



DRAFT
Minutes of Open Meeting
Saturday 30th June 2018 - 1400-1600
Lancastrian Suite Gateshead

**56 members attended our first Saturday open meeting.
This turnout was greatly underestimated by us.**

The day was helped along by perfect weather for a well attended ride along before the meeting. This seemed to be a hit with everyone who took part .Thanks to Geoff and his helpers for organising this.

The meeting started with the introduction of 8 new members at their first meeting . A warm welcome was given to them all.

Steve Rawlings proposed the previous open meeting minutes with Debbie Paton seconding them.

This was followed by the usual Committee introduction to give faces to names.

Peter Robertson brought us up to speed with what was happening at NABB as this was only one week on since the NABB agm.

No movement on the section 19 once again. This time as ministers seemed to be busy with Brexit.

There is to be a wear your uniform to work day on August 17th to help BB awareness. It was suggested that BB vehicle excise duty would be removed at the next budget.

A massive thanks was given to the Mark Mason fund for the bikes that had been donated to Blood Bike groups throughout the country.

NABB now has 31 group members. These consist of 3372 volunteers, 204 motorcycles, 56 cars or vans, The groups service 112 NHS trusts and support 14 Air Ambulances.

In 2012 member groups did 24000 runs and in 2017 they did 73517 runs.

Even in 2017 emergency runs account for only 2 percent of allocated jobs.

Groups to date have bought 110 type approved bikes these being the Yamaha fjr 1300 which is currently the only type approved out there. (Honda are currently looking at this market.)

Thank you Peter

Ronnie gave feedback on the new members meeting 166 items had been brought up

some of which were duplicated.

Non rider driver controllers were invited to go out on shift with drivers so they could see the job from the other side.

Committee members would have photos put on the website to frighten members.

Orls colors would change to help members with color blindness.

We would be looking for more bases throughout the region for vehicles.

A car has now been made available for the Hexham run to open this to drivers.

More help would be provided for peoples first shift and hospital familiarisation runs would start again.

There would be a manual provided on how things work Sat Nav etc.

There would be an online reporting page to speed up damage reporting.

Members asked for more jobs from trusts.

Members felt that not enough information was give about the GP run. Members were not given the full facts as to who was asking for the GP run to take place. NBB had already turned away more than half the request.

The Run differs every night so riders and controllers would need to keep up to speed on it. The beginning of the week would consist of 5 to six jobs in an hour wednesday on would be 3 to 4 jobs. It was suggested to do the paperwork in advance to save time on the run. There was a suggestion from the floor that GP run became stand alone .there was concern that cars would not be back at base intime for th evening support shift.

1235 Jobs had been completed in May 2018.

Alan J told us that in the first quarter of the year £1200per month had been spent on repairs.

Thanks to CF recovery all our vehicles were now tracked for location speed and the use of blue lights. CF recovery had gifted us their previous trackers when they updated theirs.

CF recovery are now dealing with our breakdowns.

We are presently looking for another bike and potentially looking at some smaller lighter bikes for the fleet.

Fleet assistants Sean J and Paul G would be joined by Harry Snee and Jason Cooper who would help with the cars.

Insurance cost for the year had been £13000.

Sean S now has a new contact at Durham and Darlington Trust.

MHRA test now needs to be renewed every 3 years.

NABB are to get involved with MHRA to help spread the test out to other groups.

Gary A asked about touting for work within other hospital departments.

Kirsty L tells us that the blue tokens in Tesco had a potential prize fund of £12000

Fund Raising

WE had brought in £150000 so far with outgoings of £60000

Monet been given to banking assistants was working really well. Other banking assistants would be helpful to reduce the traveling involved to hand money over.

WE currently have £200000 in the bank which is the upper limit of what we can run with.

We would be looking at spreading fundraising kit out around the region for ease of use.

The events trailer is now almost refurbished.

We currently have 4 mini motos that need made BB ready.

Gary A offered to look after uniforms.

Steve R voiced concerns about the amount of people who had not done a shift in a sixty day period.

At this present time it is a struggle to fill shifts.

There is now a car based at Blucher and a bike at West Denton.

Geoff has now done 861 assessments

He has only had 5 new members since christmas.

Ken Tait would be helping with bike assessments and Peter Mcewan with the cars.

The Great North Run we have 45 places 30 running for NBB and 15 for NABB

Geoff Spencer was presented with a full set of badges for his dedication ,commitment and time spent looking after the riding/driving skills of our members .

Thank you Geoff from all of us.

Debbie asked if the online activity recorder was to be updated.

Steve said he would do it.

Ria B asked if at least two riders were on shift could one get some sleep.

We can use ambulance station restrooms but it was asked that we give them space if they were on a break.

BarryBullas presented shift award badges to

Bronze

Gary Tait,Gordon Jenkins,Harry Snee,Jason Cooper,Joanne Hudson,Ken Kelly,David Macdonald,

Silver

Jim Ludford,Nick Burton,Bill Deacon,

Gold

Derek Wilson, Gary Annan

Gold/Red

Chris Mann

Special award going to Geoff Spencer

Meeting close 1645 to retire outside for group photos

ROLL CALL

Bill Deacon	Peter Kippax	Jeff Ormston	Jo Hudson	Colin Mathews	Charles Wood
Chris Torbitt	Mark Horton	Suzi Hitchinson	I Macneish	Ian Perks	David Macdonald
Graham Moor	Derek Wilson	Steve Monks	Nick Burton	Paul Simmons	Geoff Spencer
Gary Annan	Sal Annan	Laura Taylor	Kirsty Downham	Jim Ludford	Debbie Paton
Steve Rawlings	Ronnie Paton	Gary Tait	Brian Slassor	Sean Storey	Stephen Green
Kirsty Lawrence	Doreen Lawrence	Barry Bullas	Jason Cooper	Chris Mann	Harry Snee
Carole Snee	Joe Parkin	Andy Watson	Keith Robson	John D Dawson	Ken Kelly
Ria Burnett	Colin Granton	Alan Johnson	Ross Mckenzie	Glenn Richards	Tom Mears
Paul Curran	Nigel Barlow	Peter Robertson	Steven Green	Dave Routledge	Jeff Glenn
Eamonn Toland	Gordon Jenkins				