



Minutes of AGM
Thursday 17th Sep 2020 - 19:00 to 22:00
Online Zoom Meeting

Present:	See attendance list
Apologies for Absence:	Carolyn English, Jeff Ormston, Stephen Monks, Alan Kinghorn, John Buxton

No	Item
1.	Introductions. Ronnie Paton welcomed all to the meeting and advised that as it was difficult for the committee and first timers to introduce themselves this was not completed as it normally would.
2.	Apologies See above
3.	Minutes of 2019 AGM Accepted as an accurate record and approved Proposed by: Jason Cooper Seconded by: Stephen Winn
4	Minutes of EGM Ronnie Paton advised that he had hoped that the minutes of the EGM would have been completed but due to time constraints these have not been made available and will be carried to the December meeting.
5	Committee Elections Ronnie Paton advised that the following were re-elected unopposed <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ronnie Paton● Kirsty Lawrence● Chris Mann He then advised that the following were elected as trustees unopposed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jason Cooper ● Mick Redpath ● Steve Tulloch ● Suzanne Hitchinson
6	<p>2019 year end accounts Approval</p> <p>Ronnie Paton introduced and handed the presentation over to David Holloway from Ribchesters Chartered Accountants, A copy of the financial statement was displayed on screen for all to see.</p> <p>David Holloway then proceeded to go over the financial statement</p>
	<p>At this stage, the meeting abruptly ended, and a new meeting room was set up</p>
	<p>As David Holloway had not re-joined it was agreed to move on to the next item and would come back to this at the end to give him time to re-join.</p>
7	<p>2020 year end accounts</p> <p>Ronnie Paton advised that we had been concentrating on getting the 2019 accounts approved and then would move onto the 2020 and hoped these would be ready for the December meeting for approval.</p>
8	<p>Issue 2 Constitution Approval</p> <p>Ronnie Paton asked that as the updated version and the changes from the current version were in the library he asked if there were any comments or questions</p> <p>Peter Robertson asked the reasoning behind removing the requirement for postal and proxy voting as he felt removing it would be a mistake and should it not be left in.</p> <p>Ronnie Paton answered that the Postage and Proxy voting sections were removed to match what we do and as we could not have a robust postal voting system in place it was best to remove these items. He also mentioned that he included the use of an electronic voting system which was not listed as a replacement.</p> <p>Peter Robertson agreed and understood the reasoning.</p> <p>Peter Robertson also suggested that we should include Darlington in the areas we cover.</p> <p>A discussion around the naming of the areas as Barry Bullas advised that there is no Tyne & Wear. It was agreed that this should be updated that all areas be listed separately.</p> <p>Ronnie Paton suggested that the document be approved with the restriction that the areas to be updated, as the document can only be approved at an AGM.</p> <p>Ronnie Paton then asked that as it was an online meeting if there were any objections to approval and none were given.</p> <p>Mick Redpath then advised that the document should have a proposer and seconder which was agreed</p>

Proposer Mick Redpath
Secunder Kirsty Lawrence

Issue 2 of the Constitution was approved and to be sent to the Charity Commission for final approval by them.

9 **Committee update**

Vice-Chair

Ronnie Paton then started his update by stating it had been a difficult year and suggested that everyone take a minute to think of the good they have done.

After a small pause he suggested that everyone remembers the good points and as we move into the next chapter of NBB to remember those points

He then went and gave an update on the Radios and suggested that the general consensus was that the new system worked well. He then went on to thank Bill Deacon for his continued support of the system and Jeff Ormston for not only looking at the system for a controller point of view but securing the funding to pay for it.

Publicity

Kirsty Lawrence gave the following updates

Christmas Card Competition was open for kids and adults and was listed in a local newspaper

Blood Biking Santa, she advised that due to the COVID restrictions she has taken the decision that this unfortunately could not happen this year.

Talks, most of the talks this year had been cancelled and she thanked Nigel Barlow for his support.

