones, i phones etc.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership for this year stands at 57 so far. Simon Mepham and Gordon Cumberland have joined as new members. We ended 2012 with 72 members.

### **Competition Secretary's Report**

We had an entry of 56 for our December trial at Blacklands which was very successful as were the mince pies, cake and hot drinks. Colin suggested doing something similar at Easter with hot cross buns and this was thought to be a good idea.

Colin and Richard have arranged to visit the new land at Bletchingley this Monday.

The laying out teams have been successful in 2012 so will continue this year. Club trial entry forms have now been revised to include the increased fee for guest riders.

### **Social Events**

None at present.

### **AGM**

Arranged for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Debbie has given formal notice of the meeting to members and food to the value of £120 has been booked.

### **Any Other Business**

It was decided to give this year's committee cup to Neville in recognition of his efforts arranging a successful camping weekend. We no longer have a President and it was felt that Antony is deserving of this position so Richard will write to him about this. Danny will probably be standing down this year and Richard thanked him for his hard work over the years.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at The Red Lion, Betchworth followed by club night.