

SAM Committee Meeting Minutes from 2nd March 2023.
Held at the Lamb and Lion, Hambridge. Start Time; 7.30pm

Present; Martin Surrey, Georges Dupuis, RAB Lavender, Trevor Watts, John Ridd, Dave Parker, Callum Bremner, Linda Hay, Tony Sauer, Jez Martin, Richard Pearse, Steve Schlemmer, Adrian Armstrong, Lindsay Wilson, Andy Bourne.

Apologies; Jim Donnelly, Graham Tulloch, Roger Moffatt, Tom Moore.

Tony Sauer – Observer Coordinator. Concern raised over voting procedures. There should be a vote for every proposal, with a proposer and seconder. Following any discussion with regard to a proposal, there should be a vote, both for and against. This was agreed unanimously.

Dave Parker – Membership Secretary. We really need to automate club membership reminders and renewals. Also, some key committee positions should have specific email addresses rather than using personal ones, especially merchandising. Jez is liaising with Linda on this one. **Dave and Jez to liaise with each other to action automated reminders and renewals.**

John Ridd – Deputy Secretary. Should there be an official Winter Ride protocol with regard to weather conditions/temperatures? After some debate, it was decided that it should be at the discretion of the Ride Leader. **Trev Watts to include a line in the ride details to this effect.**

Andy Bourne – Club Secretary. An update on the AGM preparation. Room at the Airfield Tavern booked. Roger Moffatt stepping down from Taster Ride Coordinator role but we have a replacement who has been proposed and seconded. With the intention of having Callum and Jim as Joint Chief Observers, from a governance perspective, as these are new roles they need to be proposed and seconded.

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Amber Rides; As the definition of these rides has now been changed (up to half-day ride, Associates having previously joined in 5 Green Rides or being test ready as deemed by their Observer) this should be reflected in Full Chat, the SAM website and in the welcome letter sent out to new members. **To be actioned.**

Club Assets; Following the last committee meeting, Observers and Committee Members were asked to provide details of anything in their possession provided by the club. **RAB to collate responses.**

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Training aids; Callum has ordered new books and jackets for Observers. Still trying to obtain name badges and white boards. Linda can obtain badges; **Callum to liaise with her**. There is a possibility of obtaining white boards via IAMRS; **Callum to investigate.**

Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance Base to Base Event; Martin has agreed to support and will provide further details once available.

Measure Somerset; Organised by Steve Schlemmer who requested that the prize be changed from having been Muc-Off bike cleaner to a £30 Halfords vouchers which was agreed.

SWPSR; A total of 156 entrants as of today (2nd March) which is slightly down on previous years. This has raised £4938 so far. Still 4 weeks to the event on 1st April.

Previous Chair; Still no info dumped as requested by Jez. Martin has tried to contact on numerous occasions concerning this without success. **Secretary to follow up.**

Bristol Show; Only one new member signed up over the course of the event and with no support from IAMRS. The cost to the club was circa £300. It was agreed that it should be viewed as a promotional event and not everyone interested would sign up on the day. Perhaps in future we could liaise with other local IAM clubs?

Where do we get new members from? Should we sit on our laurels with having 300 or so members? Should we endeavour to recruit a recruitment officer to the committee? Should we rely on Taster Rides and Raise Your Ride events? Should we have regular discussions with other local IAM clubs to share ideas? **Martin, as Chair, will make contact to try to set up.**

The meeting finished at 8.50pm.

AGM – Saturday 18th March, Airfield Tavern, Yeovil BA22 8UX. 7.00pm.

Next Committee Meeting; Thursday 1st June, Lamb and Lion, Hambridge TA10 0AT. 7.30pm