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This abbreviated edition of Trail is to inform you of any essential or urgent business for February - R.O.W. news, a proposal from the South West Region to re-structure the TRF and the corrected minutes of the December National Executive meeting. The abridged minutes published last month suffered a computer malfunction on the way to the printer and contained various inaccuracies.

You will also receive the long awaited Year Book, which is an invaluable reference point for all trail riders and especially those of you who are interested in rights of way, which should mean all of you, because its what we rely on to go trail riding.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

March 4th at Becketts Island, Wythall, Birmingham

APOLOGY

The report in the minutes of the Exec. Meeting of 4th December last that Merchandising had 'Lost' £1000 over the last 2 years is not true. It should have read 'Rob Sawyer had reported to Jeff Ward that of the £1300 of stock purchased 2 years ago only £300 had been sold and the remainder, with perhaps the exception of the enamel badges, was unlikely to sell'. I would like to apologise to Rob for any embarrassment caused.

Dave Giles, Chairman TRF National Executive Committee

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CUMBRIA GROUP

March meeting will be held at The Salutation Hotel, Threlkeld, near Keswick on March 14th at 8pm.

OTHER TRF MEMBERS IN SCOTLAND?

I am anxious to develop my interest in trail riding TRF style. Are there any TRF members in Scotland who would be prepared to meet with a view to developing the opportunities north of the border, both for ourselves and visiting members?

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Now February 21st at the usual meeting place. 9.00 p.m. start.

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RoW NEWS

ACTION NEEDED

Scotland's Dere Street in the Cheviot Hills could be downgraded to Bridleway with access for farm traffic only.

Pressure from a landowner and environmental groups concerned about erosion damage which they have blamed on Recreational Vehicles has led to Scottish Borders Council now supporting these wishes (no doubt to avoid maintenance costs) and have referred its decision to the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. Donald Dewar. It is expected to go to a public inquiry. The 2000 year old Roman Road is a listed Ancient Monument and on its Scottish Borders council lists of streets as: D89/3 Roman.

From Junction C63 near Jedfoot Bridge to Shathead and from Whitton Edge to Pennymuir - length 8.42km.

Damage was caused on its first section by forestry vehicles in the winter of 1997 - 1998 and this will no doubt be used against us. Anyone with an interest in being able to continue to ride this road should voice their concerns about this situation to: Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newton, St. Baswells, Melrose, Scottish Borders, TD6 0SA or telephone 01835 824000.
Bruce Mathieson, East Lothian, Northumberland TRF

HELP NEEDED IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Happy New Year everyone. Things are slowly moving forwards in Stafford. I recently managed to persuade Staffordshire County Council (with Tim Stevens help) to allow access to their Rights of Way Forum for a representative from a group affiliated to LARA. Hence I attended as a TRF member, since I receive W&C Act Proposed Modification orders and am interested in improving the situation for vehicular users in Staffordshire.

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grateful for anyone to contact me who has done previous research and/or would like to be involved in future research re: vehicular routes in Staffordshire. The Staffordshire RuPPS were downgraded almost wholesale in the early seventies, yet I am sure there are very many for which strong vehicular evidence can be found. The more hands the better!

Also, I am interested in any problems with existing BOATs in Staffordshire - which can then be passed to the County Council and followed up in the Rights of Way Forum if necessary.



The famous lane leading down to Pilsbury ford (near Hartington in Derbyshire) is just inside Staffordshire, but appears not to have either UCR or BOAT status. I have been told that some obstructions have recently been put in place. Any evidence which may assist a Modification Order would be most welcome.

A possible threat to this new liaison with Rights of Way groups and the County Council is the use of motorcycles on some Bridleways north of Stafford. These were RuPPs previous to the early seventies. Perhaps the best way forward, again, would be to put together some good research evidence and submit a Modification Order for BOAT status. So, if you know anyone using these Bridleways, please pass the message on and ask them to curtail the use, help with the research and we may be able to reinstate the appropriate former vehicular status. The routes in question are in the Enson/Sandonbank area, near Sandon - in grid squares 93 28 and 94 28 on Sheet 127.

Finally, TRF members in the area may be interested in popping along to a regular meeting where RoW research for vehicular use in Staffordshire is being discussed and planned. Many people attending are in the Green Lane Association GLASS, who often work together with the TRF. The meeting is chaired by the local GLASS rep. It is a great opportunity to pass on information and arrange research (including out on the ground!) and lane clearance - in fact a number of lanes have been earmarked for clearance early next year.

