



# NWRoAR AGM Minutes

Monday, 28 March 2022

Venue: Craig y Don Community Centre

Start time 18:30

## ATTENDEES

<b>Committee:</b> Stuart Bell SB Mark Girdler MG Paul Hughes PH Paul Kennedy PK Lee Parsons LP Pete Pearcey PP Derek Scrowston-Williams DSW Richard Williams RW	<b>Apologies:</b> Gwynfor Pritchard David Case Paul Abraham
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**Secretary for this meeting:** Pete Pearcey

Item	Notes	Action
1.0	<b>Appointment of Officers</b>	
1.1	<p>There were no challenges to the incumbent members of the Committee. To that end all remain in place with the following adjustments:  PP who stepped down as Group Secretary has been replaced by Paul Hughes.  Richard Williams has been appointed for Group/Rospa Promotion &amp; Publicity</p>	
2.0	<b>Vice Chair/ Training Officer's Report</b>	
2.1	<p>Thanks were expressed for the significant contribution to the Group by both Paul Cheshire and Gwynfor Pritchard - both of whom have retired from their direct involvement and examiners for IAM and RoSPA.</p> <p>There are two examiners who are now assessing our riders:  Tom Jones: Central and West N. Wales  Phil Edwards: East N. Wales  There is also the possibility of a 3rd being recruited</p> <p>2.2 New Group Tutors have brought our team up to:  9 Group Tutors  2 Advanced Tutors  As these are all male we ideally would like to recruit one or more female Tutors who, we believe, may attract more female riders looking for advanced training.</p> <p>2.3 Test passes, the number and quality of which RoSPA are impressed by:  - 15 Gold  - 4 Silver  - 1 Bronze who upgraded to Silver within 2 months  Associates:  - 19 in active training  - 3 awaiting test  - several on hold for personal reasons  Of the above there is a significant cohort who are either current or aspiring blood bike members.</p> <p>Stuart expressed his pride in and gratitude for the excellent work and standard of all our Tutors.</p>	
3.0	<b>Secretary's &amp; Membership Secretary's Report</b>	
3.1	<p>Due to very little opportunity to meet and develop the group during the various Covid lockdowns things have remained fairly static; marking time, although we have managed to complete some training and testing.</p> <p>On the Membership Database there are 65 current members, 3 of whom have joined since Jan 2022. Of equal interest, and comfort are the number of members who have left/not renewed since the group was set up: only 5 - the last being in 2019.</p> <p>Of the total membership 30 members have Gold, and 9, Silver. The remaining members are undergoing training, on hold, or haven't declared their result. When questioned, it was pointed out that we have to rely on members either informing us or updating their account data themselves.</p>	
4.0	<b>Treasurer's Report (PK)</b>	
4.1	<p>The current balance in HSBC: £2685.88  HSBC will begin charging a monthly fee of £5/month for the NWRoAR account in line with their policy for other, non-profit organisations. It was decided that an alternative bank would be investigated and the account switched.</p>	PK

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<b>5.0</b>	<b>Social Media Report</b>	
5.1	It was reported that to increase the interest in our Twitter, Facebook and Website presence there needs to be regular, timely updates. Members are requested to submit their photos and concise input from their rides so that these can be uploaded onto the appropriate platform.	LP
5.2	From this point forward it was agreed that the maintenance of our Social Media would be coordinated by LP and a handover will be undertaken within the coming period.	LP/PP
5.3	There was a request by Jerry Ellis (member) that the Covid statements were no longer required on the website and should be removed. This was duly noted and changes will be made within the coming days. It is not until after today (28th March) that the legal Covid requirements by the Welsh Gov't will end. Members should, however, comply with any restrictions requested by individual properties that they may visit: pubs, shops, cafes etc.	PP
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Ride Out Report</b>	
6.1	Activities during 2021 were reported as being successful and enjoyed by participants.	MG
6.2	New initiatives for 2022 suggested longer ride outs to places of interest with the possible inclusion of: National Railway Museum York (150 miles) Big Pit (136 miles - requires pre-booking) Triumph Factory (126 requires pre-booking)	
6.3	To start the 2022 series of rides a "Magical Mystery Tour" has been organised for the 24th April - details are yet to be revealed.	
6.4	Additional suggestions from participants included trips with no single named location, but to explore the riding of a particular geographical area of interest e.g. the Lake District (Lee Parsons). These longer rides will be interspersed with the local ones that are organised.  It was concluded that the above are of potential interest and additional suggestions from members should be forwarded to MG who stated he is happy to organise them.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	Reference was made to the process by which Merseyside and Lancashire develop their Associates; through group classroom sessions, followed by on-road training. Discussion concluded that it wouldn't be appropriate to apply that model in N. Wales at the present time due to the geographical spread of Associates.	
7.2	A 'Welcome Pack' for new Associates was discussed, ranging from the provision of Motorcycle Roadcraft, tee shirts and badges. It was concluded that this was worthy of further investigation and will be discussed at the next Committee Mtg.	Committee
7.3	Lee reported that Motorcycle Safety week is from April 7th - 14th and to be aware of any events that may be of interest and that could be supported. This is a N Wales Emergency Services initiative.	
7.4	Paul Hughes suggested we expand our group presence at local Main Dealer 'Open Days', following the success at A&D last year. This will be discussed further at the next Committee mtg.	