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September 2010 ISSUE

Welcome to the September 2010 edition of the Half Link. The first of a new era without Bryan Hutt as club secretary, who sadly passed away in June this year.

The minutes of the 2010 AGM are attached below. The main points to note are; new chairman - Jim Williams, new secretary - Mick Clark, and changes to the Harp Hilly Hundred to reduce work on the day.

2010 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

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HARP ROAD CLUB

AGM

Wednesday 22nd September 2010

"Chandos Arms", Oakley

MINUTES

Present: Mick Clark (Chairman), Malcolm Putman, Jim Williams, John Warren, Terry Gambles, Richard Hutt.

Apologies: Phil Corley (President), Mick Konopacki, Dave le Fevre, Graham Holdstock, David Balfour-Yates.

1. Minutes of 2009 AGM

(distributed in November 2009 Half Link) .
Briefly discussed and approved

2. Review of past year

* Harp Hilly Hundred (report in April 2010 Half Link) was a great success, over 180 riders took part. The swipe-card system together with the pre. on-line entries via PayPal worked out extremely well. Catering by Wally & Dora was also successful, in fact everybody's hard work was appreciated by organiser Richard.

* Autumn and Spring rides.

Well attended although the Autumn ride from the 'White Horse' nr. High Cross turned into a bit of an epic due to bad weather, punctures and poor map-reading! Spring run from Little Berkhamstead was blessed with fine weather and lunch outdoors.

3. Financial report

17 paid-up members plus one life member. Bank balance to-date : £1,034.73. Audited accounts to follow after end of financial year ie Sept. 30th

4. Affiliations for 2011

CTC (£50) Membership covers 3rd party insurance for HHH plus organisers coverage for any liability that may arise.

CTT + WLC : Both to be covered by the club



5. Promotions (and Organisers) for 2011

Harp Hilly Hundred - Richard Hutt (see further discussions etc. below).

6. Appointment of Officers and Committee for 2011

Chairman : Jim Williams
Secretary : Mick Clark
Treasurer : Graham Holdstock
Editor : Richard Hutt
Committee : Left vacant as no need was felt.

7. Appointment of Auditor

Mr.G.M.Wolfe with thanks for his work for the Club.

8. Harp Charity Donation for 2011

Two organisations would benefit from proceeds generated by the Hilly Hundred.

- 1) Linkage Community Trust, (Scrembly Grange), where David Hutt resides and in memory to Bryan. (proposed by Jim Williams)
- 2) Headway (Leighton Buzzard branch) which specialises in dealing with head trauma injuries and recuperation, which is relevant to all cyclists. (proposed by Malcolm Putman)

9. AOB

Harp Hilly Hundred : There was a general discussion about the running of the event and how it can be improved.

Following Bryan's passing, Richard has a lot on his plate, running two houses and will need more assistance from members. He's going to check the latest message from PayPal which advises new regulations re on-line payments and could affect us.

The signing-on area need to be organised better, more on the lines of queuing to get into a nightclub (without the guest-list!). Riders need to be guided into the downstairs area to sign-on & not shoot upstairs as in previous years.

Riders also need to be advised of which time group is available (which we did by way of a white-board this year but nobody seemed to take any notice!). Perhaps we need a meeter & greeter at the door who can guide them towards

the pre-entry table or the on-line table or tape round poles guiding them to the tables?

Food – Unfortunately Wal & Dora won't be with us for 2011 so others must take over the mantle as Jamie Oliver for the day. It was agreed a voucher would be given to all finishers for free food (limited to one sandwich and drinks or something of that nature). Anything else will have to be paid for.

Certificates – Bryan did a wonderful job of organising the certificates, making sure peoples names were on them etc. Richard can't be expected to do the same so it was suggested Gold, Silver & Bronze plus White for the 50 km ride. All the cert. would have on it was the distance and warm congratulates etc.

Contact number – When the riders pick-up their swipe card, a slip of paper will be given to them with a contact number(s) on if any problems arise. Likewise all car drivers will be given something to place on the car indicating they are involved with the HHH.

Nearer the time, either a round-robin will be sent or a meeting will take place involving members who want to be involved in the HHH to discuss various matters arising and delegate jobs etc.

Entry fee would still be £10 or £5 for small distance.

There will be Spring & Autumn runs in 2011 plus a run in memory of Bryan on or near the date of his passing away.

Wal also suggested we should try and organise Harp RC Saturday or Sunday rides in the summer months next year. Not every week but once every 4/6 weeks. This years AGM venue was highly rated, excellent food etc. A return to the 'White Horse' at High Cross was also suggested.

There being on other business, the meeting closed at 2.50 pm

ps DBY's generous gift to the club of £100 will enable us to buy arrows for the HHH and Mick Clark will get some quotes asap.