

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2013

Present

Mike Blackman, Dave Charman, Carol Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Rob Edwards, Trevor Howell, Pete Jenkins, Neville Lewis, Stuart Read.

Apologies for Absence

Richard Coles.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Circulated by e-mail and approved.

Matters Arising

- Long distance trial- the date of Sunday 4th May 2014 has now been agreed.
- Limited company status- **Mike** is still looking at this and will report back next meeting.
- Inventory- **everyone** is to email Carol with details of what they are storing.
- Joan Westbrook's charity ride- **Mike** is still to check to see if we gave anything to charity last year and **Debbie** will put the article in the e-news.

Secretary's Report

Details of the Star Group Trial were discussed and agreed. **Carol** will apply for the permit and entry into the November issue of the TSM.

Tom Horsburgh asked at the last club trial if he had renewed his membership this year and on checking with Rob it was found that he had not.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing new to report.

Editor's Report

Promised articles have not been received. The deadline for articles was queried by Mike and Debbie reminded everyone that it is the first of the month.

Debbie passed on Dave Figg's new address to Rob together with Steve Garland's e-mail. Dave had suggested a possible alternative venue for club nights but now that The Red Lion is open again this is no longer a problem.

Membership Secretary's Report

No new members this month .Membership stands at 80, made up of 59 adults, 12 juniors and 9 honorary members.

Rob suggested that we think about what we are going to charge for next year's membership and if we want to offer a discount again for those renewing before the end of January. **Mike** said he would look at the costs to the club, taking into account our subscriptions to the AMCA, ACU and insurance which are dependent on the number of members we have.

Competition Secretary's Report

Colin thanked Pete and his team for laying out the last trial at Faygate, which was thought to have been one of the best. Trevor's punch card holders worked well and kept the end of the sections clear. The only disappointment was the low turnout of 23 riders. Again, we had no names on the board to take down sections at the end of the trial so we may have to use the air horn system for starting in future, to ensure riders sign up to help first.

The next trial is at Blackland's and Rob's team will be setting out. Some of the stakes, a punch and Castrol signs are still missing.

Next year Colin is thinking of using Birchanger for a change and also possibly Cowden.

Mike wondered about evening trials again but these are not well enough supported. Stuart suggested an open practice trial. Also another training session was brought up.

Long Distance Trial

There was a meeting on the 12th September for all interested. Richard will finalise the route and then give sections to people to check. The committee would like **Richard** to give monthly updates on progress and then Debbie will pass this on to members in the e-news to keep people interested. We will be relying on members to help at this event.

Social Events/camping Weekend

Neville has now calculated that the camping weekend made a small loss of £121.56 this year which everyone thought was good. Neville was thanked for organising another very successful weekend and he in turn thanked those who had also helped. Rick Parish who came for the day kindly contributed £30 towards the weekend.

Neville will be away for next year's camping weekend as will 'chief cook', Trevor. He advised that whoever organises next will need to make a start in January and that he would be prepared to help/advise. They will need to liaise with Antony over the marquee and book toilets early. Options were discussed and included a hog roast and fish and chip van. It was felt that the breakfast was socially an essential part of the weekend but could be cooked and served rather than kept warm. **Debbie** will try asking in the e-news for a volunteer to organise.

Any Other Business

- Mike has printed off 200 club trial entry forms.
- Trevor commented further on the LDT, particularly the amount of work involved and wondered if as much effort could have been put into running The Old Codgers.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm at The Red Lion, Betchworth followed by club night.