

Hamsterley Trailblazers – Meeting Minutes



Date	2 nd Mar 2017, 19.00 at The Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley	
1. Apologies for absence	Lyndsay Talks, Alex Maclennan and Emma Graham	
2. Present	Shaun Rogers, James Dods, Mike Monaghan, Ian Tate, Olly Graham, Andrew Samanjour, Neil and Kathryn Gander, David Holmes, Geoff Morson, Andrew Raine, Gary and Fiona Ewing, Alex Talks, Vicky Chilcott and Laura Turtle.	
3. Minutes of meeting 19 th Jan 2017 – accepted?		ACTIONS
4. Matters arising from the minutes	None.	
5. BMX - TCR Hub	<p>Position outlined by Andrew Samanjour (British Cycling). Funding available for coaches (~£2500 + matched with Tony Blair Foundation). Got volunteers to coach x3 and a welfare officer. Agreed to start the probation year from our AGM (6th April 2017). All agreed -</p> <p>WE WELCOME MEMBERS FROM BMX GROUP – TCR HUB.</p>	
6. Charitable incorporated organisation	<p>This is a long running action that Olly is now in a position to move to completion with help from Durham authorities to sort this for the club. This offers benefits to the club including reduced risks to committee. Agreed action – to be voted at during the AGM.</p>	
7. Statement of Accounts - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • T-Shirts • Club Membership 	<p>Balance of £14568, ~£800 out for trailbuilding and ~£200 income of cheques coming in. Enough funds to complete current trailbuilding and hopefully the climb back to Transmission. 'Just Giving' – to publish in the future to push crowd funding for more trailbuilding. T-shirts are still selling and posters to advertise are on their way. Discussed issues with members struggling with the BC website; look at producing a renewal guide. Club should publicise membership benefits – include a note with T-shirt sales and invite people to join. New online 'Trailblazing Shop' set up to sell T-shirts (and possibly membership).</p>	<p>Shaun – guide to renewing membership. Mike – membership invite and note on benefits (more trails) with T-shirts.</p>
8. Trailbuilding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K Line • Next month • Future • Skills Loop – FC removed features, 	<p>Improved support from FC during regular club sessions (with exceptions on Bank Holiday w/e's). Massive progress made and K Line is mostly built and almost linked from the top down. Next step is to build the climb back up. Total costs to complete new trails and link to Transmission estimated at £40000. Next club session is planned to continue work on K Line. The popular Skills Loop was discussed – no current FC plan to replace woodwork that has been removed; feedback received by the club is that the doughnut has been missed and the section of board walk after this feature – help with</p>	<p>Forestry Commission – look at options to help replace features on skills loop.</p>

plans to replace?	materials from FC (and volunteers?) would be appreciated to replace these. Balance boards are threatened to be removed – these would be missed but would be easy to replace. Trail surface after the drop (top/middle section) needs resurfacing – an easy job for FC volunteer day?	
9. Coaching - • Refreshments – healthier choices?	Thank you to Vicky for additional donation to coaching funds. ~£1000 going towards cost of courses for L2 MTB qualifications. Include permission to publish photos to rider agreement. Presentation prepared for 4 th March – Group 1 – Evan Johnson, 2 – Hayden Monaghan Doyle, 3 – Hollie Vayro and ‘Kaye Graham Award for Endeavour’ – Tyler Liddle. Have a guest book at coaching (for suggestions/comments). Refreshments – look to include fruit option post ride. Age limits feedback – discussed safe mix of riders and assessing riders pre ride; agreed age limit of 17 (under 18’s only). Booking and pre payment options discussed; propose to parents whether to use the BC online events calendar.	Kathryn – Coaching presentation write up in N. Echo.
10. Races	16 th July = NEXC (last race in the series). Consider cyclo cross event/s for next year. Plan to hold Time Trail using K Line later in year (early September?); FC would need minimum of 10 week’s notice. Entries and insurance via BC.	
11. Monthly club rides	No formal plans made for March or April. 14 th May = Hamsterley Beast.	
12. Calendar of Events / AGM	Regular weekly/monthly events as usual and often on Facebook. AGM – Village Hall booked (6.30pm start). Need to notify members with agenda. Nominations for positions. Charity status to be included. Food and entertainment planned.	Shaun – email AGM details.
13. Any other business	Club clothing – Nick is working on final design (need Dunhouse logo). BC have not got there new logo yet but we would not wait for this. Option to use the L” leadership logo is not practical as this can only be worn by those with the qualification. Volunteer data required by FC for 2016 – how many individuals and how many days.	Olly – volunteer figures to Laura.
14. Date and time of next meeting	6.30pm , 6 th April 2017, Village Hall.	
15. Meeting closed	21.15.	