

DUMFRIES GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 3 August 2006 at Dalston House Hotel

Present: Alan Jones (AJ), Tommy Jardine (TJ), Graham McColm (GMcC), Andrew Bird (AB), Peter Dodds (PD), Christine Donaldson (CD), John Donaldson (JD), Allan Graham (AG), Anne Lind (ACL), Helen Cameron (HC)

Apologies: Scott Anderson, Nicol Milne

1. **Matters arising from 6 July 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Skill for Life - Although copies of the 'Lets make it cool to be skilful' DVD have been sent to Vince Yearley, Phil Scordellis, George Goldie, Robin Mair and Shipley, this is still an outstanding action despite AJ e-mailing and telephoning seeking a response.

Noted that AJ requested that Observers encourage Associates to buy the relevant 4 DVDs as this would be beneficial to them in learning their new skills.

Action: Await contact from RM

Membership - AB updated PD at the meeting regarding membership lists. AJ suggested another article for the newspapers once membership reaches 100(e.g. make a sign and TJ to present to the 100th member).

Action: AG to let AB know if anyone had not paid their subscriptions

Action: Everyone to think what could be done once we have reached 100 members

Shows - HC had e-mailed all those on e-mail to ask for volunteers at the shows.

Action: HC to send a letter to Jim Hunter thanking him for his assistance with the MDU

Action: GMcC to send contact Cicerly Commercial re sponsorship

Newsletter - Noted that 5 to 6,000 people are reading our newsletter at the moment.

Events Programme

Action: GMcC to ask SA/RW to send a round robin e-mail to members regarding Citrac Nadics event in September to find out numbers wishing to attend

Action: GMcC to ask SA/RW to send draft programme to the Committee as soon as possible

2. **South West Forum (SWF)** - noted in their minutes that DGGAMM had not attended or sent any apologies. It was noted that we can apply for money for publicity from SWF. AJ reminded the meeting of the £500.00 funding from the IAM for the 'ditty' on South West Sound.

National Observers Scheme – noted that Angus McCallum, Glasgow South had felt that paperwork involved was onerous. Steve Shipley suggested that for those who are doing everything correctly at the moment the new requirements would not involve much work. SS noted that the training scheme is not compulsive at the moment and that groups should not over train Observers.

Disclosure Scotland – there was some doubt as to whether this was necessary for 16 to 17 years olds.

The next meeting of the South West Forum is on 25 November 2006.

Action: AJ to write a letter later this year to apply for £500.00 so we can do a radio advert.

Action: HC to initiate letter in November

3. **HQ Business**

HC brought to the attention of the meeting that there will be a 50th Anniversary Conference at Alton Towers on Saturday 7 October 2006 – noted that there are 2 or 3 people places available for this Group.

National Observer Training Scheme – feedback given to the meeting.

Action: HC to send a letter to Ryan Fingland and Charlie Allman asking if they wish to attend Conference

Action: HC to send a letter to Ryan Fingland thanking him on the Committee's behalf (copy to AJ)

4. **Group Business**

Action Plan - Further to AJ's e-mail request, the Committee agreed that AJ should update the Action Plan.

AJ is going to submit an application to Lloyds/TSB for funding as he believes our Group comes under their charity remit and request £3,250 as this would cover the cost of 50 free places for three years. He read out names of different groups who have received funding from this source e.g. Befriending Project £11,000, Go-fers £2,000 (for the cost of volunteers). AG gave AJ a copy of the Group's accounts for the last three years to go along with the submission.

Discussion followed AB's suggestion that more Observers are needed. Ryan Fingland and Stewart Cameron are going for Senior Observers. At the end of the year it is hoped to have 6 new Observers.

Discussion also took place regarding if there are enough Examiners due to the number of Associates potentially being put forward for their test. AJ has spoken to Robin Bell, Examiner, and he feels that this will not pose a problem for him.

Noted that there are currently 14 paying Associates and 45 young drivers.

