



Minutes of Committee Meeting **2nd April 2015**

Committee Members Present:

Peter Robertson, Richard Scholfield, Alan Ross, Graham Moor, Barry Bullas, Geoff Spencer, Michael Thompson, Chris Mitchell, Sean Storey, Owain Harris and Sue Harris

Apologies for absence

None

Action points from previous Committee Meeting

Peter referred the Committee to the minutes of the previous meeting and in particular to the action points.

Action Points were discussed and updates given – any outstanding actions to be undertaken and updates given at the next meeting.

Peter reported that a response had been received from the Charity Commission re the change to the Charitable Objects – this will be an agenda item for the June Open meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Business Plan

The ideas raised by the members and the Committee for consideration for the Business Plan were discussed, and it was agreed that a period of consolidation is needed for NBB at the present time and that the Committee would review again at the May meeting regarding handovers.

BoB Trial

The trial period ends at the end of April but the Committee agreed that the current arrangements for the BoB Run would continue and that Michael Thompson would e-mail the members giving this update.

Andromeda

The poll will end on the 6th April and the results will be published.

The Committee agreed that if the poll is in favour of Andromeda then purchases, policies and procedures would have to occur and Graham Moor would write the policy working with Barry.

Michael Thompson, Alan Ross, Graham Moor and Barry Bullas would be the team to launch the introduction of the system if the vote was in favour.

Co-ordinating- Chris

Chris said that more members were showing an interest in coordinating but that NBB should be aiming for 35 – 40 coordinators.

At the present time NBB has 20 coordinators which included the 12 Committee members.

Bank Account – Richard

Richard spoke about having a separate bank account for the deposit monies received for jackets and keys. This would in effect be a 'holding account'

The Committee agreed and Richard to liaise with Peter and Alan for signatures and open the account

Communications

Alan asked about the streamlining of the Forum.

Michael reported that streamlining was ongoing and that, hopefully, by May the Forum should be used for discussions and that the website will include the operational aspects of NBB.

The website would also be used for any future votes and polls.

AOB

- There had been an e-mail by a member regarding Advanced Qualifications and re-tests.

This was discussed and was agreed that the policy would be updated to alleviate any further confusion.

- Owain shared the literature including brochures and posters he had received from GNAAS and asked if NBB could do something similar in regards to publicity.

ACTION: Owain to obtain an estimate of costs for Richard, to produce the literature.

- Sean updated the Committee re hospital meetings and contacts with Northumbria Trust, and the Darlington and County Durham Trust.
- Sean informed the Committee about a missing tag from a box (RVI) on the BoB run – he said an extra 'Y/N' column will be included on the paperwork about tags on boxes.

ACTION: Sean will inform the drivers

- Graham updated the Committee on three fund applications and the amounts involved but also that the applications are for specific items.
- Peter informed the Committee that Carol Malia would be interested in attending the June Open Meeting.

ACTION: Owain to contact Carol about this.

- Alan informed the Committee about a fire station event in Bishop Auckland on 9th May for publicity.

ACTION: Owain to 'look into this.'

- Graham informed the Committee he had been liaising with John Stepney re a National Blood Bike Awareness Day on the 14th August. He said he would talk about this at the Open Meeting in June.

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting:

Committee Meeting at ASDA Benton on 7th May 2015