

Bournemouth and Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists

Minutes of Committee Meeting @Cobham Sports and Social Club

9th November 2009

Apologies: Peter Wills, John Topping, Jon Collins.

Present :

Chris Green, Andy Mansfield, Martin Saunders, Mark Bezzant, Tony Summers, Matt Timmins, Claire Saunders.

Chairmans Report:

Chris had received an e-mail from Jon Collins regretting he was unable to continue as Social Secretary due to personal reasons. This important role would have to be advertised and proposed for election at the AGM in April. Chris also mentioned that Nigel Jones was in a position to take on an associate and get back into his observing role within the club. The website had been continuously improved over the last months and Chris thanked Tony and Matt for the hard work involved. John Topping was stepping down from the Vice Chairman's position creating another vacancy to be filled.

Treasurers Report:

Andy stated the current account was approximately £30 down compared with year start. There had been income from 11 Skill for Life applicants. Members subscriptions had been actively chased by Pete but were not balancing our expenditure, this should improve with the proposed increase to £12 in 2010. Our main expenditure items were, web fees, room Hire, 1 off BWAM leaflet production and observer expenses. Overall forecast , to year end would be in the region of £5-600 overspend. The club still had over £3000 in deposit accounts. Martin had invoiced Dorset County Council for £978 for our involvement in the recent Ride-safe events held at Alweston and Morden. The committee agreed this money should be shared among the observers involved, as petrol expenses, and the balance to a future training weekend for all observers in spring 2010.

Training Report:

Mark congratulated Dave Orvin on passing his senior observer test. The club had had three IAM test passes and two failures since the last meeting. Observer re-qualification together with theory and practical training were ongoing with a planned weekend training session in the New year. Mick Fowler had resigned from the club, countered by Nigel Jones's return to active observing.

Social Events :

The importance of organised events for the coming club nights was highlighted by Chris.

He had persuaded Martin Booth to run a quiz for the November meeting. The request for prizes by Martin was queried as it was intended to be a team event.

For December club night Andy had booked the skittle alley at Cobham. Chris also had a video available on 'how not to ride a bike' for the January meeting.

Tony expressed the opinion that definite organised rides advertised well beforehand would be better than the ad-hoc arrangements that had disappointed some members last year, and the committee agreed this was the way to go.

Rides organised on the second Sunday had been well supported the last one that Andrew Carr led had 15 participants.

The 2010 calendar should include second Sunday rides, Fish and Chip evening runs and weekday runs, all advertised well in advance.

With the number of observers in the club this would only commit each to a maximum of two rides to lead in the coming 12 months.

Website :

Forum spam has been reduced by restricting membership to, a manual input of member details by either Matt or Tony (Peter Wills has the access rights to do the same). Membership is now restricted to BWAM group members only. Members will be given a Username: in the format christian-name. surname (in lower-case) to allow easy deletion on them leaving the group. The Forum has a Group / All user email capability which could be used to notify group members of events etc.

With committee approval rides posted in the Forum would be added to the Events calendar. This had also been improved and was easy to access for events, with a new calendar format

Observers now had their own forum within the observer's section, mainly to be used for training related matters.

The training database was available for viewing by all observers and Mark asked if there could be a link added, to allow training comments entered to be e-mailed to the associate, as a form of progress monitoring.

Matt would look into this with Mark.

An additional 'notes' facility was requested by Claire, this would enable associate status comments to be added, that were not directly related to training.

Ridesafe:

Martin considered the club involvement with the Dorset County Council to be a success. A total of 50+members of the motorcycling public had an introduction to advanced riding during the two events.

The benefits of, improved relationships with our local council, and the feedback from participants was very positive. The club had a financial boost and hopefully would be able to take part in two more events in March 2010, thanks to our observing team and Chris Smith.

2010 Committee:

All posts up for re-election with two vacancies that need filling:

Vice Chairman and Events co-ordinator.

Martin would list the committee positions and requirements for the newsletter also confirm the club was following the correct election procedure.

Chris closed the meeting at 21:30

Actions

Chris: Confirm club night events for January and February

Mark. Observer training calendar

Tony/Matt: Web improvements.

Claire: Allocate associates

All: Newsletter articles and next years committee formation