

Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday 12th October 2023

Held at the Lamb and Lion, Hambridge TA10 0AT at 19.30hrs

Present; Martin Surrey, Andy Bourne, RAB Lavender, Jez Martin, Jim Donnelly, Graham Tulloch, Richard Pearse.

Apologies; Tom Moore, Simon Greenwood, Dave Parker, John Ridd, Trev Watts, Tony Sauer, Callum Bremner, Linda Hay.

Review of previous committee meeting;

- Andy Bourne still to review fonts used in club correspondence.
- Jez Martin to amend website to show Associate contribution to Observers increase from £5 to £10.

Chair's Report;

- We took £300 for the club BBQ. £150 donated to St. Margaret's and £150 donated to Gina's Bursary.
- We will need a new Events Co-ordinator at next year's AGM as Trev Watts will be stepping down.
- Home counties club WVAM will be spending the weekend of 26th/27th April 2024 in our area, staying in Ilminster. They've asked for possible ride leaders from SAM to show them around the area.

Treasurer's Report;

- Cash in hand; £4272.45.
- Masters budget has now been spent.
- Accounts; we have the option to self-certify, which Jim Donnelly will do. If there are any issues to be resolved and require advice, he can ask his accountant. Unanimous vote for this option.

Training Team;

- There was a meeting with other chief observers within the region at the instigation of Jim and Callum which resulted in a lot of positive feedback and ideas to be discussed at the Observers Meeting on Thursday 26th October.
- There were, however, lots of issues with IAMRS of which Shaun Cronin has been made aware.
- To date, 6 previous LOs have now become NOs. We therefore now have 26 NOs with an additional 19 LOs in the club. Of those 19, the vast majority appear not to be interested in becoming NOs.

Events;

- The perennial question of the South West Show at the Shepton Mallet Showground was discussed. It was agreed that it is a difficult event to manage due to insufficient tags issued by the organiser for those managing the stand plus the fact that we are unable to guarantee where we will have the stand. The possibility of sharing a stand with another club was discussed and, to that end, Jez will approach CVAM to see if they are interested in the proposal.

- For the C&T events from November, Jez has agreed to present the “Braking” session and, along with Lisa, will present the “Cornering” session, thereby covering all 5 events at Othery Village Hall.
- Trev wanted it mentioned that with combining his company’s “Rolling Thunder” event in support of Dementia UK with the “Meet the Frasers” event in August, £700 was raised by the club members on the ride. This year, in total, Briggs Equipment has donated an astonishing £75k to Dementia UK.

Website;

- Graham brought up this subject but we were all in agreement that the website is out of date but very few of us know how or have the ability to update it. It was therefore agreed that training should be provided for those who have “Editor” and “Admin” permissions. How and when this should be provided wasn’t discussed.

Committee Meeting dates;

- After some discussion, it was agreed that ordinary committee meetings should be held quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will therefore be scheduled for Wednesday 17th January. Subsequent ones will be Wednesday 17th April, Wednesday 17th July, Wednesday 16th October. We can decide the date, venue and further details of the AGM in January.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next Committee Meeting; Wednesday 17th January 2024. 7.30pm. Lamb and Lion, Hambridge TA10 OAT.