The meetings are at The Dog & Doublet Pub, Sandon. 3.5 miles north of Stafford. 2nd Tuesday of the month. (J. B5066 and A51, NGR 948 293 Sheet 127). All welcome.

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Minutes of the TRF Executive Meeting held at: Becketts Island, Wythall (S Birmingham) on 4 December 1999.

Those Present: As attendance book.

Welcome: The Chairman, David Giles outlined the proposed agenda: the morning would be spent on TRF business and reports; the afternoon on updating the TRF Handbook. Everyone was happy with this timetable.

Groups in Attendance: Black Country, East Midlands, Essex, Glos', Lanc's, Linc's, Lodden Vale, Peak, West Anglia.

Apologies: received from Gwyn Thomas, Tony Stuart, Richard Marshall, John Pritchard, Chris and Peter Higham. Tim Stevens reported the death of Geoff Brookes from Shropshire.

Notice of Any Other Business:

*Tim Stevens requested authorisation to speak on behalf of the TRF at a forthcoming meeting (this was agreed).

*Karen Wilson had received a proposal from the S W Region to restructure the TRF on a regional basis.

Because this meeting had been empowered by the AGM to elect a Vice Chairman and the above proposal was effectively linked to this issue the Chairman suggested that it be discussed straight away. At a South West Region meeting on 6 Nov. concern had been expressed about the failure to elect new officers at the TRF AGM. The S W Region felt that maybe the TRF needed restructuring and suggested one way forward might be to devolve power to the Regions and so extend the pool of experienced Officers. Unfortunately, Wayne Little who was representing the SW, had not been at this meeting and so he could not explain the more detailed thinking behind the proposal. Consequently, The Exec meeting thanked the SW for its proposal and suggested that it liaise with the other Regions over the idea and if they so wished to bring their findings to the next Executive meeting; perhaps putting an article into Trail so that the membership could be part of the discussion. Action: S W Region to pursue its ideas. Wayne Little or another representative to bring more information to the next Executive Meeting.

On the connected subject of National Officers the Chairman had, since the AGM, received a proposal for a Treasurer and had found 12 experienced members willing to volunteer for the lesser role of being one of a number of Deputy Chairmen. He would go into more detail later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

These minutes had been printed on p11 of Trail for October. John Gardner proposed they be accepted. Seconded by Mark Holland. Accepted.

Matters Arising:

The Chairman asked those who had actions from the previous meeting to update us on progress.

Training: Richard Hawker reported that he had tried to contact Worcester County Council Offices to set up a venue for a training session, but the offices had been closed for a few days and he apologised for not getting back on to it. Mark Holland reported that

the South West Region had carried out training at their Regional Meeting recently, but they had not been very encouraged by the numbers interested. Charlie Morriss felt that there was a need to travel to the Groups and to take the training to them, rather than trying to organise special events. He felt this would have a better reception from Members. Tim Stevens suggested that it needed a Training Officer to do this as no-one is presently responsible for training. The Chairman thought that there were pockets of good practice within the TRF and cited the Southern Group as an example.

Action: Richard Marshall to continue to set up a working group to sort out training programmes.

DETR Proposals: The TRF had made a good response to these proposals, with many members writing or visiting MPs. There was discussion on the probable need to approach our MPs and other bodies again to counter current 'Anti' propaganda.

LARA Report: Richard Hawker reported from the LARA Steering Committee held on 2nd Nov. There is concern that progress with the Hierarchy of Trail Routes initiative in the Lake District is being held back by commercial users, and others who are not part of the process, using the routes in an unsympathetic manner.

Richard Hawker reported that Green Lane Day would be on 26th March 2000 and expressed the hope that Members would programme a day of clearing and maintaining their local lanes. London Gazette: Richard Hawker reported that GLASS had offered to support the London Gazette subscription at £120. All agreed that this was acceptable

There had been a recent meeting with Mr Meacher, Secretary of State for the Environment where Tim Stevens had worked hard to achieve consensus amongst a majority of User Groups. Unfortunately, the British Driving Society pursued their own agenda so diminishing what would have otherwise been considerable unanimity.

Membership Report: In the absence of John Pritchard, the Chairman reported that membership was currently 2,450 with 600 renewals for the year 2000 already received.

