

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6th September 2012

Present

Dave Charman, Carol Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Rob Edwards, Danny Haste, Jo Jenkins, Pete Jenkins, Neville Lewis.

Apologies for Absence

Richard Coles, Stuart Read.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Circulated by e-mail and approved.

Matters Arising

- Limited company status and club clothing to be carried over to next meeting for **Richards** return.
- **Colin** is still to purchase the bottle of whiskey for Peter Dark.
- **Debbie** will be making Stuart an administrator on the club facebook page on her return to work.

Secretary's Report

Carol received advance notice of a Clerk of the Course Seminar to be held at The Forman's Institute, Blindley Heath around the end of October. Several committee members are interested in attending so **Carol** will advise everyone when the date is confirmed and **Debbie** will advertise this to other members also.

Carol received the minutes of the Reigate and Banstead District Sports Council meeting and referring to the Festival of Sport in Priory Park in May, it was minuted 'the motorcycle event held within the trees was a success'.

Treasurer's Report

Current account £1439.02. Tracker account £10,657.72.

This month it has been necessary to transfer £1000 across from the Tracker account. Also due to an oversight prior to this the account went overdrawn and incurred charges of £64 which **Jo** is going to query with the bank.

Jo expressed concern that the Tracker is close to the £10,000 minimum limit which we set earlier and we will need to keep a close eye on finances.

Editor's Report

Debbie thanked Rob for producing last month's e-news. She has an article from Neville about the camping weekend for this month but still needs more. Debbie copied the Fun Trial results from Carol and these will be included.

Easyfundraising has now made £12.12

Membership Secretary's Report

Grant Walder is a new member this month bringing the total up to 71.

Competition Secretary's Report

The South Coast trial at Beare Gill went well with 42 riders and plenty of observers on the day.

The next club trial is at Faygate with Pete's team (Alan Stanley, Mike Hammond, Dave Charman, Dave Cutler) doing the laying out.

The camping weekend Kids Trial and Monday Fun Trial also went well with Colin spending £23 on trophies/medals. Jo settled this together with the £6.48 for staples and £200 paid to Gervais for the use of Beare Gill earlier.

There are trials at Dunsfold on 22nd/23rd September and following Seth's accident the proceeds from one of these will go to The Surrey Air Ambulance. **Debbie** will advertise these to members.

Social Events/Camping Weekend

The camping weekend, attended by 84, was again a great success and enjoyed by all. Neville was however disappointed to have to report a loss of just under £600. There was much discussion amongst the committee about how we could cut costs but apart from the rubbish skip, everything else was considered essential. This year the skip was far from full and costing near £300 this will definitely be an area for saving next year. £75 was spent on diesel for the generator and Neville is intending to talk to Roy about the possibility of putting in a power supply and approaching other clubs who also use the land for camping, to see if any would be prepared to share the cost. This is only a thought at the moment but could be worthwhile pursuing.

It may however be that we will have to put up the fees, which have remained the same for many years, and this will be a subject for discussion before the AGM next year.

Debbie proposed a vote of thanks to Neville for organising the weekend.

Any Other Business

- Rob suggested a wobbler's trial would be good for raising club funds as they seem to be well supported. Colin thought Blacklands could be a good venue for this in 2013 or possibly some sort of 'try out' day.
- Neville felt the current style of newsletter could be putting off some people from rejoining the club and that the old magazine used to be passed around and seen by more people. However, Debbie already has in place paper copies for members without computer access and could send out more if requested. Likewise she could e-mail the news to individual members as opposed to one for each family. Also, Colin is willing to send out dates of club trials at the beginning of the year. It was generally felt that reverting to the old style would be costly in time as well as money.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm at The Red Lion, Betchworth, to be followed by the club night.