

# Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced motorists and Motorcyclists

## *Committee Meeting 16/10/07*

### **Minutes**

- 1) Apologies
  - a) See attached sheet
  - b) Previous Minutes – accepted as a true record
- 2) Matters Arising.
  - a) HC written to HQ regarding collecting tins – awaiting reply. HC to contact JW regarding how successful the “sale” of our group magazine has been.
  - b) GW is putting an item on the web site to see if there is any interest in a day at Knockhill skid pan. Once we have definite numbers HC will arrange date.
  - c) A copy of the photo in the Wigtownshire Free Press to be sent to Steve Shepley for its possible inclusion in Advanced Driving. Stuart Murray **SM** to organise – ongoing SM
  - d) **GMcC** to organise good biking routes with VisitScotland – On going
  - e) SM still looking at best format for sign for Associates car to alert drivers that they are under coaching. **SM** to investigate further and bring ideas to next Committee.
  - f) Magazine costs and sponsors - see item f above
  - g) It was noted that Scotspeed are generally not receptive to requests to participate or sponsor local initiatives, however **HC** will call in and see if they will at least hold some of our SFL leaflets.
  - h) AJ has written to Stuart Hamilton of Safety Camera partnership with costings for printing of new M/C vests.
  - i) AJ has asked GW to put together questionnaire for the web site regarding insurance costs and discounts for IAM passes.
  - j) A photo opportunity to be arranged for Crossflags and their 10 sponsored associates. HC to liaise with Sandy Sweetman to get 10 young people to Crossflags for ‘photo call’. Also to link with TJ. Proposed date on Saturday in 2-3 weeks time.
  - k) Wigtownshire Show. SM said that the winner of the draw for a free SFL course does not wish to take up prize. It was re allocated to JN Steele of Sandhead. HC will contact.
  - l) JW had suggested that a free car wash may be given to IAM members who fill up at St Michael Street filling station. PD to meet with JW to finalise.
  - m) MSport event in West of region – no progress.
  - n) New auditor. No one identified but it is acceptable for auditor to be IAM member but not an official.
- 3) Headquarters Business
  - a) The 2007 Dominic Fox Award was won by Dave Hewston from Warwickshire for road safety initiative for young people. Alan Jones was nominated by our group but was unsuccessful.
  - b) The National Conference detailed new initiatives for young drivers. More information to follow.

#### 4) SNIGA Business

- a) **HC** unable to attend the SNIGA . AJ spoke to Angus McIvor who said that Ben Devlin had been present and talked about the young driver's scheme. Seems the IAM are setting up a young driver's network and be administered by email. They will not be group members and will train observers from the young people. Agreed to do nothing at present.
- b) Statistics- Dumfries group are still at the top of the SW section. HC will get all Scottish stats from Steve Shepley.

#### 5) Motorcycle Business

- a) AB said 6 new M/C observers are now qualified. This leaves Jamie Wood and Donna McCloskey as group observers at the moment. HC will write to HQ with this information so that they will receive their Observer's bag.
- b) One test pass two weeks ago- Ian McNay. This was with the new M/C examiner, Fred Muffett
- c) 5 Associates are awaiting test.
- d) A M/C evening was held on 29/9/2007 at the Dalston House Hotel when 46 bikers attended. Invited guests were Les Kirkpatrick, Jim Cowie and Mike Stevens. The evening ended with a quiz.
- e) AB now stepped down as Chair of Scottish Motorcycle Forum, Now chaired by EDAM.
- f) Bike Show- IAM House are looking for young M/C to man the IAM stand.

#### Group Business

- a) Financial Position-RW reported that a lot is happening at present with OSCR (2006). There are a lot of new regulations and at present we don't comply with them all. RW attended a local seminar on the changes. Our group returns will be different and we will be obliged to state how many hours are spent on IAM business i.e. committee meetings, observed runs, promotions, observer training etc. There will be a pro-forma on their web site to help with this. Our accounts will be required to have more detail. RW will change name with OSCR as at present we are still under old name.

Some of our group rules need amended. RW will look into this and draft a proposal for AGM.

Our accounts for 2006- 2007 have been accepted by OSCR

Financial position healthy at present but we need to use money for young drivers before end of financial year.

- b) Direct Debits – RW looked into this – mainly for profit making businesses and very expensive to set up. Will now look into Standing Order and also possibility of changing bank to get better interest. RBS looks best at present.
- c) RW will produce budget available for next committee meeting and committee will discuss how best to use available funds.

- d) HC will get new password for group as some members of committee having difficulty accessing IAM site.
- e) M/C advert played between 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007. No one heard it therefore SW Sound will replay 10 more times free of charge. No response as yet from adverts.
- f) Events- November-Loreburn Police Museum- to be confirmed
  - December- Neil Gregg, Chair of Road Safety Scotland, Buffet to be provided.
  - January.- Speaker from Regional Transport Partnership. Road safety
  - February- ?? Ben Devlin HC to invite
  - March - Speaker from Crossflags Garage
  - April – Garage visit- Crossflags BMW / Mini
  - May - AGM
  - June - To be discussed
- g) Ian Howie- AJ said that Ian Howie had approached the group with a new initiative for young drivers. He intends to obtain funding of £1000 to put young drivers, who are caught by the Police for minor driving offences, through a drive check scheme with our group. This would be instead of arresting them. We would have to report attendance.
- h) Sponsorship – ASJ reported we are still £100 short in advertising revenue for the group magazine. AJ has approached Border Cars and David Hughes. HC will approach Rostrum again and AB has a potential advertiser.
- i) Test passes – 18 car and 13 M/C
  - 6 ca and 5 M/C awaiting test
  - Discussion around long delay in tests coming through, HC to write to IAM Chief Executive,
- j) Last date for articles for magazine is 12/11/07

AOCB - None

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00.