

AGM Thursday 21.9.2017 Greenside Social Club 7pm There were 57 members in attendance, a full list of attendees is available from H Amar if required. Apologies were received from :Nigel Barlow, Suzi Hitchison, Dave Makepeace, Jerry Trowbridge, Gary Annan, Phil Tumelty, Kirsty Downham, Peter Kippax, Gary Saunders, Nathan Harold, Shelagh Carter, John Friend, Ian Hunter, Alan Johnson Craig Moodie, Rob Wilkes and Monty Burton.

Minutes of AGM 2016 were proposed and seconded by G Moor and A Watson. The minutes of the second meeting were proposed by G Moor and seconded by S Rawlings. There were no matters arising.

Election of Officers 2017 Publicity- Kirsty Lawrence Secretary - Brian Slassor Training - Geoff Spencer These posts were re-elected unopposed There were 2 candidates for the post of Vice Chair - Graham Moor and Ronnie Paton. Each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation, and members then voted for the Candi of their choice. Brian then retired to count votes. The result was that Ronnie Paton was duly elected.

Highlights of the year ( June 2026-2017) There have been several changes to the committee over the last 12 months. Sincere thanks were given to those members for their time and dedication.

The fleet has been increased by 5 vehicles this year. The Kangoo has been replaced by the Nissan Juke. A spare bike is now held in case of breakdown. Riders were requested to take extra care with SatNavs on bikes as several have been lost while riding over the course of the year.

Rota Well done to everyone for making sure shifts are covered - most of them with no problem. A support shift has been introduced and this seems to have gone down well. The 12 hour shifts haven't been affected so the support shift will continue. Special thanks were given to Debbie and Suzanne for their help with the rota. Chris is now also on board with the rota, and Gary Annan is now doing uniforms. We are currently looking for new bases, as, in the future, it may not be possible to park personal vehicles in ambulance bases. Discussions are being held with NEAS. Members were asked for ideas for possible new bases. GNAA may need support to replenish blood supplies on weekdays, therefore we may need to introduce a rider on standby. On average, 22 jobs are done daily at weekends, therefore it may be feasible to have 4 vehicles on shift weekend day shift - Especially Sunday afternoons.

Assessment There have been lots of assessment and reassessment rides, and slow riding training has taken place.

Fundraising Since the charity began we raised, or had donations, to the total of £570,000 This year we had an anonymous donation of £10,000, and in September £60,000 was raised . It is hoped there people will opt- in purely to be fundraisers, and that workshops can be run on do's and don'ts when out fundraising.

Hospital Liaison Discussions are continuing with NHS trusts. Newcastle Trust are looking at allowing us to carry Cat B infectious samples. Gateshead Trust - work is starting to increase. GNAAS 100% delivery but NOT 100% paperwork. Anyone doing a BoB run is to take extra care with paperwork as it COULD lead to problems.

Treasurer In Monty's absence, due to recent surgery, we were informed that there had been annual income of £180,000, and that we hold £75,000 on deposit. Members were reminded that if banking money the treasurer needs to know WHEN and WHERE banked, WHEN and WHERE collected and if a thank you letter is required.

Membership There are currently 562 members on the books. We need to keep the momentum going with members to make sure that we keep them.

ICT There have been 5 core/security upgrades this year and no unplanned downtime. There have been a few issues with VL system, but this has, in turn, , led to a better relationship with VL bring established. There was a massive jump in hits to the website in June - probably due to the QAVS being won.

Jobs are up 66% for the year with an average of 1,000 jobs per month. Members may recall that 2 years ago there was an All Ladies Boxing Day shift. This Year it is proposed that Boxing Day is an all committee shift.

Why do we do it? A PowerPoint presentation was given, and these slides will be available from M Thompson in due course. Three scenarios were highlighted when lives had been saved due to our input. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was awarded in June. The award is on display at Northumbrian Water HQ in Pity Me, Durham.

People are amazed when they realise that everything we do is purely voluntary. Everyone was thanked for their efforts over the last year.

Focus on Volunteers Members were given 5 sticky notes and asked to note down 5 thoughts, positive or negative, about NBB. These will be collated and reported back and acted up if possible.

### **Recognition of Contribution Badges**

Awarded to

**Outstanding Volunteer of the Year This was awarded to Mervyn Hilton.**

Open Questions When at an event some stickers can be difficult to remove from backing. The stocks are dwindling and alternatives are being looked at.

The Nissan Juke had been taken to Proctor and Gamble for a photo shoot a it was pointed out that there was no P & G logo on. This is because the funds were raised by staff so P & G didn't want the logo on.

Black Yeti has been damaged and no one knows how. There is no cctv footage available as the incident happened too long ago.

During the summer it seemed, several times, that all bikes were booked out for events, and riders struggled to find a bike for their shift. If this happens in the future, riders should contact Steve Rawlings and he will find a spare bike. There should be no more than 1 or 2 events for a bike to attend. However, the moral of this is -- get your shifts booked early! It was asked would it be possible to have an older bike to use for events rather than a "working bike". This would not be feasible due to high cost of tax and insurance to only be used half a dozen times over the year. An order bike found be fold and the funds used elsewhere.

Riders and drivers were reminded that they shouldn't be expected to go onto wards to collect job sheets - they should be collected from reception, a and e or path lab. We need to work together with the hospitals and controllers should inform hospitals where jobs should be collected from when they are booked.

No other business the meeting closed at 9.03pm