

# **Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

1. Apologies- Graeme McColm, Andrew Bird, Phil Sayers
  
2. Matters arising-
  - Bike Check- currently £25 and carried out for any member by examiner. Rider will get written report and will not affect iAM status. Special assessment was £60 Action HC to get current price.
  - Stickers – Phil Sayers has ordered these. Will be sent to all members with next newsletter then distributed when Associates pass their IAM test.
  - Gazebo- SC priced 3 sided gazebos in Argos. JW will purchase using Nectar Points. Action JW
  - Fleeces- Cost from Rostrum £15.95 plus VAT. HC to cost adding web site to back of jacket or under existing logo. Action HC
  - Banner- discussion regarding best form for promotion. To price banner suggested large print and little detail i.e. website and tel no. Action HC to price banner and NM to price flag pole.
  - Web site – Domain name is now invalid. Grham Watson is dealing with this.
  
3. HQ Business-
  - Letter sent to IAM House after last committee meeting raising concerns of the group regarding recent increases in price. No reply as yet.
  
  - Advance Magazine- Alan Jones has written a piece to submit regarding the Stewartry Young Drivers Scheme. Action HC to submit.
  
4. Group Business.
  - Photo with Chief Constable. This has been arranged for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Action HC will liaise with Ian Howie
  - Drive Checks – Bob Morrison ( Proc Fisc) suggested we target MPs and MSPs to take a drive check to help promote the scheme. After discussion it was decided to leave till after the 18<sup>th</sup> so we do not reduce the publicity for the young drivers. Action – HC will write and invite them after 18-5-09
  - Reduced fees for active Observers- A long discussion took place around how we can show our appreciation to active observers. This follows the increase in IAM Subs and also the resignation of an observer. Suggestions were that group subs could be waived (HC), IAM subs could be paid for

active observers(AC). Then discussion took place of how we can quantify “Active” and parity between cars and m/cs. No clear decision was made.

- Exit Questionnaire- Christine Donaldson has prepared a short questionnaire to be sent to members who do not renew their membership or resign. The committee agreed to collect this information by email if possible. Action CD to carry out after names are double checked.
- Agricultural Shows. – HC has received paperwork for Dumfries show on 1<sup>st</sup> August. All agreed that worth while to keep our profile high. Also apply for the Moffat Show and perhaps Wigtown Show. Action HC to book Dumfries and Moffat and speak to Stuart Murray in N/S.
- IAM Initiative for uninsured drivers . This was already circulated and any comments to HC to collate.
- Syllabus for 09-10. propped option held over from 08-09.
  - May AGM + quiz
  - September -Jamie Wood
  - January – Race Night
  - Summer – possible return of treasure hunt

Other suggestions- Fire Station visit, Ambulance depot, Eco Plant at Lockerbie, Mountain rescue at Moffat, Skid Pan.

AC will check whether can have Mountain rescue in November 09. Action – All email ideas to SC. Also discussions of curling challenge with Carlisle group.

- Treasurer’s report – Accounts are with the Auditor at present.
- Associate status. Car associates – 27
  - Young drivers – 36
  - West –21
  - M/C associates – 41
  - Assessments - 35

#### Membership

Members 127  
Car observers 16  
M/C observers 9  
Lapsed members 102

- AGM – 1 nomination for the committee – Maureen Hewitt.

Next meeting is AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 prompt. Committee meet sharp at 7.15pm.

