



Minutes of Open Meeting
5th March 2015
Northumbria University

10 Committee Members present:

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

25 Members present as per attendance sheet:

Brian Slassor, M. Hilton, A. Johnson, S. Rawlings, Ken Kelly,
John McQuade, Ian Hunter, Chris Mann, Dan McGarrie,
Andy Watson, Chris Bulart, John Parish, Andy Lee, Phil Bayles, Michael
Sutherland, Paul Cain, Graeme Mitchell, Alan Dalgarno, Nigel Barlow, Michael
Thompson, Gary Annan, Mike Briant, Philippa Bromley, John Blagburn, Debbie
Todd

Apologies for absence:

Alan Ross, Michael Wilkinson, Rob Wilks, William Reynolds, Steven Hughes

Peter welcomed the members to the meeting, including new members.

The minutes from the last Open Meeting were accepted as a true record.

Update

Peter then presented an update to the members. *(This is available in the Website Library)*

This was available as a paper copy but also the members present could view it on the screen.

Point 6 – Chris updated the members re a bike being based at Spennymoor Fire Station and that negotiations were still ongoing but the members would be kept informed.

As Peter talked through the update some issues were raised:-

- the possibility of having more bikes available at weekends (Brian Slassor) – Peter said this was a possibility in theory but would have to be 'looked at' by the Transport Manager and Rota Manager
- induction of new members (Alan Johnson) – as a new driver he said he had to look for information and familiarisation but has found it helpful to talk to other members. A discussion then followed confirming the induction procedures already in place but also the possibility of having packs in the cars, although videos and information is held in the website library.

Fundraising

Graham updated the members about fundraising and thanked the volunteers.

Graham stated that he e-mails members re events and that the events are on the website, but it was apparent that the fundraising was due to the same members volunteering.

Controlling

Chris confirmed that more training will be available to become a controller and that would allow NBB to have more control with calls.

Communicating whilst on jobs

Graham talked about the possibility of using Andromeda, with multiple channels and a tracking device, and that costs were being researched.

Charitable Objects

The members had sight of the 'Change to Charitable Objects' proposal on the screen. *(This is available in the Website Library)*

Peter said that he had not had a reply from the Charities Commission.

After discussion it was proposed by John Parish that this proposal should be raised at the June Open Meeting and it was seconded by Ian Hunter.

BoB Trial

The trial ends at the end of April and up to now there have been no problems but Sean stated there had been issues with the paperwork.

He said all of the information regarding the BoB Run is on the website but reminded the members present as to the correct procedure for paper work completion.

From this a discussion occurred, following on from Alan Johnson's earlier point re induction.

Steve Rawlings raised the 'Buddy System' to help new riders/drivers.

Steve volunteered to work with Barry Bullas re the co-ordination of a Buddy System.

Rota Software – Michael Thompson

Michael 'ran through' the software which will replace Team Up.

This was shown on the screen and Michael answered questions from the members but said that he would e-mail members with updates.

Michael also asked for help with website maintenance - Ian Hunter, Chris Mitchell and Graham Moor volunteered to help.

Operating under Blue Lights

Due to the likelihood of new legislation and amendments to Section 19 in October 2015 relating to Blue Lights, NABB wanted to know how many Blood Bike groups would require training and then request for funding.

A discussion then followed with issues of insurance, responding to blue light 'jobs' if NBB didn't have blue lights.

It was decided to discuss this at the June Open Meeting

Possible objectives for 2015-16

Peter asked the members to post ideas for the objectives for 2015-16 in readiness for discussion at the June Open Meeting.

AOB

- John Parish said that it been suggested to have a joint coffee event with Cumbria so he said he will keep the members updated re dates and venues.

There were no further questions or queries so the meeting was closed.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 2nd April 2015 – ASDA Gosforth