T-Shirts for Young Drivers – Ryan Fingland had e-mailed the Committee with a number of suggestions for the logos on the t-shirts. It was agreed that the chosen logo should be on the left sleeve of the t-shirt.

GMcC felt that it wasn't appropriate to only give the t-shirts to young people. AJ reminded everyone that the t-shirts will be available for everyone to purchase and that, according to statistics, young drivers are most at risk.

Action: AJ to contact Ryan Fingland with proposal and to modify the logo

Action: HC to contact companies to find out cost of t-shirt/embroidery

Transport Strategy - AJ had responded to this – all of the Committee were happy with the proposal – to limit ourselves to Road Safety.

AJ had received correspondence from Vince Yearley and AJ is to go ahead and put forward our submission on behalf of the IAM. He will show a draft to the Committee, then IAM thereafter forwarding our submission however he felt that he would need help from the motor cycling section. AB will raise matter on 16 September 2006 at the Motor Cycle Forum.

Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 - Lloyds/TSB bid – we have to declare if we have anyone up to the age of 17 years. Checks to be in place for anyone working with them. AJ informed the meeting that this had been raised in April 2006 as he felt that clear guidance was needed and despite contacting Robin Mair and Vince Yearley, he could report no further progress as Vince Yearley had passed his request for further guidance to Robin Mair and he is unable to reply at the moment.

Action: AJ will write to the Chief Executive, IAM if he does not hear from Robin Mair

Manoeuvring Challenge – PD informed the meeting that the Aerodrome has been sold (where the Challenge was held last year) and he has had not been able to find out the names of the new owners. He contacted Tesco regarding the Terregles store ground however no success. AB would arrange for the cones and barriers as last year. He also suggested holding the Display/Challenge in Whitesands car park.

Action: PD to try Dumfries and Galloway College for availability of their car park on any Sunday

Action: AB to contact Dave Allen, Dumfries and Galloway Council

2nd Competition – Spot the Hazard - only one entry received and HC has passed this onto AJ and GMcC.

Action: AJ to ask GMcC to send a copy of the hazard

Radio/CD Player and £25.00 voucher - Donated by DA Autoparts to Dumfries and Galloway Police – this has now been given to this Group to use. Discussion followed on how these could be used. AJ's idea – example of Penrith Group Robin Bell tells the secretary who he feels has been the best associate and the prize is awarded at the AGM. Another idea mentioned was that the prizes could be used to make an impact at the Shows the Group will be attending, to draw peoples interest to the display and therefore encourage them to join.

Sponsorship for Newsletter – discussed previously

AOB

Yellow Pages - HC asked if everyone had checked to see if our entries were entered.

Action: HC to check and see if we are under charities

HC had couple of queries of interest from two drivers who were not on the list.

Action: HC to contact them, send them the forms and invite them to the next event when the date is decided

AB brought to the Committee's attention of the Bike Safe course being run by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary on 20 August 2006. Noted that Jim Cowie, Border TV is interested in this project. Graham Abrains and Scott Anderson to attend.

Action: GMcC to contact Dave Shenton, Head of Bikes, IAM

Action: AB to contact PC Jim Cowie to see what he is looking for

Funding Strategy

Action: All Committee to think about our funding strategy, to think about ways of supplying money to achieve our objectives

Finances - AG updated the meeting regarding the state of our finances with our bank balance currently standing at £2,090. AJ reminded everyone that our aim as a charity is not to have any surplus.

Procurator Fiscal - The Procurator Fiscals office has been in touch with HC as, under the Health and Safety Act, their staff needed training. AJ contacted Tom Drysdale – ten people to attend the two evenings and be introduced to the concept of driver awareness and avoidance techniques – with a fee charged for this service - £100 per person per course therefore £1,000 being raised for the Group's funds.

Action: HC to contact Ralf Riech, Area Business Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Procurator Fiscals and see if they have arrived at a decision

5. Date and time of the next committee meeting

Thursday 7 September 2006 at 7.30 pm, Dalston Hotel