

## **Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 10 June 2013 at 7pm in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley**

**Trustees Present:** Olly Graham (Vice Chair)  
Vicky Chilcott (Secretary)

**Members Present:** James Dods  
Gary Ewing  
Kathryn Gander  
Emma Graham  
David Holmes  
Dan Small  
Paul Stockdale  
Tracy Stockdale  
Ian Tate

**In attendance:** Neil Taylor (FC)

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mat Clarke, Neil Gander, Tom Stockdale and Nigel Watson

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2013 were approved as a correct record. The minutes of the AGM held on 8 April 2013 were approved as a correct record

### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

- **HTB Leaflet** – To be circulated shortly
- **Website** – Nigel Watson had offered to take over responsibility for the website and had offered to put together a demo site very shortly.
- **HTB Banner** – Olly to speak to Alex Talks re costings. To include HTB website and slogan, 'Hamsterley Trailblazers – building mint mountain bike trails since 2003.'
- **New Red Trail name** – **AGREED** new section from Descend hut to Blackling Hole be called, "For Dave Church" - abbreviated to '4DC' with explanation on website and Facebook about Dave and his contribution to the club.

**3. Statement of Accounts and Membership** received – noted HTB had £6,199 including £3,000 of restricted funding. Recent purchases included coaching course expenditure, ducks (for Duck Race) tools and equipment for trailbuilding. Membership – discussed fees and renewal dates. **AGREED** switch to year end 31 December to match HTB year end. Also **AGREED** increase in fees to £10 per individual, £15 per family and £5 for junior membership wef from 1 January 2014. **AGREED** anyone joining or re-joining now would have membership running through until 31 December 2014.

**4. Funding** No new grants, but still had Barclays and SITA cash to claim. Other funding possibilities – Heritage Lottery and 'Young Routes' application. Action: Olly.

**5. HTB 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 14 July 2013.** BBQ and ride out in Forest. Vicky to contact Helen Gaskell re possibility of Scott putting on demo bike day.

**6. Coaching** Olly reported HTB now had 7 trained coaches and Saturday sessions had been averaging 7 to 15 children. **AGREED** during school holidays, switch to weekly evening coaching sessions between 6-7pm on Wednesday nights. To start 19 July through until September – cost £1 per session and children/parents must be members of Trailblazers. Vicky to email all members. Also AGREED – need to train more members as ride leaders – some funding was available for this. Suggested ask existing members who regularly led rides if would like to be formally trained.

**7. Trailbuilding** Noted May extremely wet which made trailbuilding difficult. Next session on 15 June – maintenance on Transmission. Then Mat wanted feedback on Pike's Teeth line he had put in (c 400m of trail.) New blue trail – FC still waiting for planning permission. Neil said still no news on Grove Link tree felling.

### **8. Calendar of Events**

- Neil to let Vicky know of any forest events that would close trails.
- James suggested looking at hosting race event in 2014 eg enduro event. Noted c 20 marshalls would be needed – possibility of linking up with Fell Runners for marshalling? To discuss further.
- Noted normal club rides as per Calendar of Events plus North East XC MTB Race Series finalising with race at Hamsterley on Saturday 7 September.

### **9 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Next meeting Monday 2 September 2013..