

**Minutes of AGM Meeting
Thursday 25th September 2024
19-00**

Present: Mick redpath (chair), Jason Cooper, Sean Storey, Paul Curran, Kirsty Lawrence, [Ria Burnett](#), Tiger Taylor.

All others as per attendance sheets Inc Apologies.

No	Item	Action required
1	<p>The meeting was opened by Mick Redpath (chair) with a brief introduction.</p> <p>2023 minutes were proposed and seconded by Clive Franklin and John Everett. The meeting approved the minutes.</p>	
2	<p>Treasurer's report 23/24 All relevant information for the accounts have been forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. showing an increase in funds for this year. Q. Is there any method of clawback for the funds used to get new members through the advanced test who then vanish? The accounts were proposed and seconded by Lee Smith and Mick Redpath. The meeting approved the accounts</p>	
	<p>A new company is being used to undertake all updates and a new IT system in November.</p>	
3	<p>Committee Updates, Rota Ria gave updates on service suspensions and asked for more coverage especially on weekends. Split shifts will be offered if it helps to get the shifts covered. Q, is a 12 hour shift safe for riders? Q why are we doing split shifts A, any coverage is better than nothing. Ria working alongside the committee to get Neas keys back and to remove staff who have become inactive.</p>	
4	<p>Training, Paul Curran explained that he is new to the role and as well as familiarisation he is currently working through the lists on Assessments, DBS checks, and all other relevant training. He announced that 10 new members have progressed onto the rota.</p>	

5	<p>Fundraising, Tiger passed on her thanks and appreciation to all those who have been involved with fundraising this year. The floor was passed to John Watts who explained the links between the blood bikes and the Freemasons he stated that in 2017 the freemasons charity gave £450.000 to the Blood bike as a whole and this year 2024 £750.000 is to be granted to blood bikes England and Wales, So we now have the possibility for a new car for the fleet.</p>	
6	<p>Fleet, Jason informed the meeting that 2 new cars were added to the fleet in 2024 including the 1st Hybrid car. He also asked that when re-fuelling the vehicles at a BP station please use the BP card not the all star card. 12 month assessments will be sent out via e mail Hexham cars decals are now looking tatty</p>	
7	<p>Publicity, Kirsty informed all that anyone interested in the 2025 Great North Run to get their entries in. The Santa Run emails to be sent out. Nigel Barlow is stepping down from his role. 24 Blood Bike talks have been delivered. Christmas card competition launched at the end of September/ start of October. Merchandise range to be improved.</p>	
8	<p>Chair, Thanks to all the members and the committee for attending and the year to date. NABB rider jackets are on order. New Driver jackets are under development. The meeting was reminded that DBS checks are every 3 years and 3 types of I.D are needed to progress also delays on the DBS forms are a national issue. The survey will be out to all members in October 2024 and you must accept the Social media policy to advance to the survey.</p>	

9	<p>Hospital Liaison,</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the RVI run end date will be the middle of November.</p> <p>Hexham run will be updated, awaiting response from all involved.</p> <p>H.M.P Northumberland have requested our assistance in taking samples to N.S.E.C this will be incorporated into the Hexham run.</p> <p>If any member of Northumbria Blood Bikes have issues with any member of N.H.S staff then please contact Via Email Hospital liaison in the first instance.</p>	
10	<p>Patrons Message,</p> <p>A message was received from Bob Jarman Consultant in emergency medicine, thanking all staff for their dedication and support in the vital role that N.BB provides to the N.H.S.</p> <p>He also reminded staff that when on duty if you see him, stop him and say hello and he might buy you a coffee !!</p>	
11	<p>Elections,</p> <p>The room was informed that there are 3 places on the committee up for election.</p> <p>Training- Paul Curran was elected into the post unopposed.</p> <p>Secretary- Simon Whitmore was elected into the post Unopposed.</p> <p>Vice Chair- There were 2 candidates standing, Gary Annan and Chris Mann, therefore a ballot was required.</p> <p>There were 59 votes cast-</p> <p>Gary Annan- 19</p> <p>Chris Mann- 40</p> <p>Chris Mann was elected to the post of Vice Chair.</p> <p>The vote was checked by Barry Bullas.</p>	

12	<p>Recognition Badges,</p> <p>Recognition Badges were awarded to the following-</p> <p>Steve Hardwick,</p> <p>Chris Torbitt</p> <p>Andrew Polkinghorn,</p> <p>Harry Snee,</p> <p>John Dixon Dawson,</p> <p>Tiger Taylor,</p> <p>Kirsty Lawrence,</p>	
14	<p>Crystal Awards</p> <p>These were awarded to,</p> <p>John Reay,</p> <p>Chris Mann,</p>	
15	<p>Volunteer of the Year,</p> <p>This award was presented to Alan Johnson, who constantly commits with shift rota coverage as well as his invaluable assistance with driver assessments.</p>	
16	<p>Jason Cooper informed the meeting of the passing of Dave Suddes who was of great assistance to the blood bikes.</p> <p>As to date Jason was unable to inform the meeting as to any funeral arrangements.</p>	
17	<p>Floor Questions,</p> <p>Rest Premises - Somewhere for drivers and riders to stand down and needs to be investigated further and is ongoing. However if anyone knows of a suitable unit please inform the committee.</p> <p>Shift Struggles- How to recruit new staff, would flyers distributed at events be a way forward.</p> <p>Lack of Facebook events- Members raised the issue of a lack of news on the Facebook platform, However other methods need to be looked at as not everyone is on facebook.</p>	

