

Minutes from the SH4 Committee Meeting held 22/9/2016

Those present:

U Bend, Piddler, Hekkel, The Jerk, Jyde, Traffic Jam, Barbie, Damp Patch

Apologies:

Goolie, Nutcracker, Top Shelf

	Action
<p><u>Minutes from the last meeting:</u></p> <p>Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<p><u>Hash Finances:</u></p> <p>Piddler provided a financial summary, a copy of which can be found at the end of these minutes. In summary, there is £1811 in the bank, of which £110 is ring-fenced for the post-xmas bash weekend; this figure being the difference between the total amount collected in deposits from hashers minus the £1500 deposit which has been paid to the China Fleet Club. This makes a true figure of £1701. There are a number of questions yet to be fully ascertained with regard to the post-xmas weekend:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Number of people coming2. Balancing payment yet to be made – figure unknown to Piddler.3. Other costs incurred or planned.	
<p><u>Matters Arising from the minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Spending of hash funds:</u> The bank account is very healthy and Piddler expressed a desire to hand over the reins with the bank balance the same as when he inherited it, i.e. £1000. This would leave £700 outstanding to be spent before the end of the fiscal year on November 2nd which the committee discussed but agreed was impracticable. A brief reminder that it had been previously agreed to leave subs the way they were and not to reduce them, i.e. £35/yr, £10/quarter, £1/week. A hasher gets for their subs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free hundred run t-shirt• Beer stops• BBQs• Subsidised xmas bash• Subsidised AGPU <p><i>Website software:</i> Although it had been agreed by a majority that some of the hash funds could be spent on software for the website, the purchase has not yet been made due to the webmaster's unease about the strength of differences of opinion amongst some committee members with regard to this decision. It was agreed to take the matter forward to the new hash committee and revisit the decision.</p>	Secretary to place item on agenda

Subsiding of hash weekends other than the post-xmas bash: A discussion of the principle that hash funds be directed towards Wednesday activities only as was policy at the time the hash was established in 1997. It was suggested that funds could be put towards other hash weekends and a debate ensued, with a vote taking place. Although not a formal vote, by a show of hands the vast majority of the committee were in favour of the use of hash funds to subsidise weekends, to be allocated on a case-by-case basis and dependent on the state of hash finances at the time. Item placed on agenda for next meeting. If carried, the hash to be notified by way of circulation of these minutes on the website that surplus funds are to be spent at the discretion of the committee.

Letter from a hasher regarding safety on the hash: A letter had been received from a hasher expressing concern that should a hasher be injured on the trail there is currently no provision for first aid. The hasher suggested one solution: the purchase of two or three running packs, each kitted out with basic first aid equipment to be carried by runners/walkers to be nominated each week at the start of the hash. The letter prompted a wide-ranging and constructive discussion with the committee agreeing with the letter-writer that hashers understand and appreciate that the risks of injury (and to a lesser extent people getting lost) is part of hashing; further that the off road and unscripted nature of it is the basis of the appeal and nothing can or should be done to lessen this. With regard to the second principle of a risk assessment i.e. establishing what can be done to limit any damage should those risks come to bear, there was general agreement that whilst carrying first aid kits was a good idea in principle, there were doubts that it would be workable in practice and sustainable over time. Traffic Jam pointed out that similar suggestions had been tried, such as carrying an SH4 emblem, L-plates for virgins to remind other hashers to look after them, but that always, the items were eventually forgotten and lost. It was agreed that many hashers carry first aid kits in their cars and many also run with mobile phones; Jyde offered a doctor's perspective which is that the chances of a hasher carrying a first aid kit being at the right place at the right time were minimal, and that lifesaving equipment e.g. EpiPen, Adrenalin, would have to be renewed once out of date with incidents requiring this type of medication regarded as vanishingly rare. Jyde suggested that for the types of scenarios described in the letter, a mobile phone would be a better resource so that emergency care could be called for immediately. He also pointed out that if a policy of any sort was formalised, problems would arise if and when it didn't work. There is no overarching 'national hash' policy or advice on this from which to work and the only other suggestion was to have a sign-in and/or sign-out system like Ashburton H3. It was agreed that as a large hash this would be difficult to administer, and non-compliance, e.g. hashers going home early without telling anyone would create great difficulties.

The question of insurance was raised, but Piddler was unable to tell us exact details of the policy. It was agreed to post the policy to the website, together with a statement augmenting the 'You May Die

Piddler to email insurance policy to the webmaster and remaining committee members

The Jerk to then

<p>Hashing!' section stating clearly that hashing is at own risk and recommending carrying a mobile phone on the run. Adequacy of current insurance to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>update website</p>
<p><u>Update on volunteers for changes in committee members:</u> Volunteers have come forward to fill all vacancies. Overshot has offered his services as GM, Dimwitt has offered to take on the role of Hash cash, Rubbery is willing to act as Hash flash, and Nice Buns is willing to act as co-hare-razor with Nutcracker. Running Late had also expressed an interest in this role but is not willing to compete for it. It is hash policy that in the event of multiple nominations, for a post, it is put to a vote of the whole hash at the AGPU.</p>	
<p>Future social events</p> <p><u>Pre-xmas weekend, Slapton</u></p> <p>Scheduled to take place on 3rd & 4th December at the same centre as in previous years and kindly organised by the Pink Ladies. Deposit has been paid. Catering for Saturday – Nice Buns Catering for Sunday – volunteers needed Entertainments being organised 2 hashes Update at next meeting</p>	
<p><u>Post Xmas Bash, China Fleet Club</u></p> <p>The date for the next post-xmas bash which will be at the same venue, i.e. the China Fleet Club in Saltash has been set as the weekend of the 3rd/4th February 2017. There are a number of questions about the details of arrangements and costings which only Goolie can answer as he is principally organising this year's event; in the past, hash funds have subsidised the ticket price for members, whilst the cost of accommodation has been borne by those attending but details of costs and expenditure for last year's event are unclear – extra money was allocated to cover accommodation, canapes and a pre-dinner drink, also that whilst everyone benefitted, non-members paid £20 more than members, effectively allowing the hash to subsidise members as in previous years. It was agreed to take this agenda item forward to the next committee meeting with any expenditure to be approved by the committee. In order to meet the need for transparency, Goolie to provide interim details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers attending • Balancing payment – amount and date required • Other planned or incurred costs and expenditures 	<p>Goolie to provide info as detailed in minutes</p>
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p><u>Role/job descriptions:</u></p>	

A discussion took place regarding the utility of providing a brief outline of the expectations of committee members in their various roles in order to clarify or perhaps itemise or provide a framework for anyone considering offering to take on a commitment. It was agreed that this should not be too formal or prescriptive.	Secretary to place on agenda

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of next meeting TBA

Copy of accounts

			SH4	Weekly	Accounts	September	2016		
BF	£541		Out		Subs	Other		BF	£1,148
7 th	£10		£20	(Beer Stop)	£0	£240	(PC#Do)	£140	(PC#Do)
14 th	£11		£960	(Banked)	£0	-£40	(Beer+ Stop)	-£250	(PreC#Do)
21 st	£10		£0		£0	£250	(PreC#Do)	£960	(Banked)
28 th	£0		£0		£0	£0		-£186	(T-shirts)
								-£1	(Rounding)
Monthly Total	£31								
	£572		£980		£0	£450		CF	£1,811
Csh/Chqs	£42			Total	£1,853				
				BF	Csh/Chqs	BACS	Out	Total	
		Post-Christmas	PC#Do	-£250	£240	£120	£0	£110	
		Pre-Christmas	PreC#Do	£0	£250	£0	£250	£0	