

MINUTES OF RRND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th September 2011

Present

Carol Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Rob Edwards, Danny Haste, Pete Jenkins, Jo Jenkins.

Apologies for Absence

Dave Charman, Malcolm Coles, Richard Coles, Stuart Read.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Circulated by e-mail and approved.

Matters Arising

After last month's committee meeting some committee members stayed for the club night and a couple of issues arose, the details of which were e-mailed to the committee the following day.

1. To aid whoever is Comp. Sec. next year a survey was to be handed out at the camping weekend to see what are the most/least favourite venues for trials, whether there are any other venues members would prefer other than those we currently use and whether changes to the club nights would encourage more attendees. There have been 13 responses to the survey so far and the survey will now be taken to the next club trial and the findings will be reported at the next meeting.
2. Club Nights – it was felt that these do not work and are poorly attended. A greater social contact with members may encourage more volunteers to assist with club events etc. Danny has been investigating venues where we could hold club nights and have such things as guest speakers, bike maintenance demos and an area where younger family members could play games, to encourage whole families along. Danny has now been successful in securing the room at the Red Lion, Betchworth, free of charge! The final decisions about the new club nights will be discussed at the next meeting and it is hoped to hold the first meeting there in November.

Stuart was unable to attend the meeting but e-mailed his concern that observers (particularly club members) were paid at our South Coast Trial when other members gave up a considerable amount of time willingly and without the expectation or want for payment. This was discussed and it is understood that it was only done in line with the other South Coast Clubs. However those present agreed that they would have preferred to have provided the usual chocolate snack and drink or something from a burger van as in the past. **Pete** will check out exactly what the other clubs do and report back at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report

Carol has received notification from the ACU regarding the new on-line licensing .Of the various options that were put to the vote by clubs, option 2 (which we voted for) will be implemented for 2012. The new system will only apply to Off Road Disciplines and paper copies of licensing forms will still be available for those who want them.

Brian Hodges has sent a DVD of the South Coast Trial at Ockley, praising the efforts of the club at this trial which he described as a great days sport.

Looking ahead, **Carol** will organise the permit for the Star Group Trial at Ockley on 11 December.

Treasurer's Report

Jo queried whether or not we had paid for the trial at Faygate on 24 July and **Pete** offered to call Bob Collins to check.

Jo also expressed a concern that we may have been overpaying the AMCA for our club trials. **Jo** is going to check with them on the completion of the return forms as it looks as though we should pay a reduced amount for any rider who has an individual AMCA licence.

We have received notification that a cheque issued by a rider in the South Coast Trial by the name of Tracey had not been paid and was being represented.

Editor's Report

Debbie thanked Eric, Jo and Carol for articles for the e-news. **Debbie** will put a 'resume' of the Comp. Secs. job in the next e-news to hopefully encourage anyone who is unsure of what it involves.

Membership Secretary's Report

Nothing new to report.

Competition Secretary's Report

This position remains vacant.

Social Secretary

The camping weekend went extremely well and Jo thanked Trevor and all other helpers. The committee thanked Jo for her excellent organisation and for making it such a success.

Training Trials

Cover is required for the September training trial as Richard is away. Rob will contact Dave to see if he is available otherwise he will stand in. Malcolm has the laying out gear and this will need to be collected.

Any Other Business

The camping weekend was again mentioned in view of this being Jo's last time of organising it. We need to find someone to take on the job for next year and in view of bookings for the Olympics, Jo said there was some doubt as to whether we would be able to use the marquee or hire the toilets from the usual people.

The vacant Comp. Secs. position was discussed and it was decided to make one last push to find someone, otherwise we would have to consider what other options are available to us, to relieve Richard of this additional responsibility that, as Chairman, he has been covering.

Family membership/trials entries were also discussed and if junior fees should apply until the age of 18 instead of 16, in view of the shortage of younger riders.

It was again felt that we should arrange some training/practice days and that it would be better to hold some of the barbecue trials on a Saturday afternoon next year.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th October at **The Red Lion, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth.**