



AGM 2015

Thursday 4th February 2016
Guisborough Leisure Centre • Laurence Jackson School

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Nick Piper, Mark Bland, Dan Pattinson, Andy Tennyson, Richie Sykes, Sean Farnaby, Simon Towell, David Faulkner, Ian Thompson, Steve Brown, Andy Ing, Neil Shearer, Scott Meikk, Derek George, Chris Rudd, Lorna Bennett (BC RDM), John Fife, Lois Fife, Jason Hynd, Nick Stebbing, Kevin Cooper. (21)

Please see associated Annual Reports 2014 following these minutes.

1. AGM Introduction

- Nick Piper (Chairman) introduced AGM agenda.

2. Trailbuilding Report

- Dan Pattinson (Secretary) presented trailbuilding report
- Special thanks given to Sean Farnaby for his work in 2015 with regards Les'1
- Discussed future of trailbuilding at Guisborough due to FC proposals to degrade red route to a 'wild trail'
- Voted 16 in favour and 1 against the club stepping away from trailbuilding in the short term
- Sean Farnaby raised question of how long will the trail last without our maintenance. Advised the possibility of trail fairies adopting the better sections

3. Membership Report

- Mark Bland (Treasurer) presented membership report
- Explained spending lower than income due to lack of trailbuilding expenditure, and advised of possibly lowering the membership fee. See later in minutes.
- Lorna Bennett asked age range of juniors. Currently 11-17.
- Make up of family members to be reviewed for next years figures as the family number does not differentiated age/sex etc. Nick Coleby adapting spreadsheet.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Mark Bland (Treasurer) presented treasurer's report
- Noted income from Halloween event was from 2014 event.
- Asked why event not run in 2015. Possible reason was due FOGF not keen on running the event after some trouble in 2014.
- Nick Piper talked about expenditures, such as merchandise cost, and subsidising volunteer kit.

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5. Racing Report

- Nick Piper (Chairman) presented racing report
- Well done to all who represented the club in 2015
- Special thanks once again to Ian Thompson for organising NEXC event at Errington, and thanks to everyone's else that helped.
- Ian Thompson currently doing L2 coaching award with Cleveland Wheelers. Offer from club to put him through MTB module when the time comes.
- Nick Stebbing spoke of racing training rides at Hamsterley. Suggested we could offer something similar. Everyone agreed it was a good idea.
- Scott Meikk suggested better grouping for all rides in order to cater better for beginners and advanced riders alike. Agreed possible dependant on numbers of riders and leaders/coaches.

6. Junior Report

- Nick Piper (Chairman) presented junior report
- Nick Stebbing suggested contacting Teesside Uni sports development to try and increase number of female participants.
- Andy Tennyson talked about young volunteers and upcoming course. Wes Fife voted by junior riders as junior representative.
- Laurence Jackson School now a 'hub school' with links to Durham Johnston School. Possibility of activities at Hamsterley Forest.
- Rates for 'summer school' course discussed. Block booking discount agreed to encourage attendance at all sessions.
- Discussed possibility of using external BC coach for coaching sessions after our initial 3 sessions at LJS.

7. Any Other Business

- Neil Shearer asked about sponsorship for C2C ride he is doing. Nick Piper suggested Neil writes a piece for the spring newsletter to promote his ride.
- Neil also asked if anyone was doing Evans ride at Harewood House in March.
- Discussed membership fee options. After lengthy discussion around extra coaching for members, freebies, subsidised away days, or reducing the fee, members voted unanimously to keep fee at £20 and provide more coaching for members.

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8. Adoption Of Committee Positions

- **Chair:** Mark Bland proposed **Nick Piper**, seconded by Neil Shearer, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Secretary:** Nick Piper proposed **Dan Pattinson**, seconded by Mark Bland, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Treasurer:** Mark Bland proposed **Lois Fife**, seconded by Andy Tennyson, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Welfare Officer:** Nick Piper proposed **Andy Tennyson**, seconded by Dan Pattinson, unanimous vote in favour.
- **PR Officer:** Neil Shearer proposed **Mark Bland**, seconded by Nick Piper, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Race Organiser:** Nick Piper proposed **Ian Thompson**, seconded by Derek George, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Deputy Race Organiser:** Nick Piper proposed **Neil Shearer**, seconded by Mark Bland, unanimous vote in favour.
- **Membership Secretary:** Mark Bland proposed Martin Coleby, seconded by Dan Pattinson, unanimous vote in favour.
- Nick Piper proposed a change of Chair in 2017. Nick Stebbing suggested he be shadowed this year by potential candidate. Neil Shearer keen to look at possibility.