BMF Report: Derrick Collins had circulated his report to the meeting. Richard Hawker asked what the RoW Liaison Groups 'Best Practice' was about? Derrick explained that the Local Authorities had been asked to respond to recent DETR Proposals and now have to create RoW Liaison Groups, this is what is known as 'Best Practice'. Creating them will create 'brownie points' for the Local Authorities.

Actions from the AGM: Richard Hawker asked that these minutes report that, in his opinion, the money that Groups hold belongs to the Group and not to the National TRF. The chairman said that he thought that this was already understood but that Groups were being asked to give some indication of what they might contribute if called upon, so that the Finance Sub-Committee could create a meaningful budget for 2000.

Archiving: Karen Wilson reported that TRF material from the previous secretary is now in an archive. She suggested that any other TRF records which anyone feels should be placed in a safe place could be added to this archive. The information remains readily accessible. Karen would put an article in Trail requesting Members to check what TRF records they have and which need safe keeping. Older Members of the TRF might consider giving instructions to their relatives to forward valuable material to the archive in the event of their death. Richard Hawker wondered if the TRF could go further and perhaps set up a digital record of map information of local and other areas where we ride. **Action:** Karen Wilson

Membership Subs: The Chairman asked the Finance Sub-Committee to look at the issue of the current subscription rate. **Action:** Jeff Ward.

Training: The Secretary to write to the National RoW Officer asking him to set up some Training as soon as possible. **Action:** Karen Wilson.

Membership Feedback: To date there had only been 9 forms returned from the request to the membership to say what they wanted from the TRF (Nov issue of Trail).

Karen said that she wished to indicate what had been said in a future issue of Trail.

Action: Karen Wilson.

Election of Officers: (As empowered by the AGM)

Treasurer: John Gardner was nominated by Tim Stevens and Seconded by Colin Patient. He was duly elected. Jeff Ward proposed a vote of thanks to Alan Wilkinson for his hard work over the last three years. All agreed.

Vice Chairman: Dave Giles reported that a number of members had shown an interest in this position, but were not ready to take it up immediately. He felt that maybe the idea of having several Deputy Chairmen, each with an area of responsibility, might work better. He had 12 experienced volunteers who would participate in this role. This would dovetail with the idea of making more use of 'Working Groups' to progress TRF business. It was thought that this should spread the load in a positive way and the meeting asked the Chairman to proceed. The volunteers were: Jeff Ward, Colin Patient, Dave Tilbury, Peter Ballard, Wayne Little, Roger Harris, Keith Johnson, Leo Crone, Reuben Alcock and Steve Pighills. **Action:** Dave Giles to activate this idea.

Ratification of Co-opted Officers: (As empowered by the AGM)

BMF liaison - Derrick Collins, LARA liaison - Richard Hawker, BHS Head Office Liaison - Jacky German (Colin Patient looks after Horse events), Display Material - Leo Crone, Keeper of Stationery - Aelwood Finch.

Merchandising: (currently vacant) Jeff Ward was concerned about the future viability of this service. Rob Sawyer had reported to Jeff that of the £1300 of stock purchased 2 years ago only £300 had been sold and the remainder, with perhaps the exception of the enamel badges, was unlikely to sell (small size sweaters, etc). The Chairman suggested not re-appointing anyone at the moment, but to keep all interested parties informed and for Jeff Ward to continue negotiations.

Action: Jeff to investigate further the viability of merchandising and the Post to be decided in the light of that investigation at the next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Dave Giles reported on how he had been advising the Group Chairmen that he had been meeting to be very careful to ensure that their Groups avoided 'run fees' or anything similar that could in the event of an accident constitute a contract against which a claim for damages could be levelled. As it was advertised in last Feb's Trail the Coast to Coast run was cause for concern. The TRF was not insured to run events and he had spoken to Phil Fawcett about this. The meeting was also concerned that the traditional C to C route ran through two National Parks that were currently looking for any excuse to curb 'green laning'. The meeting discussed how we might overcome these concerns, yet maintain the pleasure many gained from coming together in this way. The original run was to commemorate our founder John Ebrell, and only in later years has this become what is now commonly called the 'Coast to Coast'. We would like to commemorate John's work and next year will be the 30th anniversary of the TRF. One suggestion that seemed to fit the need was to encourage all Groups to designate just one run in their annual programme as their 'John Ebrell Memorial' run; with the specific intention of inviting guests from other Groups to join them. In that way the load would be spread across the country and many more Members would have an opportunity to meet with other Groups.

