

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders
Minutes of Committee meeting 18th July 2017

	Item	Minutes	Actions
1	Attendance	Bill Croxon, David Rogers, Robin Padgett, Kevin Fletcher, Helen Parker, Glyn Jones, Bob Hayes, Sally McMillan, Stuart McMillan.	
2	Apologises	Simon Laithwaite, Mike Kinna, Tina Kelly, Shelly Jennings.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting / matters arising / outstanding	<p>Page 2. Midland Air Ambulance re Bike4Life, Bill to make contact.</p> <p>Page 3. Independent RoSPA groups and contact Group Chairs re RoSPA meeting. Bill to complete</p> <p>Page 4. Bill has contacted Alan Wright re the BMF Blue Ribbon Advanced Rider Training. This is a two and a half day course at a cost of £400.00 and you get a certificate at the end of it.</p> <p>Page 4. Bill thanks Glyn for sending in his comments regarding options for the group. All other committee members still to send comments.</p> <p>Page 6. Tina and Kevin still to arrange to contact people who attended assessed rides but who have not yet joined the group.</p> <p>Page 6. Kevin still to contact organisers of Forden show.</p>	<p>Bill to action</p> <p>Bill to action.</p> <p>All to deal ASAP.</p> <p>Tina and Kevin to deal</p> <p>Done 20/07/17</p>

		<p>Page 7. Stuart has not had a response to his e-mail to Jon Hepburn and he still needs to e-mail Tutors re use of the Tutor calendar.</p> <p>Page 8. Our model (Mike) was not present so unable to assess the new line of clothing.</p> <p>Page 9. Shelly is still researching a location for the Christmas dinner.</p> <p>Page 9. BBQ date discussed previously will need to be changed due to conflict of dates.</p>	<p>Stuart has since spoken to Jon. E-mail to be sent</p> <p>Shelly dealing</p> <p>Kevin dealing</p>
4	Chairman	<p>Bill attended a Biker Down event in Telford on the 22nd June which was a half day course. Some things have changed since he last did one, such as no mouth to mouth resuscitation anymore. An IAM person gave a presentation. There were a number of freebies given out including a compact first aid kit and there were other SaPAR members present.</p> <p>Stuart then stated that Geoff at Powys had offered to run for nine or more people a Biker Down course at the Fire Station in Newtown.</p> <p>The July ride out was well attended with two or three new faces. It was interesting to see Mike on his CanAm trike, which he rode very well. Unfortunately there was an incident where Malcom Groom parted company with his bike. Bill stated he would like our best wishes noted and communicated to Malcolm.</p> <p>The i2i weekend, 14th, 15th and 16th of July was 'mind blowing' and a good time was had by all.</p> <p>RoSPA Head Office, Amy, have confirmed the dates of the meetings regarding the constitution, only 19 out of 60 odd groups have said yes to date. Bill is attending on the 22nd August and will try to contact others attending and suggest a pre meeting meeting.</p>	<p>Sally to place in newsletter</p>
5	RoSPA Constitution response document	<p>Robin asked what stops us doing what we want to do, pay it lip service and how much more time do we have to spend on this document?</p>	

		<p>Kevin then asked how will the new document effect our group? Stuart said that most of the groups want to remain affiliated to RoSPA. Bill said that RoSPA needs to speak to the groups before altering anything.</p>	<p>Bill is still awaiting committee members comments. All to deal ASAP.</p>
6	Powys Ride on Days	<p>The next planned event was for Sunday 23rd July but Stuart has had no contact from Geoff regarding any attendees. Therefore following on from previous messages Stuart is taking it that this day will not go ahead. Stuart will continue to try and contact Geoff.</p> <p>The intention is to swap the intended Powys dates to assessment days at the Honda Centre or David Jones in Newtown. Stuart has spoken to Steve at the Shrewsbury Honda Centre and he is happy for us to use them as a base for this purpose. Steve has told Stuart that the IAM also use them every other week and were there on the first weekend of July.</p>	<p>Stuart to deal.</p>
7	Secretary	<p>Amy has sent out an e-mail re the meetings as already dealt with in the Chairman's report.</p>	
8	Publicity	<p>Forden show is Sunday 24th September, Kevin is dealing with getting us space for a stand and Bill stated he is keen to do it as it is the one event which is in the Powys area. We could use it as an advert for free assessed rides from David Jones in Newtown three weeks later. Stuart pointed out that we would need to speak to David Jones as he runs CBT training on his car park on some days and it would need to be on a Saturday so the shop is open.</p> <p>For next year Bill would like us to look at Wem Vintage Vehicle Festival and possibly the Llangollen Car and Bike Show.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding should we send an article to RoSPA for Care on the Road regarding our weekend at i2i, 'A complementary style of training'. All the people who attended i2i to put something together to be sent to Tom at i2i, personal views and comments, what did I get out of it, was it worth it etc. David stated he would collate the responses and send them to Bill. Responses to be sent within a week.</p> <p>Stuart said that Steve Walker (photographer at i2i weekend) has put about fifty photos on Dropbox but they need downloading one at a time. Marion has also shared some good</p>	<p>Stuart will contact David Jones.</p> <p>All who attended to deal. Stuart to e-mail non committee members.</p>

