

SAM Committee Meeting Minutes – 18th August 2022

Held at the Lamb & Lion, Hambridge. Start Time; 7.30pm

Present; Georges Dupuis, Andy Bourne, Jim Donnelly, Gina Herridge, RAB Lavender, Roger Moffat, Dave Parker, Graham Tulloch, Trev Watts, Mike Collins, Peter Herridge.

Apologies; Linda Hay, Jez Martin, Tom Moore, John Ridd, Tony Sauer, Martin Surrey, Richard Pearse.

Deputy Chair (Georges Dupuis).

In the absence of Martin Surrey, the proposed change to the “Amber” Club Ride definition was discussed. Graham Tulloch and Trev Watts, as part of the sub-committee, explained it was proposed that these rides would now be open to all Associates as long as they had attended “Green” training rides previously to understand the drop-off system etc. Everyone was in agreement with this, but it was felt that Martin needed to confirm its adoption.

Treasurer (RAB Lavender).

RAB explained that we currently needed to spend some money to the benefit of road safety within Somerset in order to reduce current club funds.

- It was agreed that the Training Team should spend money on training aids and Observer clothing.
- It was agreed that Observers can claim £10 per training session with their Associates to help towards fuel and other associated costs.
- If an Associate is struggling financially, their Observer can approach the Treasurer to request some assistance.
- It was proposed by Gina that we should look at the possibility of having an Observer Weekend and would investigate costs for this. Roger seconded this and was fully supported by the committee.
- Re club subscriptions it was proposed by Dave that Friends/Partners as well as Honorary Members should not be charged. This was seconded by Georges and fully agreed by the committee.
- It was proposed by Gina that the Membership Secretary should have the authority to waive the subscription fee or extend membership where there are extenuating circumstances. This was seconded by Georges and fully agreed by the committee.

An Asset List is required. ***How should this be collated and by whom?***

Club Secretary (Andy Bourne).

It was proposed that we set out dates for committee meetings for the forthcoming year and also for the AGM.....but Trev was already ahead of the game and has them entered in the proposed club calendar for 2023! So, dates are for the first Thursday every quarter; 2nd March, 1st June, 7th September, 7th December. The AGM is set for Saturday 18th March.

Membership Secretary (Dave Parker)

Dave reported that there had been a recent flurry of 7 new members which appeared to coincide with the Motorcycle Show in Birmingham; the IAM's presence there appears to have worked! Otherwise, membership remains fairly consistent at or around 300.

Training (Gina Herridge).

- Dates arranged for new Observer training for next year with the possibility of having Zoom meetings for the theory sessions.
- With the Local Observer qualification to be phased out over the next 2 years, a training needs assessment needs to be made for those wishing to gain their National Observer qualification.
- Observer Coordinator to ask Associate if they would be OK with a shadow rider being present along with their Observer for NO training purpose.
- PTA reports (with names redacted) to be used as a training aid.
- To investigate the possibility of creating a PTA team.

Taster Rides (Roger Moffat).

Website issues around the ability to book a Taster Ride now appear to have been resolved. Year to date, only 36 have been requested; about half the normal amount!

Merchandising (Linda Hay).

- Mental Health Motorbike First Aid course now booked and paid for (£199). The course consists of 4 evening sessions of 3.5hrs each during January.
- It was agreed that any old stock which was inherited earlier this year should be sold off cheaply or even given away.
- Linda to obtain polos and t-shirts in a more varied colour range.
- A budget of £250 was proposed by Gina and seconded by Andy to allow fresh new stock to be ordered.

AOB

- Mike Collins was present to broadly discuss the Bristol Bike Show to be held in February. Currently there are a good number of volunteers for this event. It was suggested that an order for soft-shell jackets for the volunteers be submitted asap.
- Georges proposed a “Biker Down” event to be arranged for February and held at Long Sutton Hall. The club could pay for this as it is a road safety initiative. This was seconded by Dave with the committee in full agreement.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.