	<p>The Trustees are comfortable and confident with current operating costs and balance reductions.</p> <p>It was also raised that at future meetings sound levels or the use of the P.A system as several members were finding it very difficult to hear everything that was being spoken about.</p>	
18	with nothing further being raised the meeting was closed at 21-25	

Open meeting attendees June 2024

Attendees				Apologies	
	Surname	Forename	Signature	Surname	Forename
1	Annan	Gary		Atkinson	Ruth
2	Brewin	Keith		Brown	Ann
3	Bullas	Barry		Cresswell	Bob
4	Burnett	Ria		Donachie	Robert
5	Coleman	Angie	<i>A. Coleman</i>	Draper	Stephen
6	Cooper	Jason	<i>J. Cooper</i>	Draper	Susan
7	Curran	Paul	<i>P. Curran</i>	Glen	Jeff
8	Deacon	William	APOLOGIES	Gorringe	Edward
9	Draper	Dave	<i>D. Draper</i>	Henderson	Derek
10	English	Carolyn		Johnson(2)	Alan
11	Everett	John	<i>J. Everett</i>	Kinghorn	Alan
12	Franklin	Clive	<i>C. Franklin</i>	Mears	Tom
13	Garrity	Tony	<i>T. Garrity</i>	Moralee	Wilf
14	Grannan	John	<i>J. Grannan</i>	Muirhead	Ian
15	Hardwick	Steve	<i>Steve Hardwick</i>	Nicholls	Craig
16	Hawkes	Chris	<i>C. Hawkes</i>	O'Brien	Clare
17	Hunter	Neil		Ormston	Jeff
18	Jamieson	Ian	<i>I. Jamieson</i>	Short	Dave
19	Jarman	Bob		Storey	Sean
20	Johnson	Alan	<i>A. Johnson</i>	Tate	Stuart
21	Law	Colin	<i>C. Law</i>	Toland	Eamonn
22	Lawrence	Doreen	<i>D. Lawrence</i>	Wilks	Rob
23	Lawrence	Kirsty	<i>K. Lawrence</i>	McDonnell	Dave
24	Laws	Steven	<i>S. Laws</i>	CRAMMIE	WILSON
25	Macneish	Ian	<i>I. Macneish</i>	Soulsby	FRANK
26	Nelson	Carol	<i>C. Nelson</i>	SMITH	LCE
27	Nicoliello	Eduardo		MORALEE	ERIC
28	Pattinson	Rob		HENDERSON	Mandy
29	Paul	Sargeant		Deakin	Kirsty
30	Polkinghorn	Andrew	<i>A. Polkinghorn</i>		
31	Quigley	Sam	<i>S. Quigley</i>		
32	Reay	John	<i>J. Reay</i>		
33	Redpath	Michael	<i>M. Redpath</i>		
34	Robertson	Peter	<i>P. Robertson</i>		
35	Robson	Jim	<i>J. Robson</i>		
36	Russell	Judith	<i>J. Russell</i>		
37	Smith	Lee			
38	Snee	Harry	<i>H. Snee</i>		
39	Tait	Gary	<i>G. Tait</i>		
40	Taylor	Tiger			
41	Torbitt	Chris	<i>C. Torbitt</i>		
42	Whitmore	Simon	<i>S. Whitmore</i>		
43	Wiseman	Simon	<i>S. Wiseman</i>		
44	Witherspoon	Andrea	<i>A. Witherspoon</i>		
45	Wolff	Hanan			

Madeline Ross R. Macdonald

46	TAUJAL	JEFF	Jeff
47	ROSS	ALAN	Alan
48	KENTH	BROWN	Brown
49	MCDONNACH	DAVE	McDonach
50	MATT	TOM	Tom
51	MARN	CHRIS	Chris
52	ANDY	DANSON	Danson
53	KEN	TAIT	Tait
54	WATTS	JOHN	John
55	Tom	GARY	Gary
56	MIKE	CLARE	Clare
57	SHAWH	GRAHAM	Graham
58	MOLLY	MACKIE	Mackie
59	Ian	MURRAY	Murray
60	P	SALVAGE	Salvage
61	CORN	MATTHEWS	Matthews
62	PROUDEN	ROB	Rob
63	GARY	ANNIAN	Annian
64	TIGER	TAYLOR	Taylor
65	RIA	BURNET	Burnet
66	GRAEME	MITCHELL	Mitchell
67	STOREY	SEAN	Sean
68	STEVE	BROWN	Brown
69	BROWN	WILLIAM	William
70	FROST	PAUL	Paul
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