9. Raffle

- Dan Pattinson then drew the raffle and prizes were distributed to the lucky winners.

10. Conclusion

- The new Chair, Nick Piper, concluded the meeting by thanking members for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions and with an open invitation for all members join him in the pub.



Trailbuilding Report 2015

Dan Pattinson

Trailbuilding Report 2015

2015 Activity

- Les'1
- Black Track
- Drainage Clearout

Thanks to Sean Farnaby for taking on the Les'1 project, and to all those who put in the effort to complete the bottom section of the trail. A more interesting section with berms was added removing the slippery straight section. Thank you to the FC for machinery support getting materials up the slope. The big berms were also covered with hardcore in the mid-section.

A small amount of tweaking was carried out on the Black Track, but this does not seem to have survived. The idea was to divert around the worst of the boggy sections.

Full walk and clearout of drainage channels on the red route singletrack ready for winter.

2016

The FC have proposed that they can no longer grade the route as red grade. There is not enough singletrack, and some of what we have falls into blue or black grade. The trail will therefore be re-classified as a 'wild trail'. As previously seen a red graded trail has little protection from forestry work, and therefore a wild trail will probably have even less.

At a meeting with the FC we discussed what the future would look like. Options include continuing as we are and working on a wild trail, with the ambition of getting it to a red grade standard. The underlying issue with this is the lack of singletrack on the route. In order to improve this we would need an investment of around £200k and £20k a year thereafter to maintain, plus getting the permission and planning approved.

We also discussed working with the Friends Of Guisborough Forest to maintain footpaths. The idea behind this would be to take walkers away from the MTB trails and back onto the footpaths, which currently do need some work. On the flipside they would be unable to help us unless members of SingletrAction.

And on the subject of SingletrAction we raised our feelings around compulsory membership. If maintaining a wild trail we would not be willing to pay into SingletrAction for the privilege. Tanya said she would look at it, but as yet no response. We also asked for a copy of the grading system to work from but this also has not been received.

Our recommendation therefore is that the club steps back from trailbuilding at this time, and lets SingletrAction administer the activity at Guisborough. If the time comes where funding is available for a larger project at Guisborough then the club could look at how we get involved with the project. In these times of austerity however this won't be any time soon.



Membership Report 2015

Mark Bland

Membership Report 2015

Current Membership (at 31.12.15)	Adults	103
	Juniors	19
	Family	7
	Total	129

New Members from 31/12/14 - 31/12/15 **32**
(adults, juniors & families)

Lapsed Members from 31/12/14 - 31/12/15 **21**
(adults, juniors & families)

To discuss:

1. Reduction of membership fees



Treasurer Report 2015

Mark Bland

Treasurer Report 2015

Balance	Natwest	PayPal	Cash	Total
At last AGM (17.11.14)	£7,231.43	£0	£0	£7,231.43
Current (03.02.16)	£8,176.00	£0	£0	£8,176.00

Total income since last AGM	£7,186.26
Total expenditure since last AGM	£6,147.32
Gain or loss since last AGM	+£1,038.94
Outstanding invoices to be paid	£0.00

	Breakdown of Income	Breakdown of Expenditure
	£7,186.26	£6,147.32
SingletrAction reinbursements	£0.00	£30.00
Memberships	£2,647.53	£48.98
Fundraising	£1,250.00*	£0.00
Merchandise	£1,450.83	£2,288.47
Sport England grant	£0.00	£495.00**
Guided rides & coaching	£1,087.90	£1,797.00***
Affiliations	£0.00	£433.00
Sponsorship & funding	£0.00	£0.00
Stationery, postage and printing	£0.00	£135.98
Racing	£750.00	£632.43
Trailbuilding	£0.00	£0.00
Professional services	£0.00	£100.00
Websites & subscription	£0.00	£186.46

Notes

* £1250: 2014 Halloween Event

Notes

** £495: New leader assessments x5

*** £1068: Leaders First Aid Course



Racing Report 2015

Nick Piper

Racing Report 2015

2015 Season

Another good turnout from MTBG racers this season! Races attended included:

- Nutcracker series
- North East XC series
- Bontrager Twentyfour 12
- British 24hr Championships
- British Downhill Series
- Margam Madness
- Glentress 7
- King & Queen of the Hill
- Ardrock Enduro / Marathon
- Selkirk Marathon
- Stathpuffer
- 10 under the ben

Would like to encourage more riders to race in 2016!

