

BFR -Die Bos - 29 May 2011

Despite the serious cold this exercise run for the Sunrise Monster was well attended. 37 Bikes (including PlusOne) and 47 other people started the run.

The team was led by Norman who had an over-subscription of Marshals. It is nice to be in a position where more people are willing to perform duty than is required. Paul Coreia did his qualification Sweep run and the Pack Leader was Coen Kleinhans. It was good to see Tracy on her bike.

The ride was short and sweet and clocked in at 89km. Onto the R21 we rode, off at the Benoni turnoff on our way to Bapsfontein. The only excitement on the road was a few Super Bikes that struggled to get past us. And yes, we did make way for them.

With snoring Biker Buddies and Safety Officers we turned onto Garsfontein Road back towards Pretoria. We turned into that "Wild Boa Thing" road, or as it is often referred to as "De Villa Bois" by the locals, and amidst speculation and apprehension on whether we will miss the big church traffic we got pass without any traffic jam. I heard rumours that some Marshals were hoping for this as it would have given them the opportunity to test the patience of the motorists and practise crowd control.

Fortunately, we missed the traffic and within minutes we arrived at the Die Bos. The venue was very pleasant but with slow staff and an electricity mishap, the eating took a little long. I am impressed though with the patience of our troop and the number of people who stuck it out.