



DRAFT
Minutes of March 2019 Open Meeting
EX Servicemens Institute
Forest Hall

Meeting start 1906

51 people attended see attached sheets

Graham welcomed members to the meeting

Apologies received from Sean Storey, John Buxton, Sam Quigley, Gary Annan, Alan Johnston, Derek Henderson, Dave Williams, Julian Brown, Alan Kinghorn.

Decembers minutes were proposed by Charles Wood and seconded by Bill Deacon

Rachel Hawes came along from GNASS to give us an update on their service.

Rachel gave us a comprehensive report on what they actually do and how they depend on Blood Bikes for making their Blood On Board (BOB) project possible. Blood on board has up to jan 2017 saved 33 lives .

Rachel explained how the merit car is now operational 4 nights a week.

Rachel made us aware that in the case of a major incident they were capable of deploying 4 seperate teams.

Graham welcomed Andrea Witherspoon to committee as training officer and Julian Brown as treasurer.

Graham thanked the members for what they do because of course without them the charity would not function.

Mike Thompson was presented with a small gift as a thank you for all the hard relentless work he had done as Chairman.

Graham mentioned the fact that money was being wasted on needless damage to vehicles .

NABB update

DVSA are now offering a qualification for blood bikes .(NBB do not currently recognise this qualification)

Peter Robertson will stand down as Chair at NABB next agm.

Ronnie Paton

Spoke of the new fault reporting system that would be online.

He also asked for someone to take over looking after the radios at bases and with repairs.

Steve Rawlings

Since December open meeting there has been 49 new members including 7 riders and two drivers.

Rota is being fairly easy to fill at the moment. (thanks to Chris Mann)

Shadow riders have been up till now been optional but they are to become compulsory to try and avoid some of the damage. So now we are looking for shadow riders that must at least hold a bronze award.

Neas are now stopping personal vehicles being parked in their stations.

Alan Johnson

Two new bikes are being introduced to the fleet including a new clutchless fjr.

There is a BMW 1250 RT on order.

Two new BMW F800 GT will be purchased as the smaller bikes.

The Henry Surtees BOB car will have problems as it looks like it will have a restricted mileage.

£3500 has recently been spent on vehicle damage it is felt that this money could be a lot better spent on other things.

Alan asks that people stop using facebook for fault reporting.

Alan thanked his assistants and welcomed Alan Johnston to the team.

The new Bmw will be called Rush so named by Chris Webster's family in his memory.

Now both Bella and Claire are reunited with Ed Gardner from Madathlon.

Debbie told how 2 new controllers were now on shift with a further 4 in training.

Kirsty Lawrence

The 360 challenge the first 2 days outstripped the first 2 months with entries over last year. 74 people now signed up.

Great North Run 35 runners for NBB with a further 15 people running on behalf of NABB..

Kirsty is this year helping Barry with fundraising instead of running.

Kirsty also raised concerns about damage to the event kit which is frequently needing replaced.

Talks

Speakers will now register to do talks as you would for any other event .

A new training scheme will soon be in place for speakers . This will help with continuity amongst speakers.

Fundraising

We are still looking for someone to take on the committee fundraising role.

We are in the process of getting electronic devices for donations. These will be on a 3 year trial period . One of them will be going to county hall at morpeth where we will be their charity of the year.

Donations will no longer be able to be given by text donate.

Alan Kinghorn

Alan is currently working on making reporting and recording for the membership much easier.

Andrea witherspoon

Andreas role in training will develop the sessions already in place for new and existing members.

A special thanks was given to Merv Hilton for all he does with new members.

Rob Wilks

Riders are to have garage checks done by email on a trust basis if they wish to take the bikes home .

To have the bikes garaged is a stipulation of our insurance.

In the last 3 months we have had 14 people register to be riders 7 controllers and 15 drivers.

We currently have 482 members .

Treasurer

Julian Brown has recently taken over this role.

We currently have £216,672 in our bank accounts.

**January and february showed up 350 discrepancies in job recording
Changes are to be made in due course as to how jobs are recorded.**

As a charity our success is based on how many jobs we do for the NHS so accurate recording is essential.

Recognition Badges

**These were awarded to for Bronze 25 shifts
Andrea W, Carol S, Charles W, Chris B, George L, Keith A, Neil H,**

**Silver 50 shifts
Ian M, Carol N, Adam M, John T, Judith R, Michael O, Jason C,**

**Gold 100 shifts
Rob W, Ian M, Frank S.**

Questions were taken from members.

**Points of interest
Blue light training this coming sat.**

Prompt Job recording is essential

Chris Tolley is currently refurbing mini motos.

Lorna has NBB hats for sale.

Meeting close 2103.