



Present:		Apologies Received:
Chair	Steve Freemantle	Paul Underwood Sarah Birch
Secretary	Dave Rodgers	
Treasurer	Natasha Brown	
Media		
Events		
Group Safety	Pete Brown	
D/Group Safety		
Member	Andy Maddison	
Member	Mike Patterson	
Member	Craig Paul	
Member	Colin Paul	
Member	Phil Burrows	
Member	Paul Farrant	
Item		Action
1.	<p>Chairs report.</p> <p>Group still going well, Still picking up members on the facebook group, We have had a queries regarding the e-mail that people have received. Will they recived any further communications to which the short answer is no, The e-mail is their confirmation of registration in the event. For further information please check the facebook group or the forum.</p> <p>Apr 1066 visits to the site, 2680 page views and over 20000 search hits.</p> <p>Holyhead Council were already expecting us and were awaiting our call to arrange the mayors visit, Similar story with Skegness town council.</p>	
2.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Money from the RAC has been refunded and the RAC have admitted it was fraudulently setup</p> <p>£2728.95 this is after paying for the Buffs, High-viz jackets and Pin Badges, Natasha and Steve attended the monthly area Macmillan meeting regarding what all other groups have planned and are doing, Skegness Macmillan are planning to meet us at Skegness Storehouse. It is also allowing Macmillan to inform groups of how money is being spent in the area.</p> <p>Steve has spoken to our bank and they are not sure how someone has managed to setup a direct debit against our account as it is a treasurer's account and not a current account.</p>	
3	<p>Media Report</p> <p>Apologies for not being there tonight and unfortunately i will not be able to attend the next meeting which will be the last one before the sunset to sunrise event due to work commitments.</p> <p>Since the April push with the mail shot and forum "bumping" there has been a definite increased interest, Obviously i don't know whether these hits on the forums then went on to register but hopefully Steve's figures will tie up with mine.</p> <p>On the "North West Bikers" forum I received 4 posts, 2 regarding accommodation afterwards of which i was able to advise them about, one from a guy saying he broke down after 5 miles into last years ride, but has dragged 3 other mates along this time</p>	

	<p>and also from a guy who said he did the ride and stayed over at the storehouse but then had to be up by 10am for a church service? Is that correct? (Short answer is yes as the accommodation area is also where the church service is held, however we are welcome to camp out in the main area after this)</p> <p>We've received 82 views on the BCF forums, 61 through "What's on Skegness", 32 on "The Motorbike Forum" and 8 through Visor Down.</p> <p>Emails have been sent out to all press for pre-event and will also cover the event post the ride.</p> <p>I have two confirmed freelance photographers who were also at the start last year and I have yet to contact the MP's for both Holyhead and Skegness</p>	
4.	<p>Events report: Events are set and ported on the website and Facebook page and pretty much running themselves, however due to health issues Paul is unable to actively push events at the moment. Bucket Rattle is organised for Skegness. Volunteers required to come and lend a hand. Anytime from 9:30 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013</p> <p>(After meeting note – very successful day had £420.77 raised and a big thank you to all who attended)</p>	
5.	<p>Group Safety Report:</p> <p>Marshall training going well, Concerns were raised over one individual who was not up to standard, Holding riders up when he was placed second in a group.</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> of May Marshal Ride is cancelled as this has been moved to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May as a Night ride to give marshals who haven't done the ride the experience of marshalling the last section of the ride from Lincoln to Skegness. Ride out meets at Damons at 8:30pm to leave at 9:00pm aiming to arrive in Skegness at around 10 – 10:30</p> <p>Marshal vests have been sourced and all have been received. We received a very good deal as the vests were factory seconds which we were given free of charge and only charged £5.00 per vest for the customised high viz printing. Formal Thanks were extended to Andy Maddison for his hard work in sourcing the vests, Thanks were also extended for Andy Maddison sorting out the Buffs as well.</p> <p>Vests will be signed for upon issue and will be expected to be returned at the end of the ride. Any missing will be charged at the full retail price for replacement which is currently £35.00</p> <p>Pete is going to organize all the required briefs for the main group brief and the marshal pod briefs and these will be given and briefed to the marshals on the day.</p> <p>It was decided that the responsibility for organising the pods through the fuel stop will be the pod marshals, the fuel marshals will be there to organize the people in to the stops. It must be impressed on to participants that they should only go for fuel if they really need it and not just top off at each stop. Marshals will be given priority when they need fuel and will be expected to move off to a location with their bikes after informing fuel marshals who will direct participants back to their marshal.</p>	
6.	<p>Sunset to Sunrise:</p> <p>There will need to be some work done in organising riders in to the pods either before hand or on the day, an e-mail will be sent out asking riders if they intend to ride as a group and if they can let us know who they will be riding with so that we can organize them better this year, however some of the organization of the pods will still need to be done on the day. The Marshals will be expected to play a more proactive role during the day this year. We will use the bulk e-mail setup to send information out to registered users regarding pertinent information to registrants, Such as do they want to</p>	

	<p>ride as a group, Latest time to arrive on site, arriving fully fuelled etc.</p> <p>South Stack Kitchen have confirmed that they are expecting us, Holly Head Mayor Councillor Ronald Williams, Skegness Mayor Jim Carpenter are confirmed for Attendance. Storehouse have confirmed they are willing to accommodate us and provide accommodation and possibly the food as well, however Brian O'Conner is not providing any food this year. Steve had an E-Mail from Hanson Hughes who have provided us branded side stand pucks to give to the riders we will need to make sure riders take them with them and not leave them behind at southstack.</p> <p>Police have yet to be notified, Steve is to do this as a matter of urgency.</p>	
7.	<p>Website:</p> <p>Forum has been setup and the button for the forum has now been added to our webpage. It was agreed that most information will be posted here with links to our forum instead. Most topics are open and available to anyone to view, Some topics are restricted and you must be registered to view. You are allowed to sign up with a social media account (Facebook / Twitter)</p>	
8.	<p>Clothing and Merchandise</p> <p>Car Flags – It was decided that this idea is not practical and that we do not want to leave a trail of inappropriate advertising behind the ride.</p> <p>Paul was looking at doing the dispatch side of things as he is retired, however taking the example of Andy who has sourced and arranged a lot of items and kit and sarah with the pin badges and t-shirts, do we want to have a dedicated member for merchandise etc.</p> <p>Steve proposed that we open an new role of merchandising member as a full committee member with full voting rights, Steve Proposed Andy Maddison for this role Pete Brown – Proposed, Natasha – Seconded, Unanimous vote from the committee</p> <p>Invoice for the Pin badges has been paid, Natasha is awaiting a quote from Prints UK as to whether they can do green t-shirts and cost for the new design.</p>	
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>A question was asked about when the marshals would be notified, The GSM reported that there are 20 names currently that we are using as marshals and they are already aware.</p> <p>A question was also asked as to whether we have a year badge to go with the pin badges similar to ride to the wall, Andy is to investigate</p> <p>Dave Butt sent an invite to a event that Scunny bikers have organised for Guy Martins big brew event. Open to our group if we would like to attend.</p> <p>Natasha pointed out that another Macmillan committee are taking part in the Boston to Skegness Sea bank marathon and if we wanted to go and meet them in Skegness we were more than welcome. It is on the Sunday of the Sunset to Sunrise event so this will depend on members being suitable rested and refreshed.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> To be held on 28th May 2013 at 19:30 hours</p>	

Original signed and on file  
Dave Rodgers  
Secretary  
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