Newsletter, she thanked Kim Tolley and Gareth Hopper for getting the newsletter out even though we had not been doing many events.

Matchlight Documentaries, she informed the group that the production company that created the night force TV documentary had permanently closed during lockdown.

Social Media Policy, Kirsty gave an explanation and requirements on the Social Media Policy. John Watts asked if the policy can be reviewed by the committee to remove some of the restrictions.

A discussion then took place about the requirements and why the restrictions are in place. Ronnie Paton agreed that a review would take place.

Training

Stephen Winn gave the following updates

Inductions were due to start again following the new procedure of different workshops dependant on role and thanked Mike Thompson for all his work on completing the inductions

Assessments, He advised that the car assessments were started but with the announcement today (17th Sep 2020) of the local lockdown the cars would be suspended again. He went on to thank Alan Bragg, Mike Briant & Ken Tait
Controller Training, he thanked all the help and support that Jeff Ormston, Paul Curran and Joe Parkin give.

Shadowing, he thanked Frank Soulsby for helping in arranging the shadowing.

Wave Radio Training, he thanked Ronnie Paton for arranging and conducting the radio training sessions in such a short space of time.

Mick Redpath asked that on the website the membership was not open, how are there members waiting for inductions

Stephen Winn replied that those that were waiting for the inductions were members that had joined before COVID and had not attended the induction.

Ronnie Paton informed the floor that we were looking at opening the membership up again and that Stephen Winn was looking into ways of delivering the training online

Rota

Chris Mann gave the following updates

Controllers & Vocare, he advised the room that were not aware that Vocare had been unable to provide the cover that they normally do, but they were to start doing this as of the 1st Oct 2020. He thanked all the controllers that were able to cover this shift and gave special thanks to Ria Burnett who did a lot of these shifts.

Newcastle GP and Covid runs, He advised that the GP runs were not fully up and running again, although some requests were made by the trusts which changes weekly, he updated those on shift what was required directly. He then went on to advise the Covid runs had changed to bi-hourly and would run until at least after Christmas.

Scotland Blood bikes Relay, Chris advised that he has agreed with a volunteer that they would be available to complete this run on a Monday when required, as it was difficult to arrange this at short notice.

General Fleet update, Chris then went on to give the status of the fleet, listing service statuses and what vehicles were waiting to be repaired.

Peter Robertson then enquired about the delivery date for the bike that was paid for by the Mayor of Morpeth efforts to secure the funds. Jason Cooper answered that the bike was an FJR which had been ordered but we did not have a delivery date.

Hospital

Due to Sean Storey work commitments he was unable to provide his update

ICT

Ronnie Paton on behalf of Alan Kinghorn gave the following updates

Proposal to discontinue the forum, Ronnie Paton advised the floor that the forum plugin that links the website and the forum is outdated and causing security issues, he then went on and asked if anyone would have any issues with this being removed with a voting resolution in the December meeting. After a short discussion this was agreed.

Website Priorities, Ronnie Paton advised that Alan was going to be focusing on getting the Website more Mobile friendly, looking at the content management system as part of the lifecycle of the website and looking into a dedicated Email service

Dave Glennie asked about the issue with iPad working on the website. Ronnie Paton answered that this was caused by an IOS update and this was the reason behind making the website more mobile friendly

Fundraising

Tiger Taylor was not online at the time of her update, Ronnie Paton asked if Kirsty Lawrence knew anything about the items and Kirsty provided the following updates

Collection tin recall and replacement Kirsty Lawrence advised that due to Covid people are reluctant to take change and are donating it into the tins, this means they are getting full quicker and with no other events taking place the monies are better in our account rather than in a tin on a shop counter.

Covid update/safe return to events: Kirsty Lawrence was unable to give this update.

Dedicated fundraising storage at West Denton, Kirsty advised that we had purchased some storage containers that will be used to hold the fundraising equipment at a central location, with 24hr access for collection and return of equipment.