Action: Dave Giles to put a note about this in Trail.

The Afternoon Session: planning the TRF Handbook for 2000.

It was agreed that the Handbook needed to give a clear message as to what the TRF is about. It needs to be a document that is informative and useful to both Members and Non-Members alike. The meeting split into three groups to look at the contents.

From the ensuing discussion the following was agreed:

Produce an 8 page Mini-Trail for February with the Handbook inside.

Include website details in a prominent position.

TRF Code of Conduct printed on inside front cover.

List of Groups and Reps on inside rear cover.

TRF Constitution should be included.

Asterisks & Footers throughout to emphasise points of importance.

Add illustrations & photographs to split up the text.

A list was agreed of items to be extracted from the current Handbook or our website.

Action: Fred Ellison to produce enough copies for all the current membership, plus an extra 500 copies for further distribution throughout the year.

Dave Giles & Tim Stevens to pull together the suggested ideas and let Fred have it for printing by the end of January. Fred Ellison to find and include suitable illustrations.

Date & Place of Next Years Executive Meetings (2000):

4th March - 3rd June - 2nd September - 2nd December

All currently planned to be held at Beckett's Island, Wythall, Birmingham at 10.30 am.

The TRF AGM: 29th October 2000 at the Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham.

A PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING THE TRF FROM THE SOUTH WEST REGION

At its meeting on 6th November 1999 the S.W. Region of the TRF, attended by 16 members from 10 different groups, discussed at some length the future of the TRF. Concentrating their minds was news that the recent National AGM failed to elect a Treasurer* and a Vice Chairman, and the announcement by the present Chairman and RoW Officer of their intention to stand down next year was followed by serious consideration of the options for the TRF in the event of failure to find their successors.

Being a keen advocate of TRF Regionalisation since its inception in 1989, I suggested a way of solving the problem might be by greater use of a Regional structure. The theory being that whilst each Regional Chairman (and the S.W. has had no shortage of volunteers with 5 in 11 years) might not be willing to take on a National Office, they might be prepared to act as part of a team of Vice Chairmen, responsible for the region they know and in support of a National Chairman. It surely follows that collectively they must be in the best position to identify someone to take on the essential role of National Chairman; because if they can't who could? It might even be one of their number, as the role would be well supported; but subject of course to approval at National AGM.

This line of thought prompted me to consider the possibility of extending the principle to other posts. A financial sub-committee, comprised of a delegate elected by each Region, could support the Treasurer and guide National decisions to consultation with each other, referring back to their Regional Meetings as necessary. Similar support could be given to each National Officer or National project according to the role or proposal; thus enabling wider discussion in the development of a co-ordinated National policy and strategy.

I envisage Regional Meetings be held within a comfortable day's travel of all members whether they live in Kent, Cumbria or Cornwall, and S.W. experience has proved about 10 groups per Region to be about right; though this could vary. This would enable all interested members access to a meeting where they can be kept up to date on issues, both Local and National, and where they may be motivated to make a contribution to the National effort. A contribution which

they can be confident will be of real support to a clear and accepted National strategy.

Following the Regional Meeting the above suggestion was worked up into a discussion paper from the S.W. and sent to all Principal Officers just before the 4th December Executive Meeting. Minutes of that meeting show how easy it is for misunderstandings to occur. There is certainly no intention to "devolve power to the Regions" but rather to take a facility which has proven successful in one area and develop it to address a larger problem. Unfortunately at the last minute the S.W. Chairman was unable to attend to promote the proposal. It was hoped the Executive might circulate the S.W. paper to all Groups, for discussion at local meetings, ready for further comment at the next Executive Meeting. If time is made available for this on the agenda for 4th March someone will be there from the S.W. to progress the idea.

The proposal is intended to address the succession, participation and communications requirements of the TRF and enable us to effectively address the pressures which are so clearly building up against us. In short, it seeks to put the FELLOWSHIP back into the TRF.

Peter Banks, Somerset

*John Gardner, an accountant, has since been appointed as National Treasurer.

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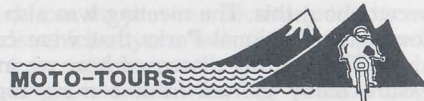
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