

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on 6 July 2009 at 6.30pm
in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley**

Trustees Present: Andrew Samanjoul (in the Chair)
Bill Pike

Member Present: Marie Brown
Gary Ewing
Kathryn Gander
Neil Gander

In Attendance: Martin Stout (WoodNWheels)
Neil Taylor (FC)

Apologies: Vicky Chilcott
Dave Nicholson
Olly Graham
Allie Park

Matters arising from minutes

See Saw – Still broken
Go-Ride – on agenda
Banner and Stand – on hold
Clothing – Pete Wilson looking into it
Mugs, in and out
Happy with membership fees
Trailbuilding - Matt
XC Enduro – heard on the grapevine it is not going ahead
Calendar of events – OK
C2C – enjoyed by all
BBQ weekend – enjoyed by all apart from the midges

Matters arising from the minutes of the AGM 6 April 2009

Agreed that are correct

Statement of Accounts

Bill clarified for Andy that BC course money had not been taken from funds earmarked for trail development.

Neil G raised issue as to why we are IMBA and BC affiliated, Bill clarified the trail insurance issue.

Small profit made on the C2C.

Club Membership

Andy suggested handing out free memberships at the GMSR? Just an idea at the moment, but British Cycling did the same at Mountain Mayhem- to pursue.

Project Development Red Route and Trailbuilding

In Matt and Olly's absence Neil said some snagging issues need to be addressed before signing off.

Section 13

Proposed open date may have clashing issues with GMSR? Maybe too much work as volunteers for GMSR are usually thin on the ground, even more so this year as Andy and Marie will be preparing a bunch of kids for the Tour of Britain event at Gateshead (requested by British Cycling.)

October/November and Easter were mentioned, and it was suggested it would be better to keep the 2 events separate. Martin said it would be better later on also as then any issues would have been ironed out. Suggested a demo using WoodNWheels bikes and the event would support WoodNWheels.

Trail Signage

Neil- FC- Still no further forward. Explained issues about signage and costings and constant changes. Discussion ensued about numbering of posts at major junctions as a point of reference. It seemed a few people struggles to grasp Neil's perceived difficulties over post numbering, grid references could be used.....

Coach Training

Andy queried whether Go Ride scheme was suitable for forest and whether there would be enough volunteers to deliver it. Also noted nationally there was not a clear progression approach to mtb coaching, riding and leading.

Andy raised concerns over what the courses from different organisations (British Cycling, CTC and SMBLA) enabled members to offer the club and agreed to produce a list of courses available, who provided them and what the qualifications enabled people to do so that the matter could be discussed in greater detail.

Also noted Martin, WoodNWheels, organised fortnightly Wednesday rides, 6.30pm - ask Rifty to put on the website, they are fun rides, aimed at all.

Fundraising

Nobody knows, something to think about for the future.

Pie & Peas Supper

Neil and Kathryn's Pie and Peas talk night, need to decide a date, agree a date at the next meeting, early to mid October. The night would include the second half of the talk, and funds raised would go to the club.

Volunteers needed for GMSR

Could an email be sent to all members for volunteer commitments? Could we propose a list of jobs and get someone assigned to each task, instead of everyone offering to be a 'sweep'no-one every seems to want to collect arrows!

A.O.B

Neil (FC) raised an issue with who organised the potato hill digger and the woodwork is not good enough as the screws are not long enough. Neil said FC has a very detailed specification and needs to be adhered too. Alex has raised a concern over QC issues as the feature was not finished and not fenced off, this cannot be left next to an open trail.

Martin - can we educate club members/bikers to stop riding over the wooden timbers that filter the jetwash, and can we also have a direct link on our website front page to Martin's website, he does the same for us.