Merchandise coming soon: Kirsty Lawrence was unable to give this update.

6 2019 year end accounts Approval (Part 2)

Ronnie Paton advised that as David Holloway had not re-joined, and David Holloway had been over most of the statement he asked if there were any questions relating to the statement.

Richard Scholfield asked about the £6185 that was listed as this figure was the same as when he was treasurer. He was aware of a decision that was made not to list individuals that this was owed to after he left office. He asked if it would be wise to try, if possible, to have this level of detail put back in place.

Ronnie Paton answered that this figure was an anomaly that David had identified, and he was going to look more in depth on the 2020 statement when there is more time.

John Watts asked a question. When giving talks he suggests that a £x is needed to run the charity per month but looking at the statement this cost is more. Ronnie Paton answered that he would investigate it with the new treasurer and update.

John Watts then went on to state that the charity had too much money in the bank and we should look to invest this. Ronnie Paton answered stating that we would investigate this with the new treasurer but would not be for at least 6 months.

Ronnie Paton then asked that as it was an online meeting if there were any objections to approval

	<p>and none were given this statement was approved.</p> <p>Proposer John Watts Secunder Alan Bell</p>
10	<p>Volunteer of the year</p> <p>Kirsty announced that she had initially received no nominations but after a reminder she had received some, and noted that some of the nominations were for committee members and that she was going to send something to all of those that were nominated.</p> <p>After giving the reason why the award went to the person, she announced that the 2020 Volunteer of the year was Frank Soulsby, which everyone agreed and congratulated him.</p>
11	<p>Recognition Badges</p> <p>Recognition badges were announced by Barry Bullas</p> <p>Bronze was awarded to</p> <p>Ian Brand Rob Pattinson</p> <p>Silver was awarded to</p> <p>Paul Frost Stephen Monks</p> <p>Gold was awarded to</p> <p>John Buxton John Reay Michael Redpath Paul Curran Ria Burnett Ruth Atkinson Steve Tulloch</p> <p>Red Gold was awarded to</p> <p>Ken Tait</p> <p>Steve Tulloch advised that he had already been awarded the Gold badge, Barry Bullas answered that he would investigate it.</p>
7	<p>Members Questions</p> <p>Ronnie Paton opened the floor to members questions, and none were asked</p>

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Meeting Closed

Ronnie Paton then thanked Jerry Trowbridge for setting up the 2nd part of the meeting.

The meeting was formally closed at 21:25

Chair / Vice Chair Print Name:

Date:.....

Attendance sheet

1 Ronnie Paton	31 Alan Bell
2 Kirsty Lawrence	32 Kim Vincent
3 Chris Mann	33 Chris Vincent
4 Stephen Winn	34 Rob Pattinson
5 Sean Storey	35 Brian S
6 Tiger Taylor	36 Mark Beaman
7 Suzie Hitchinson	37 Paul Curran
8 Steve Tulloch	38 Doreen Lawrence
9 Jason Cooper	39 Alan Ross
10 Jerry Trowbridge	40 Richard Schofield
11 Rob Wilkes	41 Brian Slassor
12 John Watts	42 Gary Tait
13 Jeff Glen	43 Barry Bullas
14 Dave Glennie	44 Thomas Idap
15 Ian Perks	45 Fire
16 Judith Russell	46 Ipad
17 Steve Draper	47 David Holloway (Guest)
18 Paul Frost	48 Laren-lea Grove
19 Alan Johnson (2)	49 Grahame Michell
20 Neil Hunter	50 Unknown
21 Mick Redpath	51 Unknown
22 Kirsty Downham	52 Unknown
23 Peter Robertson	53 Unknown
24 Ria Burnett	54 Unknown
25 Jo Hudson	55 Unknown
26 Ken Tait	56
27 Tom Stewart	57
28 Arron Gilbraith	58
29 Peter Kippax	59
30 Frank Soulsby	60