Results

- **Juniors;**
 - o **Joe Brown**
3rd Overall U12 Boys NE XC Series
 - o **Daniel Thompson**
4th Overall U10 Boys NE XC Series
 - o **Melody Fife**
2nd U12 Girls NE XC Series Errington Round
- **Andy Conn;**
 - o M45 MTBO Masters World Cup Gold
 - o M45 Silver and 2 x Bronze MTBO World Championships
- **Jason Hynd;**
 - o 1st Bontrager Twentyfour 12 (12h MTB Race, solo vet, 3rd overall)
 - o 1st 10 Under the Ben (10h MTB Race, solo vet)
 - o 1st Ard Rock MTB Marathon (40 mile MTB Race, 1st overall)
 - o 2nd Glentress 7 (7h MTB Race, solo vet)
 - o 2nd Strathpuffer (24h MTB Race, overall male pairs)
- o 2nd NE XC Series Hamsterley (xc vet)
- o 3rd UK 24h Solo MTB Championships (3rd overall)
- **Jack Tennyson;**
 - o English Downhill Championships
– 1st Youth Male
 - o 3rd National Rankings (Youth Male)
- **MTBG Mixed Team – 1st Trio Glentress 7**

Also worthy of note are the personal goals reached by individual members who may not have made the podium – good work!

Hope to see a few team entries in 2016. Also lots of MTBG faces at enduro events.

Events 2015

The club hosted the Errington round of the North East XC series in June.

New shorter course and event HQ at Sandy Lane.

Event was a great success with a turnout of approx 70 riders and very good feedback on the course.

A big thanks to all involved in particular the club members who volunteered as marshals, 1st aiders, sign-on, car parking etc. Friends of Errington Woods, R&C Council, our sponsors and Ian Thompson.

Approx 25 volunteers helped in total. The event ran at a small profit (see club accounts).

Future Plans

- Club to again host Errington race in 2016 - date TBC.
- The council have already been approached and provided permission in principle
- Ian Thompson continue as of event organiser
- Other volunteers to help on the day required!!



Coaching & Guiding Report 2015

Nick Piper

Coaching & Guiding Report 2015

Training

Completed

- 4 Members passed British Cycling MTB Leader assessment
- 10 members to completed or renewed Outdoor first aid qualification
- 1 Member completed 2 day British Cycling L2 coaching training and assessment
- 1 member completed 2 day British Cycling MTB coaching training and assessment

2016 targets

- 2 x female members to complete British Cycling MTB Leader
- 2 x MTB Coaches
- Need more female leaders
- Need more candidates for coaching

Projected trained volunteers available for 2016 season

- 12 x active MTB Leaders (+ 4 more we have trained who have indicated they are currently unable to volunteer regularly)
- 3 x MTB coaches
- 1 x L2 Cycling coach

Guided rides & Coaching delivered in 2015

Adults

- 13 x Thursday night guided rides – poorly attended
- 5 x Thursday night coaching clinics – well attended
- Regular 'unofficial' adult Tues night rides and 'End Of Week' rides
- Max attendance: 8
- Average attendance: 2-3

Juniors

(See Junior Report - to follow)

Future plans

Adults

- Stopping weekly adult rides on Thursday evenings due to poor attendance
- Monthly 'intermediate' coaching sessions (Thursday evenings)
- 'Weekend 'away days' - venues TBC
- Coaching sessions to be planned in spring (Guisborough) there is demand for 'Woman only' and 'Beginner' sessions in particular. Significant discount to again be given to club members.

Always looking for more volunteers – opportunities for club members to train as Leaders / Coaches.



Junior Report 2015

Nick Piper

Junior Report 2015

3rd year has again been very successful, massive thanks to all involved.

See guided rides section for details of rides and coaching delivered.

The club has received great feedback from both riders and parents.

Progress towards Sport England bid targets

- Complete and signed off by SE

Activities delivered in 2015

- 3 x Beginner Coaching sessions
- 12 x Evening guided rides
- 9 x Weekend afternoon guided rides
- Max attendance: 21
- Average: 12

Plans for 2016

- Continue regular evening rides and coaching from April 2016
- Continue to develop coaching pathway to allow beginner riders to develop the skills to enable them to attend guided forest rides (poss graded progression: Blue > Red > Black)
- Appointment of Junior representative.
- Young Leader' sessions (trail awareness, basic 1st aid, trailside mechanicals, trail etiquette etc)
- Wider promotion of beginner sessions to encourage new intake
- Female only beginner sessions to encourage female participation
- 'Summer School' for 3-10 year olds (4 x days delivered by external coach)
- LJS Hub School - access to BC coaches, possible Go-Ride racing



Adoption of Committee

for 2016



Conclusion & Prize Draw

2015