

Committee Meeting held Saturday 30th March 2024

at Eskdale School, Whitby

Meeting Commenced 10.08

Members present: Mark Greenley (Chairperson), Sarah Abbott (Treasurer), Christina Stephens (Ass. Rally Officer), Ray Bolton (Secretary), Bob Muskett (Ass. Treasurerer), Sue Bolton and Laura Kezckes.

The Secretary asked for one minutes silence in respect to the passing of committee member Jim Hopkins

Chairpersons Report: Chair read the minutes from the previous meeting, proposed Bob; Seconded Chris as to a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes: Bob said he had forwarded a booking system update to Comms. Secretary to write to Comms regarding National Rally stating lack of interest in attending due to lack of communication along with poor hygiene facilities, entertainment type and negative value for money. They should consider their prices.

Treasurers report: Balance in the bank stands at £9116.10 since February 28th; down from £9683.60. Sarah explained the costings for rallies i.e. rooms, buffet, entertainment plus plaques, postage etc.

Rally Officers Report: Secretary asked Chris if she would consider taking on the role permanently due to Irene having to stand down after Jims' passing. Chris agreed to accept the role. Laura then complimented Chris on running the role under difficult terms.

Chris to contact Malcolm regards taking Irene off the webb page. Secretery to write to Irene thanking her for the work she has done.

Chris asked for a time-scale for cancelling rallies due to no hosts, it was agreed that four weeks would be appropriate. Chris to notify comms when cancelling. Chris to place on Facebook regarding the rallies without hosts. Laura to write up a to do list for hosts with an allowable limit of £20, any more then they must contact the treasurer. There followed a discussion on ways to attract hosts with no discernable outcome.

The secretary informed the committee what is happening with Eskdale School which is scheduled to close in July 2024. We will need to seek a new venue for our Easter Rallies.

Secretaries report: Membership stands at 345 with 330 paid, 6 cancelled and 9 lapsed from 339 members in February.

I have received several complaints regarding a member taken ill on the first day of the New Year Rally, so bad that his son had to come over the following day to take the motorhome back to his parents house. The member eventually went into hospital due to the illness. The complaint was that they have so far not received any of their money back. Is this standard policy that fees are non-refundable if an incident occurs through no fault of their own?

The treasurer did state that the couple left when she was not on site and they had not made any direct contact to the treasurer to ask about the refund or the matter would have been confirmed sooner to them.

The response was that the money was to be refunded, it is in fact in an envelope waiting to be handed over, however the person involved has not been on a rally since the New Year. It would appear that this is just a misunderstanding as he thought there would be no repayment..

Assistant Treasurer report: Bob to contact comms with trying to introduce a national booking system he also asked if we should change banks due to problems which was discussed but no outcome was arrived.

AOB: Secretary to make up a poster for all vans to display showing arrival and departure dates.

Chris to attempt to negotiate lower rally costs with Malton.

It was proposed Sarah seconded Bob that we introduce a deposit for future bookable rallies due to people booking and not turning up thereby denying people on the waiting list a place on the rally. If cancelling with prior notice the deposit would be refunded, this was voted in unanimously.

The deposit to be £10, this was also accepted unanimously. This to start with the rally at Bilton.

It was decided to have an auction of motorhome items, the first to be held at Malton.

It was also decided to have a bring-and-buy at Kays Barn Dunnington. If both of these are successful they will be done at future rallies.

The June Rally at Malton coincides with the Kings' Official Birthday, it was agreed to hold an afternoon tea and the evening theme to be along Royalty lines, with a raffle and live entertainment on the Saturday and a quiz every evening with the exception on Saturday. Various discussions on other games to be played.

Mark then thanked the committee for all the hard work during these recent difficult times.

The next meeting to take place Whitby RUFC, Sunday 4th August 2024, commencing 10.00am