

Hamsterley Trailblazers

Minutes for Meeting on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00 pm at The Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley

1. **Apologies for absence** – Olly Graham, Emma Graham, Vicky Chilcott, Alex & Lindsay Talks, Ian Ferguson
2. **Present:** James Dods, Dan Samll, Shaun Rogers, Geoff Morson, Ian Tate, Alex Maclellan, Laura Turtle, Mike Monaghan, Gary Goldridge, Dave Holmes, Paul Allison, Gary Ewing, Fiona Ewing
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7.1.16. accepted**
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Club rides – what is the purpose? It was agreed that we have targeted rides advertised more widely for newcomers during the summer months combined with some away rides. Dave Holmes agreed to oversee the planning of these. It was raised that people who have begun the leadership training but not yet completed their training should do so in order that we have enough people to cover this.

Ambulance service meeting – Geoff reported back on the public meeting where reduced services affecting ambulance cover were discussed. Emergency button on Grove Car park by barrier – button on green post goes to 999.

Publicity – Alex Talks has been preparing banners and the meeting approved that we should go ahead with the order for these.
5. **Statement of Accounts, Club Membership & Funding** £6,824 in bank, £1500 to go out, £100 for prizes for XC series. Discussion re membership publicity. Neil Poulson trailfunding is going well. DH suggested trail sponsorship by local businesses – the club will need a mechanism for managing this on the website to publicise – NG to put some material together.
6. **Trailbuilding** – Alex McClellan and James Dods updated the meeting on starting the new section from 5 Lane Ends. Alex suggested could Pete focus on planning full Blue section while waiting for this to go ahead so full ecological survey and planning application can be done in one go in September. National tender was discussed as Alan had not been made of this opportunity. LT & AM outlined new restrictions on some equipment – keep record of how long whacker plate is used and FC can no longer lend TB the vibration equipment as they would need to cover anyone using it for medicals. James reported that a group from EE will be working on a section of trail in the near future. Name needed for extension to Boneshaker & date for opening which may be in May? Members to book café not weekend of 15th
7. **Club tops** – Ian Tate suggested new design & supplier for larger tops – to investigate options
8. **XC Race** – First event is Saturday April 9th, marshals needed – paid in beer – to advertise via social media (see NE XC MTB)
9. **The Beast** – Ian Tate - 15th May – posters distributed and available for Ian. Marshals needed - cake, no beer. Up to 500 entrants & you can enter on the day or through British Cycling.

10. FC agreement – MTB groups – AMcC plans to renew and amend the agreement so that both parties have a clear commitment and agreement to trailbuilding and maintenance. AMcC needs HTB to outline our priorities and vision for the next 5 years- NG/OG to action.

11. AGM – 14th April venue is booked & meal to be arranged. Awards, photos needed and slideshow.

12. Club Durham – discussed attending although very short notice.

13. Any other urgent business - 13th March & 17th April - trail closures in forest due to events. Catering van will be working with the café. Rosie the ice cream lady is to retire – it was agreed to buy her a present.

Coaching – Horseriding club would like to talk to the children about sharing trails

14. Date and time of next meeting – AGM on 14th April to be held in Hamsterley Village Hall at 7.00 pm and afterwards at the Cross Keys Pub for food. Please email the club address if you wish to attend and would like to have food afterwards.

The next ordinary meeting is to be on 5th May