

16th August 2021 – Members' Minutes

Andy welcomed 27 members to the meeting. Welcome to new member Dave Pelton. Apologies from Vic and Debs – a breakdown on the M62.

Website – are we all OK? Andy - Apple laptops are struggling to access some parts of the website. It is proposed to make Newsletters available to all on the website rather than just members – no objections. Members FB page has been set up for 'members only' info.

How did new members find St Leger? – FB seems to be the favourite. Sue Farmer found nothing at the Dealership regarding any Chapter.

Dave Hughes - discount for Chapter members has disappeared. Dealership support for Chapters is regularly discussed at Directors' meetings. Dealerships moving more towards Loyalty Cards. They are very interested in Finance!

Merchandise – Pam - £24 shirts with embroidered logo - Mark modelled his purchase! Pam demonstrated the other available merchandise.

Newsletter – Graham asked members for feedback on content and visual. Dave said more contributions from members would be good - now Covid restrictions are lifting perhaps members who are doing more could provide a paragraph on their activities. No complaints received about the Newsletter so members seem to be very happy with it. Could videos be embedded? Perhaps in a Word Doc but not in PDF.

Membership – Andy has emailed all with a copy of the 2021 membership form which we need to complete to ensure that records are correct. Angie reminded all that HOG membership/Associate membership is a requirement for St Leger membership. Caz has been struggling to contact HOG regarding her membership. Andy asked anyone struggling with HOG to contact him. Angie reported that we have 15 new Chapter members which is excellent.

Ladies of Harley – nothing to report as Debs was unable to attend because of a vehicle breakdown.

Pony Express Rally – we need to give the Rose & Crown (Dougie) numbers by the end of August. If you have booked accommodation, you still need a ticket. Pony Express will now be opened to friends and family and other Chapters. Tickets are £20 but non-members will have to pay for their food.

Iron Horse Rally 2022 -now open for bookings. If you want accommodation that isn't listed contact Andy and he will sort it for you.

Ride-outs – 5 Sept was free as Graham had to cancel as RC, Gordon will lead that ride now. 26 Sept is free – any RCs willing to lead that ride should contact Gordon. The Riding Manual is on the website and members are asked to read it. Riders should not overtake fellow riders on a ride-out but if a rider feels that they wish to be overtaken as they are unable to keep up with the rider in front – they should left indicate and wave the following rider past.

When doing 2nd man drop-off – turn indicators off and signal with your arms safely. At the beginning of a ride-out the Road Captain should ask if anyone feels that they may struggle to keep up for whatever reason. No rider should feel pressurised to go faster than they are comfortable with. RCs need to read the Road Captains' Manuel – Gordon will meet up with RCs either at the start of the new season or later this year. Anyone interesting in becoming an RC should contact Gordon.

Charity – Doncaster Council let us off a £1,300 charge for turning off the bus lane cameras so that the Unity Ride could meet-up in front of the Cast Theatre. St Leger will therefore make a £250 donation from the Charity Fund to Firefly. Andy asked if anyone wanted a Unity Ride patch (£20) or sticker (£1) – all proceeds to 'Two Wheels for Life' Charity. Pam advised that the Chapter has a few donated items that members could help themselves to – a donation for charity would be appreciated. Morrisons are no longer using the Loyalty Card so our Charity fund is no longer benefitting.

Ride to the Wall – is now fully open to unlimited riders. St Leger is sorting the parking marshalling and would obviously appreciate assistance. Malc's ticket is available as he is no longer able to attend.

We ended the evening with Spin the Wheel:

Jim – won a Rally Tumbler

Lesley – won the Mystery Prize (unmentionable)

Sheila – won a bottle of red wine.

Thank you all for attending.