

BWAM Committee Meeting 7th September 2009

Worlds End Pub, Almer @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present

John Tarring, Andy Mansfield, Martin Saunders, Jon Collins, Pete Wills, Mark Bezzant, Martin Booth, Claire Saunders, Chris Smith

Apologies Chris Green.

In Chris's absence John chaired the meeting and approved the minutes for the last meeting held 27th July and that actions had been covered.

Chairmans Report

Jon had been included as the events secretary and confirmed his acceptance in this role with the reservation that he wasn't an elected member from the last AGM but had taken on the responsibility by invitation.

Andy commented club procedures needed to be 'tidied' and all future committee posts should be formalised.

Treasurers Report

Club subscriptions that had remained static for at least seven years and were suggested by Andy to increase to £12.00 for members and pro-rata for associates, justified on the basis that income from Skill for Life was less than expenditure by approximately £180.00 so far this year.

Future plans for Observer training, club night speakers and improved newsletter production could also help to justify this increase, which was agreed in principal.

Pete was keen this should be put in place before year-end to allow him time to implement the change.

JT suggested an extraordinary meeting type ballot or whatever to increase it before the AGM. Pete suggested a round robin to members asking if there were any objections and if not carry it out.

Website

Martin Booth reported the website transfer from Dryden to Positive was now complete and Tony Summers together with Martin had control over the contents with an annual fee of approximately £175.00 from our new host.

He had also agreed with Tony and Chris Green that he should step down as the web-master exchanging with Tony and assisting him in his new role.

John thanked Martin for the extra work needed to manage the website transfer and all past efforts in difficult times.

Training

Mark Bezzant listed our Observer strength at 5 Senior and 10 active Observers with 21 associates undergoing training. There were also 4 members training to be Observers. The waiting list of 14 was still cause for concern but the unallocated ride-outs with Paul and Claire, together with Dave Orvin's Group Training was allowing the new members some observer contact with most of the 2 month and longer associates being matched up with Observers.

Plans for further observer training and meetings were in hand.

2 Senior and 3 Qualified Observers were also due for re-qualification.

Mark also asked the committee if it would consider sponsoring or assisting with cost for an observer training weekend or perhaps sponsoring the examiner to come along. No decision was made at the time.

Martin suggested that any income from the Ride-Safe events could be aimed towards Observer training.

Social Events

The importance of organised events for the forthcoming Club-nights was discussed from September through to the AGM in April with details of those planned to December to be forwarded to the Website and Newsletter.

RideSafe

Dorset County Council's Ride Safe events with the IAM via BWAM and DWDAM would require our involvement assisting DWDAM on 27th September. This was thought to be a requirement for 2-5 Observers who could then continue with our events in October with DWDAM assistance if required. Our routes in October would need effort in preparing video footage in good time to assist Chris Smith to present the theory sessions.

Martin Saunders to continue to co-ordinate efforts with Mark, Chris, DCC and the Dorchester group.

Any Other Business

Under any other business John Tarring said he would have to step down on doctors orders from any stressful club activities as part of reducing his overall workload, however continuing as a senior observer and putting his 6 yr retest back to the New year.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for November 9th at Cobham Sports and Social Club

Actions.

All: suggest November and January club night events

Chris Green: co-ordinate any committee changes and subscription variations

Mark: Observer training and motivation, distribute IAM 'Better Riding'. Take responsibility with Martin for the ride safe events. Contact John Taylor to see if he will give a club night

Jon Collins: Confirm social events and club night events.

Andy: confirm protocol for subs increase with **Pete**.

Martin Booth: complete handover of website responsibilities

Martin: co-ordinate Ride Safe events and publish minutes

John: take care and have a good holiday

John closed the meeting at 9:15p.m thanking all for attending.