		photographs that she and Tom took.	
9	Training Officer	<p>Associates in training – 18</p> <p>Associates awaiting allocation – 1</p> <p>Holding list – 2</p> <p>Active Tutors – 12</p> <p>Stuart was asked who was on the holding list - David Bogan and Charles Bridgeman.</p> <p>Stuart said he would like his thanks recorded for all the Tutors who had agreed to have two Associates as this had help significantly with the waiting list.</p> <p>Stuart is still looking at a Tutor training weekend, possible candidates are: Jon Hepburn, Rob Hall and Robin. If he can get them together a weekend would be viable however at present, Jon has no bike and Robin is busy. Therefore Stuart has agreed with Bill and Howard that they will progress Rob Hall as he is keen, a retired Police Motorcyclist and has a health and safety training business. Robin has now obtained insurance to cover him for Tutoring via BikeSure at a cost of £2000.00! (The cost of purchasing another bike.)</p>	
10	Treasurer	David asked for the final accounts for the year 2016-17 to be approved. These had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting and were approved at the meeting. The accounts were signed by Bill.	David to deal as appropriate.
11	Membership Secretary	<p>Not present but has reported that people are now signing up to the direct debit scheme much better, new members do so without a problem. The membership database is working for her.</p> <p>Tom Davies is no longer a member and his advanced test has expired.</p>	Ken to check profiles on web site.
12	Social events	Sally said that we have not received any negative comments re not holding the Wednesday evening socials, either in a pub or a ride out. It was proposed that we just do three or four a year on an ad hoc basis when we feel like it.	

13	Monthly ride outs	<p>The August ride leader is Ken, Bob will be tail end Charlie if Glyn does not feel up to it.</p> <p>Bob suggested we have a second tail end Charlie / sweeper role to assist if there are any problems e.g. breakdowns etc. This person would need to know the route and sit behind the official tail end Charlie. A discussion followed and it was agreed this was a good idea and should be trialled. Bob said he would take on this role.</p> <p>Kevin left the meeting at 8.30pm.</p> <p>Bill then said, should the monthly ride outs be for members only. There are pros and cons to this. The point was raised about incidents of non-members taking groups to court. Bob said we have a disclaimer for this and Stuart said that we affiliated to the BMF so should we use their resources, web site or legal advice, to see where we stand. Robin said he would look to see if he had any information from previous enquiries.</p> <p>David stated he thinks that we frighten new people off when they attend one of our ride outs due to the speed and quality of our riding and they feel like outsiders. Bill then asked how many people join before they attend a ride out, after they attend a ride out, or after they attend an assessment day. It was agreed that we should be asking people for this information when they join.</p> <p>Glyn said he felt people may be inspired by our riding when they come on a ride out and be inspired to improve their own riding.</p> <p>Helen stated that she joined the group after a ride out. Where she may not have attended an assessment day.</p> <p>Stuart said should we consider actually talking to non-members. Any non-members identified to be spoken to and asked relevant questions such as how long have they been riding etc. Also to stress the points that they ride for themselves, never follow another rider on an overtake, into a bend etc and that there is no need to travel quicker than they feel comfortable or to exceed speed limits. The point should also be made that not all the members present are Advanced riders as some will be in training and some will be waiting to commence training. Hopefully this would also make them feel more welcome.</p>	<p>Robin to check. Stuart to follow up if necessary.</p>
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14	Social media	<p>Glyn stated that someone has put something on Facebook, so it is getting used a bit.</p> <p>The web site is working, Ken to check for leavers profiles.</p>	<p>Ken to check.</p>
15	Clothing	<p>Model not present!</p>	
16	AOB	<p>AGM notification and nomination forms need to be sent out in advance. Nomination forms to go out with notification of the meeting. Bill asked that we all review our job specifications.</p> <p>Sally said it would be good to know who was willing to stand again and who would be stepping down.</p> <p>Those who said they would stand again were:</p> <p>Bill, Stuart, Robin (but he will not be able to attend the meeting), Helen, David, Glyn, Bob, Sally.</p> <p>Unknown at this time as not present:</p> <p>Kevin, Ken, Tina, Mike, Shelly and Simon.</p>	

Meeting closed at 21.05hrs.

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Date:

Bill Croxon, Chairman.