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Minutes of Open Meeting
Thursday 15th March 2018 - 19:00 to 21:00
Forest Hall EX Servicemens Club

46 Members attended the meeting . See attached sheets.

Apologies were sent from, Mary Finn, Jona Friend, Lorna Woodward, Debbie Paton, Andrea Weatherspoon, Jeff Glenn, Heather Amar, Chris Webster, Peter Robertson, Steve Tulloch, Richard Dobson, John Buxton, Shelagh Carter, Nigel Barlow, Gary Tait, Alan Johnson, Alan Kinghorn.Dave Glennie.

The meeting started with Mike giving thanks to Monty Burton for all the work he has done for the Charity and wishing him well.

December minutes were proposed by Mervyn Hilton and seconded by Sean Jamieson.

Graham gave an update on NABB meeting.

NABB stats show 5% increase in vehicles.

14% increase in Volunteers.

32% increase in work .

Section 19 was discussed and as yet no progress has happened at all.

New rules come into force in May for data protection and government compliance to it.

17 August is national Blood Bike Awareness day.

Every NABB group will get a vehicle bought for them from the Masons Mark benevolent fund this is a staggering 20 vehicles in total.

There is to be a wear your uniform to work day later in the year.

There had been a presentation for a job tracker app for mobile phones.

MHRA had been discussed regarding all NABB groups using the same test.

The fraud that NABB had suffered has now been resolved.

Yamaha T Max has been approved by the Met. Police but as yet not by Yamaha Europe.

BMW have brought out a blood bike but it is not yet type approved.

Colin Granton mentioned that because of the fact that if you even change tyre make they are no longer type approved , and because of lack of progress with section 19 why worry about approval anyway.

Ria B suggested that we stick with 2 or 3 Bike types.

And finally It is hoped that the budget makes Blood Bike vehicles road tax exempt.

Mike tells members that a new Skoda Scout automatic car has been ordered and that trackers were to be fitted to all vehicles.

A video clip of the previous years activity was shown.

Barry presented the recognition awards to members the following people were awarded.

Bronze: Alan Johnson², Andy Watson, Chris Webster, David Macdonald, David Pitkethly, Gary Pillans, Glen Lawson, Graham Shields, Jim Ludford, Joanne Hudson, John Dixon Dawson, Judith Russell, Ken Kelly, Mark Lovell, Philip Tumelty, Richard Dobson, Richard Marshall, Sam Quigley, Stephen Winn,

Silver: Anne Wilkinson, Dave Glennie, Frank Soulsby, Ian Macneish, Jeff Glenn, John Watts, Sean Jamieson,

Gold: Alan Johnston, Gary Annan, Graham Moor, Malcolm Crammon, Malcolm Farley,

Gold/Red: A very special well done to Debbie Paton, Ronnie Paton, 200 shifts and counting.

Kirsty told us that the 3rd annual 360 challenge had 52 people already signed up. It would start from The Road House Grill and Durham Tees Valley Airport.

Richard Marshall is now the young people's engagement coordinator

Steve Tulloch joined Nigel as a talks coordinator.

Steve told us that recognition awards would include fundraising.

He welcomed back Ross M and Suzi H from absence.

Steve thanked Gary for helping with the uniforms but said Alan J had now taken on

the roll.

Steve thanked Debbie Paton for all her hard work but told us she has now stepped down from Controller lead.

Steve showed us the new NBB black jumpers. He was taking orders on the night.

Hexham run was about to change its route more info to follow.

The NTGH to RVI Victoria wing had gone wrong on a few occasions with deliveries going to Leazes.

There was a New Battle Hill run for a support shift to go to the Freeman.

He thanked drivers for not missing a single shift during the recent snow storm.

Steve told us to expect 1800 jobs a month by the close of the year.

Colin asked about Battle Hill run taking away support from the duty riders. Steve said it might end up 4 vehicles per shift by the year end.

John Watts raised concern about doing up to 4 jobs at any one time.

NBB saved Newcastle Trust alone £50,000

Geoff was selling NBB badges and thanked people for their enthusiasm.

Ronnie told members about the members feedback meetings.

Alan J thanked Sean and Paul for their help.

Graham told us that Alan J would be once again refurbishing the event trailer.

We are hoping to get a further trailer and Van through fundraising.

Lorna W and Chris W will help with events. And another Alan J with Kit.

Kirsty is looking for help with the Newsletter.

We are looking to sell merchandise through a third party company.

Graham and Kirsty had gone to Parliament to talk about the Aviva funding.

Alan Ross and Graham Moore are to go to Manchester to seek further funding.

The evening followed on to a question and Answer session

First question was How big can we get ?

The answer was we have already outstripped expectations and will keep going as long as resources allow. It is hoped to make it easier to book shifts and we would try to make the paper trail easier.

Ken Tait asked if it is ok to buddy up in cars.

answer . Yes as long as it is a NBB member and booked so it is known who is there.

Sean S is to start hospital familiarisation again .

Colin Granton asked if someone could shadow on their own bike.

Answer No it needs to be official.

Q, why a definite no

A. There is already a provision made for this to happen.

Q, Can we get the address for Richard Schofield.

A, It is in all fleet sat navs.

Q, How many shifts can be booked in advance as it causes a problem for others booking shifts.

A, There are still plenty shifts available to be booked. Nice to be in a position that people feel that shifts are too full.

Regular Friday crew are all prepared to stand down on request to allow other people on.

Q, John Watts asked about doing a shift when he has a pre arranged meeting.

A, In such cases two people can share a shift . We are all volunteers and Committee will help where possible to make shifts accessible.

End of questions

Meeting closed 21.17

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