

Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday 13th July 2023

Held at the Lamb and Lion, Hambridge TA10 0AT at 19.30hrs

Present; Martin Surrey, Andy Bourne, RAB Lavender, John Ridd, Trev Watts, Tony Sauer, Callum Bremner, Linda Hay, Rob Bartlett, Elaine Callaghan, Brett Callaghan.

Apologies; Tom Moore, Jez Martin, Graham Tulloch, Simon Greenwood, Jim Donnelly, Dave Parker.

DocBike presentation; Elaine and Brett Callaghan made a presentation as part of the launch of the Somerset & Avon DocBike initiative. Officially launching at Helmet City, Cheddar on 22nd July. Organising a rideout on 24th September from Bridgwater Community Hospital to Henstridge Airfield. It was agreed that SAM could offer manpower support for such events; Elaine and Brett to request support for upcoming events.

Review of previous committee meeting;

- Wording in Welcome Pack now amended.
- Protocol Document re. Gina's Bursary now ready.
- Scheme to fund 50% towards cost of Masters course for 10 members about to be launched.
- Proposal to fund attendance of Inter-Club Training event made by Martin, seconded by Rob Bartlett, supported unanimously.

Access to bank account for Membership Secretary; This was requested by Dave Parker as it will streamline the updating of membership renewals. RAB to investigate and set in motion.

Membership Report; 6 new members in June, just 1 (as of 13th) in July equals those who have not renewed their membership.

Training Team, Observer Coordinator and Social Media Coordinator have requested access to the SAM Database to improve their admin procedures. Unfortunately, Jez was not present at the meeting but advised by email beforehand that he will contact all parties to discuss their requirements.

Events update; There are now 4 ride leaders for the ride-in to the Social Event on 12th August. Currently there are 29 rides scheduled before year end. C & T events now booked with Othery Village Hall for the second Saturday of every month between November '23 and March '24.

Should we make "Full Chat" advertisers honorary members should they wish to contribute to the SAM Facebook page? Following some discussion, it was agreed to accept advertisers as "Friends" so that they have access to the Facebook page. *Follow up; should Tom do this and who should advise advertisers that they now have this facility?*

Whilst discussing Facebook, it was suggested that we should ensure all ex-members are prevented from gaining access. Martin to discuss this with Tom.

Amend the SAM website welcome to Associates to reflect the increase from the current £5 contribution to £10. Jez to action.

Should we review all SAM documentation to ensure everything is current and to include a standard font? Following some discussion, it was suggested that we could perhaps adopt the IAMRS style. Andy to start looking at this.

Social Event Update; Currently, approximately 60 people going to the event at Leather and Lace on 12th August. No live music this time. Cost is £8/head. Will charge £5/head. It was agreed unanimously that receipts would be split 50/50 between St. Margarets Hospice and Gina's Bursary.

Merchandising; Ever So Clean have increased their prices slightly. Linda asked if we should increase the price of merchandising to reflect this. It was agreed that they should and to also be aware of the 46p transaction charge when members buy from the online shop. RAB to liaise with Linda on fees and agree prices for merchandise.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next Committee Meeting; TBC - October. 7.30pm. Lamb and Lion, Hambridge TA10 0AT.