

## Hamsterley Trailblazers – Meeting Minutes



Date	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, 19.00 at The Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley	
1. Apologies for absence	Lyndsay Talks, Alex Maclennan, Emma Graham, Lorna Bennett, Andy Samanjour, Mike Monaghan and Vicky Chilcott	
2. Present	Shaun Rogers, James Dods, Ian Tate, Olly Graham, Neil and Kathryn Gander, David Holmes, Geoff Morson, Andrew Raine, Gary and Fiona Ewing, Alex Talks, Andrew Frankcom and Sarah Vayro.	
3. Minutes of meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2017 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr AGM – accepted.		<b>ACTIONS</b>
4. Matters arising from the minutes	None.	N/A
5. Matters arising from the 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr AGM minutes	None.	N/A
6. Beast	Car parking – Volunteers from N.CDurham + John Lambe + Andy Raine + Gary & Fiona + Geoff. Merchandise to be brought by Mike. HTB publicity.	Parking – <b>Ian Tate</b> to coordinate.  T-shirts from <b>Mike</b> .
7. Charitable incorporated organisation	Progressing. Trustees to stand down every 6 years and not eligible to rejoin for 3 months.	Accepted.
8. Statement of Accounts -  • Funding  • T-Shirts  • Club Membership	~£7000 in bank account. ~£2000 to finish K-line and the climb. New, metal collection boxes from Alex for the pub and cafe. We have been chosen by the Coop so need members to select us. All bikes have now been sold. Local Giving offer in June. Further clothing sales to be confirmed. Membership at an all time high. MEMBERSHIP – All agreed to raise fees for 2018 to be put to membership - £12 single, £18 family per year.	<b>All</b> – from 10am 22 June = double funding on local giving. <b>All</b> – members to log onto Coop website and select HTB for their charitable donation. <b>All</b> – members to vote on membership fee raise.
9. Trailbuilding -  • K Line • Family trail building day • Next month • Future • Skills Loop – FC removed features, plans to replace?	Forestry Commission has funds to install a pump track – project to be progressed after finishing K-line. Orange Day (GSK corporate volunteers). Following coaching success; Saturday afternoon after coaching = trailbuilding (1 <sup>st</sup> July). Skills loop repairs/training bumps by Grove Link. June session = finish K-line (we hope); consider additional Sunday session? August session = Brain Freeze drop and wall ride. End 2017/start 2018 to resurface Transmission (while ground is soft). Next steps – Pump track, 5 Lane Ends to Polty's, Blue route to Metcalfe's. Sea saw to progress and look to replace the doughnut. Trailbuilding to be advertised on Facebook with meeting	<b>Shaun</b> – Orange day to plan. <b>Shaun</b> – trailbuilding on Facebook.

	'opposite toilet block' and display poster on cycle board if volunteers come late.	
10. Coaching -	More volunteers progressing – L2 specific 8+9 <sup>th</sup> April Alex, Michael, Geoff, Paul and Mike. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun = low number of coaches available. 2 <sup>nd</sup> July = trailbuilding after the coaching session. August = cancelled as week day sessions being planned. Looking for more volunteers as coaches, some courses coming up in Darlington – Sarah and Lindsay to consider?	
11. Races 16 July NEXC inc. Go-ride for U16's	16 <sup>th</sup> July = NEXC (last race in the series). Volunteers to help set up and marshal please. Decided to defer TT down K-line from September to October – set up 22 <sup>nd</sup> and race 23 <sup>rd</sup> October (in place of trailbuilding). £30 race. Invest in quality, individual race numbers with promotion of club on them (which riders may keep on bikes etc. After the event). Timing options.	<b>Olly</b> to contact Andy Gosgrove regarding TT. Including young riders? <b>James + Ian</b> to look at timing.
12. Monthly club rides	Suggested that the club rides are reduced to 4 seasonal events instead of monthly. New Year, April, Summer and October. 11 <sup>th</sup> June = Edundbyers lead by Dave + cafe stop. October ride to be planned. As coaches are all ready in the forest, consider offering beginner rides after youth coaching; try in September?	<b>Shaun</b> – ideas for October ride. <b>Alex + Shaun</b> to progress beginners ride.
13. BMX – TCR hub	Still in progress. They will likely get x3 coaches.	
14. Any other business	Club clothing – progressing with new rider tops. Facebook 'GROUP' to try and improve communications. Instagram page – 're-grams' ~tag	<b>Shaun</b> – FB group. <b>Sarah</b> - Instagram
15. Date and time of next meeting	<b>7.00pm</b> , 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, Cross Keys, Hamsterley.	
16. Meeting closed	<b>21.20.</b>	