

# Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists

## Committee Meeting 20/11/07

### Minutes

#### 1) Apologies

- a) See attached sheet
- b) Previous Minutes – accepted as a true record

#### 2) Matters Arising

- a) Collections tins – no reply as yet
- b) HC to arrange date with Stewart Murray regarding Knockhill Skid Pan.
- c) A copy of the photo in the Wigtownshire Free Press to be sent to Steve Shepley for its possible inclusion in Advanced Driving. **SM** to organise – ongoing SM.
- d) **GMcC** to organise good biking routes with Visit Scotland – Ongoing.
- 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 meeting.
- f) Magazine costs – AJ noted that there is now a bar code on the Advance magazine. JW suggested shops/outlets being given for example 20 magazines on a 'sale before return basis'. **AJ** and **HC** to call into smaller retailers e.g. post offices, petrol stations, Kwik Fit etc. **JW** to take 30 magazines to newsagents in Moffat.
- g) Scotspeed will take leaflets/plastic stand. **HC** to take leaflets plus magazine.
- h) Stewart Hamilton, Safety Camera Partnership was happy to pay costs of printing for Observer vests however he was unhappy about the proposed size of the logo for the Safety Camera Partnership. Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists to pay cost of printing – AJ proposed and RW seconded.  
AB suggested getting vests for all DGGAMM who take part in the Toy Run (a good photo opportunity). **TJ** to publicise event on 'What's On' on South West Sound.  
**AJ** to keep Stewart Hamilton up-to-date with the situation.
- i) A photo opportunity still to be arranged for Crossflags and their 10 sponsored associates. **HC** to liaise with Sandy Sweetman to arrange for 10 young people to go to Crossflags for photo-call. Also to link with **TJ**. Ongoing.
- j) AJ noted that the 'Free Car Wash for Members at St Michael's Services' has been advertised in the winter copy of 'Advance'. He thanked JW for offering this service.
- k) New auditor – **HC** to ask John Love if he will be our new auditor.

#### 3) Headquarters Business

- a) The test fee for Skill for Life will increase from 1 February 2008. Car cost to be £99 and £109 for motorcycles. Discount will still be maintained for young people (£25).

#### 4) SNIGA Business

- a) South West Forum meeting on Saturday 24 November 2007 at which Office Bearers are to be elected. **HC** to put in our apologies. **HC** to give **AJ** Reg Tait's (Chair of Ayr Group) telephone number.

#### 5) Motorcycle Business

- a) 2 Associates at test readiness and will be taken out by the Examiner, weather permitting.
- b) AB gave HC names of people who have not progressed with their training. **HC** to reclaim test fee for 4 people.

- c) AB informed meeting that two items of equipment are showing signs of wear and tear.
- d) HC asked **AB** to find out who needs polo vests.
- e) AB invited all to attend if they wished at a meal the M/C are having at the Dalston Hotel on Wednesday 21 November 2007.

## 6. Group Business

- a) Outstanding payment of subs - **RW** to confirm who should have paid. **HC** to submit names of young drivers for this year's accounts.  
**HC** to let Sandy Sweetman know Crossflags last advert still outstanding and the winter invoice is on its way.
- b) Standing Orders – Discussion took place regarding fees for the Group. **RW** proposed and **AB** seconded that the fees be increased to £12.
- c) Stewartry Community Safety Forum – **AJ**, **HC** and **CA** to attend.
- d) Nithsdale Community Safety Forum - **AJ** or **HC** to attend meeting on 12 December 2007. **HC** to e-mail **AJ** with Inspector Doug Millar's address.
- e) Christmas Event – year's passes - **HC** to write to all who have passed in 2007 inviting them to attend on 27 December 2007. **HC** to provisionally book for 40 people. Constables Les Kirkpatrick and Jim Cowie to be invited. Discussion took place on the theme for the evening. **HC** to look into ideas.
- f) Neil Greig Visit – He will be attend the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and will also be on South West Sound. **AJ** to send bullet point to **TJ**. **TJ** took note for 'What's on Guide'. **HC** to write to Steve Shepley, Chairpersons of all Scottish Groups and Robin Mair to attend this meeting.
- g) Public Sale of Group Magazines (**AJ**)
- h) Update on Associates and goals and test passes – **AJ** issued list of the number of Associates who have been registered in Scotland for the last six years, followed by the list of passes and % conversion of efficiency. This Group's performance in the last two years has put us at the top of all Groups in Scotland. Our goal is to get more Observers.
- i) Skill for Life forms in all garages – **AJ** asked all attending to help **HC** to go to garages/places where the SFL leaflets are and to ensure they are replenished. **HC** to re-order stands/forms.
- j) Advertise on one form of public transport – **RW** has investigated and went through several options with CBS (who advertise for Stagecoach buses). He handed out different adverts to the meeting. Costs for example could be £30,000 for two buses for six months. Funding would need to be sought to be able to afford this project e.g. Road Safety, Scotland IAM. **RW** to send adverts to **AJ**.
- i) 1 newspaper article each month – **HC** to send photograph to **SM**.
- k) System in place to publicise each test pass (**HC**)
- l) Group Insurance – Group Policy now costs less. All to be aware of its contents. **HC** suggested policy should be taken to Observers Meeting. **RW** to scan and **AJ** to put onto pdf file. **AJ** to send to Observers.

## 7. AOCB

- a) **AJ** proposed Jamie Woods as the next Chairperson which the Committee seconded. **HC** to put proposal in Spring Newsletter.
- b) Cash for Kids, Thursday 13 December 2007 – **JW** suggested a SFL package for the raffle for this event. **HC** to give package/folder to **TJ** at the Loreburn Centre.
- c) **HC** to e-mail Committee members with meeting dates for 2008.
- d) **JW** attended Chamber of Commerce meeting. He will attend organised events and will keep Group informed.

**Date of next meeting Monday 28 January 2008 at 7 pm in Dalston Hotel**

Next two meetings thereafter on:

Monday 3 March 2008 at 7 pm in Dalston Hotel

Monday 21 April 2008 at 7 pm in Dalston Hotel