



## BucksMTB General Meeting Minutes May 2011

**AGM held on:** May 30th 2011, 7.30pm

**AGM held at:** The Swan Hotel, Thame

**Present:**

Chairman	Scott Camber
Secretary	Mike Dalton
Treasurer	Mark Baines
Womens Ride Liaison	Pollyanna FitzGerald

➤ **GPS/Trail guides:**

Website route guides are becoming very popular with an ever-growing data base of routes available to download. Agreed MD and PF to discuss purchase of Garmin GPS at a discounted rate if possible.

➤ **Finance & Membership:**

Income from membership and online advertising increasing, web costs, club affiliation, club insurance, web domain costs covered for 2011/2012. As of the 30<sup>th</sup> May, total of 7 paid up members at present, with others pending. Forms being taken post group rides and lots of interest from new riders asking about membership after rides and it was thought that membership numbers would increase closer to the summer as more riders dust off their bikes.

➤ **Increasing in rider interest:**

The pattern of increased interest in the website, newsletters and the Facebook page continues and there's been a growing number of rider referrals from various Bike Shops including Beeline Bicycles in Oxford through their Demo-day, links on Facebook and also from staff recommendations. The website is its busiest ever with a 25% increase in visitors from this time last year.

➤ **Bike Club:**

It was agreed that the Bike Club pre ride registration forms would be used to log temporary members for one off events (temporary memberships) – this makes it easier to collate the date Bike Club need and for us to keep track of visitor riders to ensure nobody exceeds the 3 group ride limit and invalidates the insurance. Currently looking into further insurance issues with club rides & new riders. Discussed additional registration with British Cycling as well as CTC/Bike Club and decided it was currently prohibitive due to costs and additional issues with time taken up with paperwork. All group ride events to be registered specifically through the CTC for insurance cover and promotion.

- **Extreme Energy Youth/Family Events**  
 Discussed possible event partnership with Extreme Energy, benefits to BMTB include increased exposure to local youth and family riders and increased revenue (details TBC).  
 Also confirmed that BMTB would try and assist in other similar Extreme Energy Events such as the September 17<sup>th</sup> event in the New Forest – providing pre event course check and by providing help for events in 2012.  
 It was also discussed that it may be a good opportunity to mark BMTB's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by organising a large event.
  
- **Youth riders:**  
 CRB's to be organised for SC and MD. PF and MB need their CRB's checked to see if they can be used for BMTB events/rides.  
 It was also discussed and agreed that we would look to use PF's coaching experience for a one-off ride/event during the summer holidays.  
 SC to contact local councils to discuss.  
 Youth riders can become temporary members for one off events so there would be no costs for young riders (or their family) for the event or any pressure for them to join after the event. It would also be possible for BMTB to provide assistance to an existing event.  
 We discussed sending out a mail-shot to all those registered with BMTB to try and encourage youth riders to join us.
  
- **Ethnic Backgrounds:**  
 A few ideas were discussed about approaching youth groups to increase numbers of riders from ethnic backgrounds.
  
- **Female riders:**  
 We discussed splitting the website to create a womens' only section and decided that the amount of work and costs involved and the likely small web-use of this section would be prohibitive at the moment.  
 It was agreed that PF would be our female rider liaison/planning officer and would be the main coach/instructor for female only rides. It was decided that they would run in addition to the regular BMTB rides and that they may also be a great opportunity to provide coaching. We also felt that it may be worth applying for more funding to increase the number of female ride leaders in BMTB's books.
  
- **A.O.B:**  
 Also discussed the purchase of BMTB bike helmets which we may need for youth riders.  
 Discussed upcoming trips to The Dales and Wales.  
 Social events – bowling/pub outing/meal out in central location – Aylesbury?  
 1<sup>st</sup> aid qualifications required for Technical Leader must be 16 hour courses.

Many thanks to those who attended!