

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders
Minutes of Committee meeting 16th May 2017

	Item	Minutes	Actions
1	Attendance	Bill Croxon, David Rogers, Shelly Jennings, Robin Padgett, Kevin Fletcher, Helen Parker, Stuart McMillan.	
2	Apologises	Simon Laithwaite, Sally McMillan, Mike Kinna, Glyn Jones, Bob Hayes. Tina Kelly, Ken Swinton.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting / matters arising	a) Bill is sorting the old cameras. b) All previous matters arising were covered and either completed or detailed below.	Bill <i>STILL</i> to complete
4	Chairman	<p>Bill commenced the meeting with the unfortunate news that Stuart and Sally had been declined to attend the RoSPA Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 25th May. The Committee agreed that this was very disappointing, vindictive and wholly inappropriate from RoSPA. Bill stated that the timescale of events also meant RoSPA had also prevented another SAPAR member from attending the event, effectively hitting our group twice. It was agreed that Bill would continue to correspond with RoSPA HQ to see if their decision could be overturned.</p> <p>The Committee then discussed the ongoing saga in respect of the RoSPA insurance and Bill stated that we had done the right thing in becoming an Affiliated Group to The BMF irrespective of RoSPA's insurance which is due for renewal on 31/05/2016. It was agreed that Bill would send an email to the membership informing them of the group's affiliation with the BMF and include the</p>	<p>Bill to contact RoSPA HQ (done 17/05/2017)</p> <p>Bill to action. (done 25/05/2017)</p>

		<p>reasons and benefits individual SAPAR members can now benefit from.</p> <p>It was decided to ask Ken to put an announcement and the BMF information onto the website <i>AFTER</i> Bill had sent the email notification to the membership</p>	<p>Ken to action (done 31/05/2017)</p>
5	RoSPA insurance	<p>This is still ongoing and it does not appear to be fit for purpose as it stands. What has changed in the insurance? We need a full copy not just the certificate and confirmation from BlueFin as to the exact cover that is provided.</p>	<p>Bill to continue dealing with this matter. (06/06/2017 Amy sent to all groups a copy of the 'employees liability certificate'. Bill requested a copy of the full policy and received a copy of the insurers covering letter on 08/06/2017!)</p>
6	Bike4Life	<p>The Committee discussed this year's event in some detail. It was felt that SAPAR has received very little acknowledgment for the amount of work the group (both collectively and individual members) has put into this for the last 5/6 years. It was felt that the group is simply expected to turn up and do our bit even though the event has grown considerably each year.</p> <p>This year we were finally permitted to attend 3 planning meetings but still had little in the way of commitment from the overall organisers of the event. Sally & Bill had to push hard to obtain written confirmation that the event's insurance covered SAPAR members while carrying out the parking duties at Meole Brace. Although Bill insisted we also needed sight of the Risk Assessment document before the event, this has still not been received.</p> <p>Stuart was instrumental in the pre planning and organising of the process we would follow taking him away from the training officer role within the group. Had he not put the effort in that he did the parking would not have gone as well as it did. Having said this there were a number of</p>	

