

Hamsterley Trailblazers

Minutes for Meeting on Thursday 8th January at 7 pm in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley

1. Apologies for absence: Vicky Chilcott, Andy Keaveney, and Gary Ewing.
2. Present: Shaun Rogers, Dave Holmes, Olly Graham, Emma Graham, James Dods, Neil Gander, Matt Clark, Geoff Morson, Kathryn Gander, Chris Fawcett, Ian Tate, Dan Small, Andrew Walker, Lindsey Talks, Alex Talks .

Rob Myers has resigned from committee for personal reasons but has agreed to continue to do membership for the time being.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2015 (attached) agreed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes - banners have been put up at Oddsox Trail - new membership via TB website link to BC has been tested and works.
Ride leaders for monthly club rides – ask Andy to email dates/request for leaders.
4. Trailbuilding - FC operations/hunting branch have issues with the trails in current plan so no agreement on these plans yet. Several sessions of trailbuilding still needed for repair of trails and completion of Oddsox trail, so OG feels this time will not be wasted if we can't start on the new trail yet. Alex McC meeting FC colleagues in March and would like to bring the operations/wildlife manager along to next Trailblazers meeting. FC mountainbike rep, Martin Navaster, met James and has signed approval for Oddsox trail subject to some minor changes. Alex Talks has students available for trail-building Wed 4th Feb, Thurs 5th, Fri 6th, Tues 10th Feb, Fri 13th Feb.

5. **Calendar of events - official opening and ride for Oddsox trail- NG to arrange after next t/build**
 - **Duck Race 6th June 1.30 pm**
 - **Enduro – Mat C to investigate insurance and provisional idea, (no money available at present to put up front for this event)**
 - **Sun 27th Sept Ted Liddle Ride**
 - **other suggestions: Lakes Ride – James; Reeth away day June 21, Dave H. Poss. night ride/bivvy.**

6. **Finance – Emma reported on finances. £10,000 invoice to be paid to FC approved by committee. Also £67 to OG for affiliation. Funding application pending via Co Durham Foundation, OG to process. Link to other clubs and facebook to raise additional money. AT raised idea of a donation box for trail-building at the cafe and posters at FC, in local pub etc.**

7. **AOB Runner-up Award for best trail centre in England, , 7th in UK.**

AT asked about FC Sign for trails after reports of motorbikes using them. If folk see motorbikes on trails we are encouraged to get reg no and report to police. Chair to send letter to FC raise concerned about motorbike events in the forest as some Motorcyclists are riding trails.

Matt C to resign as trustee as he is leaving for NZ in July.

8. **Date of next meeting: 5th March 2015 7.00pm Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley**