

BWAM Committee Meeting Minutes 24th May 2010

Held at The Seven Stars, Wool at 19:00

Apologies:

Matt Timmins

Present:

Chris Green, Andy Mansfield, Mark Bezzant, Martin Saunders, Tony Summers, Claire Saunders, Justine Brett.

Chairman's Report:

Chris explained the main reason for this meeting was the filling of the Membership Secretary vacancy that Peter Wills was unable to continue. Fortunately Andrew Carr had shown interest, in order to meet club rules, a notice had been published asking for any other volunteers to be registered with the club secretary before the next club meeting in June. The membership database and contact mobile phone were due to be handed back to Andy within the next week. Tony confirmed that Matt was monitoring the Membership Secretary e-mail contact as a temporary measure.

As this role was essential to the club organisation it took priority over the vacant position of Vice Chairman, of which a couple of names were suggested, (Chris would follow up.)

The Barbeque had been booked by Chris for the 21st. June at the Sheaf of Arrows in Cranborne. This would cost approximately £6.00 a head and would start at 8:00pm after a ride in from the Somerfield car park, Wimborne leaving at 7:00pm.

Treasurers Report:

Andy stated the club account balance was £680.00 down on last year mainly due to the running of the Observers training weekend, which was subsidised by £1100. Most of this sum originated from last years Ride-Safe events income from Dorset County Council.

Other smaller costs such as room hire and observing expenses should be balanced against future SFL income, but was not critical as the club had a healthy deposit balance.

Training Report:

Mark noted we had no test passes since the AGM but a number of associates were approaching test standard.

Andrew Carr had recently passed his Qualified Observer test and there were other Trainee Observers progressing.

The Observer training weekend held in April was considered a success and Mark hoped to follow this with a couple of day courses early and late summer.

The feedback from those attending the training weekend was 'minimal' and more specific comments would be appreciated to formulate future training.

A Senior Observer from a neighbouring group had contacted Mark regarding joining BWAM, potentially fitting into our group after some familiarisation with one of our Senior Observers.

Steve Palmer was now also under training as a Senior Observer
Claire confirmed that the waiting list was 'manageable' with six associates actively seeking placement with an Observer. Again she reminded Observers of the importance of keeping the observed ride log up to date.

Website:

Tony was working with Matt to incorporate the membership database, with the observer's section, where all associate status was recorded.
This could allow the details and status of members to be updated by permitted committee members, and ease the membership secretary transition.
There would still be a need for the club contact mobile phone to be checked for messages relating to new members. Possibly rotated within the committee at quarterly intervals.

Events:

Justine queried the requirements of Events co-ordinator.
Chris explained it was as a point of contact for events ideas and to encourage Observers and Club members to suggest or organise events and rides for the social side of BWAM.

RideSafe:

Martin confirmed Dorset County Council had contacted him regarding BWAM involvement with the 2010 events now scheduled July to September 2010.
Out of four routes, we would take the lead on at least one, depending on Chris Smith's availability and assist with Observers for the other routes if required.

AOB:

Under any other business the length of the Newsletter was queried and general opinion was that shorter more concise articles would be an improvement.
The point at which prospective members should pay for their Skill for Life package was agreed as the time at which they become involved with Club activities, such as Unallocated rides or Group Training Associate Rides (GTAR)

Chris close the meeting at 20:30 thanking all for attending
The next meeting scheduled for August 9th 2010. @ Seven Stars, 19:30.