		<p>occasions 'on the day' where it could so easily have gone pear shaped. Bill thanked Stuart for his many hours of hard work on this.</p> <p>Both Bill and Stuart commented that this was the first year any SAPAR member had been verbally abused/threatened while conducting the parking and release of the riders and as a group we don't need to be in this position. Kevin stated that the 2 incidents shouldn't impact negatively on the overall success we achieved in completing both tasks (parking and releasing). Unfortunately for those concerned it did leave an over-riding negative impact and having no way of preventing this in future years further raised the question of whether the group continue to provide our services next year.</p> <p>Stuart stated that yet again members failed to notify him of their intention to attend (Saturday set up and/or Sunday parking). This created undue stress on both days and although thankfully additional members turned up resulted in a disjointed approach on occasions. Stuart thanked Helen for providing the pick up on the Saturday evening along with Bob's vehicle which were a great help in transporting the cones around the carpark.</p> <p>Following the event Bill received notification from the organisers of the post event meeting. As Bill was not available to attend, he was asked to email the group's feedback on the event. Bill had already sent an email of thanks to everyone who assisted and asked for feedback which he is collating to send to the organisers.</p> <p>In respect of having the stand at Meole Brace, this was seen as a positive both for the group and for riders while waiting for the rideout to start. A number of names were taken and were followed up on by Bill for the Honda Centre Ride Assessment Day held on 13/05/17 & the Shropshire Safer Riders event at Montford Bridge being held on 21/05/2017.</p> <p>In respect of having the stand at Cosford, this was also seen as a positive and we obtained around 15 contact details of riders keen to attend the free observed rides. These were followed up on by Bill for both the Honda Centre on 13/05/2017 and Montford Bridge 21/05/2017.</p> <p>Bill stated we looked like the 'poor relation' stand amongst the IAMRoadSmart and BloodBike stands at Cosford having only 4 members in attendance compared to the volume of helpers on the other stands. Having said this, we did obtain many more contact details than the other stands. In addition, Howard & Kevin said one group of riders came to us having been 'pestered' to sign up and pay by IAMRoadSmart members.</p>	<p>Bill to collate & email B4L organisers feedback.</p>
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7	Montford meet and greet	<p>21st May 2017. Paul Collyer had created an online booking page for both IAM RoadSmart and SAPAR. On 'booking' a place Bill found the website system didn't allocate times and contacted Paul to query this. Bill was to contact all contact details from the B4L event to allocate time slots. Due to the potential numbers we already had, Bill proposed we worked on a ratio of 2:1 in case we had an influx from Paul's website booking and people just turning up on the day. Stuart was to confirm with tutors their availability. All participating organisations have confirmed their attendance.</p>	<p>All contacted by Bill</p> <p>Stuart confirmed with tutors</p>
8	Powys Ride on Days	<p>Stuart stated the Ride on Day on 14th May had been cancelled by Powys due to there being no takers. The next date is 24th June at Llandridnod Wells. Stuart proposed that he suggests to Geoff that he removes the current dates and collates the names of interested parties. Once he has sufficient to run a course to contact Stuart to arrange a mutually agreed date. The scheduled dates are having a detrimental impact on the group's tutors who pencil in dates in their diary only</p>	<p>Stuart to discuss with Geoff</p>

		<p>for them to be cancelled and it's not the most efficient use of their or the group's time/resource.</p> <p>There is a thought that the public's perception is that the Bikesafe course is seen as better as it's provided by police motorcyclists although Stuart stated this doesn't mean they are better instructors/tutors.</p>	
9	Secretary	Sally sent her apologies. There were no comments this time from Sally	
10	Publicity	<p>Kevin had proposed for his company to sponsor a front page advert for the Shropshire Safer Rider event which Bill had requested to be deferred. The basis of this was we had sufficient potential numbers and the offer of sponsored advertising may be better used at an alternative time/event. Bill thanked Kevin for his company's offer of sponsored advertising.</p> <p>Kevin confirmed an article had appeared in the Shropshire Star and sister newspapers prior to the Shropshire Safer Rider event.</p>	
11	Training Officer	<p>Number had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Honda Centre group tutoring session took place on 13/05/2017 resulting in one definite and one possible new member. Take up was low and 2 existing members took the opportunity to be assessed prior to their retest dates.</p> <p>Stuart said he felt the day had been successful and thanked the tutors for their attendance. Bill suggested this becomes a regular activity possibly replacing the Powys Rideon dates although a Saturday would have more visual impact.</p> <p>Stuart confirmed that Richard Bailey had been signed off as a tutor at the Honda Centre event and he has requested RoSPA add Richard to our list of tutors.</p> <p>Stuart stated that he had been corresponding with Jon Hepburn and his insurers as there has been a problem for Jon in being covered for tutoring.</p>	<p>Stuart to develop.</p> <p>Stuart to update.</p>

12	Treasurer	David had sent out the accounts prior to the meeting and is in the process of finalising the year end accounts. Current balance is £5144 He stated we are reducing our bank balance because we are not generating sufficient income to cover our outgoings.	
13	Membership Secretary	Tina sent her apologies and had issued membership numbers prior to the meeting. There are a large number of renewals due in June and Tina was hoping they would opt for the Direct debit at renewal.	
14	Monthly Ride Outs	May's rideout was led by Tina and Mark. Overall feedback was positive with members enjoying the roads/route taken. June, Stuart & Sally July, Paul Davies	Bob to update on August and September ride leaders.
15	Social media	Ken stated that the web site is fine. The membership Database is still a work in progress and Ken is liaising with Tina, Stuart and David. Glyn sent his apologies and no update comment re Facebook	
16	Clothing	Mike sent his apologies. Nothing to report.	
17	AOB	None.	
18	Date of next meeting	20 th June 2017	

Meeting closed at 21:45hrs.

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Date:

Bill Croxon, Chairman.