



## BucksMTB General Meeting Minutes February 2011

**AGM held on:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**AGM held at:** Spread Eagle, Thame

<b>Present:</b>	Chairman	Scott Camber
	Secretary	Mike Dalton
	Treasurer	Mark Baines
	Events Liaison Officer	Kris Lyon

### ➤ **GPS/Trail guides**

- It was agreed that a Bucks MTB GPS routes page is to be added onto the website to allow open contribution of members favourite/new routes and to share these with members.
- The purchase of a Bucks MTB GPS is an on-going discussion.

### ➤ **Youth rides**

- It was agreed that there were a number of options to consider when planning youth rides with time of year, 'sources' of riders and organisational factors all being discussed in detail along with insurance considerations.
- It was agreed that one of the swiftest ways to promote to younger riders would be to contact other local clubs and organise a joint youth/family ride.
- It was agreed that one viable option would be to team up with an existing event organiser to provide assistance/support in planning and marshalling (as well as first aid and mechanical support) of an event. XNRG are going to be contacted to see if this option is viable in their eyes. Uptonogood would also be a good event to promote to young riders.
- Bucks MTB led family rides are also being looked into with contacts at a number of youth groups being utilised to provide an initial membership base to trial family rides in Wendover Woods using contacts at The Café In The Woods to provide refreshments if possible (tbc). Considerations include permits for the event from The Forestry Commission & the number of ride leaders/assistants. These would be preferably marketed as an additional event.
- Another possibility would be to organise Aston Hill youth days with the possibility to resurrect the "Youth Devo Team"
- Existing literature from Bucks CC continue to be a source of promotion to younger riders for school holiday activities.
- The Youth Achievement Awards are being held on 07.03.2011 but do to prior commitments none of the Bucks MTB staff are able to attend at this time.
- The funding for the youth trail leaders was also a discussion point and something we continue to keep in mind when planning youth rides.

### ➤ **Child Protection**

- Sent round for approval.

- **Code of conduct**
  - Sent round for approval.
  
- **Finances**
  - Handed over started.
  - Mark to be added to cheque book/bank account and online banking.
  - Reports to be sent quarterly.
  
- **Membership**
  - It was agreed to advise all Bucks MTB members to take out optional CTC Affiliate Membership to provide insurance cover for all rides (Forum organised + Bucks MTB Events/Organised Group rides). Forum rides would only be covered by insurance if *each* rider present had CTC Affiliate (or similar) membership/insurance. Purchase of this is down to the discretion of each rider.
  - A note has been added to the application forms and website with full details of cover and a recommendation from Bucks MTB to purchase this additional cover.
  - It was agreed to not include the CTC Affiliate membership in the costs of Bucks MTB Club membership.
  - Costs revised to £15.00 for 12 month senior membership and £10.00 for 12 month junior membership.
  - 6 month membership scrapped and membership to run from the day forms are processed to ensure ease of admin in conjunction with CTC Aff. Mem.
  - Membership card size and design approved. Sample shown.
  - Membership forms to be processed by Scott until Michael moved house. From then on membership forms to be administered by Michael, cheques then sent to Mark to be deposited.
  - CTC Affiliate Membership has to be administered by Club. Sec.
  - Membership benefits to be made public and costs available to those who download an application form.
  - Contents and layout of membership packs confirmed.
  
- **Evans**
  - List of pro's and con's to be sent on by Scott re Evans affiliation.
  - Agreed that this does have some significant benefits (but available with any other bike shop) and a likely timescale for Evans rides would be Spring 2012 at the earliest if an agreement is made between Bucks MTB & Evans.
  - Groundwork to be done by Kris to ascertain position of Evans and information to be provided as and when.
  
- **Promotional material for shops** (i.e. website stats)
  - Possible to have e-copies for distribution?
  
- **Any other business**
  - Business cards can be personalised at £5.00 for 500 approx. – this to be decided by individual members as and when.
  - Do we give free web links to shops/companies who have helped us? After a thorough discussion it was decided that no freebies would be given as this could lead down a slippery slope.
  - The links page on the website is to be reviewed to ensure content is relevant.
  - Promotional offers from companies providing products of interest (MTB holidays/accommodation/tuition etc) to be published in members section online.
  - Documents from group rides such as lists of riders & emergency contacts to be stored by Club Sec digitally as well as keeping a hard copy.
  - Constitution to be amended and published after review.

Many thanks to those who attended!