

# Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists

## Committee Meeting 21/04/2008

### Minutes

#### 1) Apologies

- a) See attached sheet

#### 2) Matters Arising

- a) Knockhill Skid Pan has been booked for Saturday 28 June 2008 at 1 pm. Cost is £25 now and £25 nearer to the date. **Graeme Watson** to update website.
- b) GMcC and AB have organised biking route
- c) Publicity in the West – Steven McCormick will try to put an advert in the Stranraer Herald.
- d) No progress yet for sign for Associates car to alert drivers that they are under coaching. **HC** has contacted **SM** but no reply as yet.
- e) Sales of Group Magazines at St Michaels Street Garage – no sales as yet.
- f) Leaflets for Scotspeed – **HC** had a positive response from them.
- g) **RW** to contact Crossflags re organising an event similar to the Young Drivers Event last year.
- h) New IAM banner – not purchased as yet. **AJ** to handover 2 banners/pop up charts to **GMcC**.
- i) Attendance at meetings – Discussion took place re attendance; syllabus; type of events; incorporating speaker/meal; pictorial flyer advertising events; advertising events on West Sound; advertising events in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard's 'What's On'; and a follow-up report after an event. Suggested by **HC** that the syllabus be divided between 3 people.
- j) **HC** has replied to Constable Les Kirkpatrick regarding numbers for the Scottish Police Event for Young Drivers however now aware he hasn't received this message. **AB** to e-mail Constable Kirkpatrick's e-mail address so she can update him.
- k) **TJ** indicated no winner has come forward to collect their SFL which was a donated prize for the Cash for Kids fundraising event.
- l) Stewartry Young Drivers Initiative – Currently 12 names. **AJ** confirmed this initiative will also apply to young motorcyclists.
- AJ** mentioned he had had a meeting with Dumfries and Galloway Council and the Police and there is a possibility of this going ahead in the Dumfries area.
- m) Dumfries and Galloway Shows – **HC** indicated there is a need to apply soon and be better planned with a rota for helpers. **HC** to contact Steve Shipley about the availability of the MDU and book this a.s.a.p. for the Dumfries Show (first Saturday in August) and Moffat Show (Saturday 30 August 2008).
- n) Advertising – suggested routes:
- Advertising on a board outside a shop or other premises. Asking the shop/business to display outside their shop for four weeks and then moving onto another shop/business
  - **TJ** suggested a poster (double A4 or bigger) at the Loreburn Centre. **TJ** to contact Jim Ireland, Loreburn Centre Manager.
  - Advertising on a car – perhaps a car/garage demonstrator or purchasing a cheap car, insuring it for the Committee and parking it, for example, near Homebase.

- Trailer advert

**GMcC** to look into the cost of car/car insurance. **PD** expressed concern about advertising when quite a number on the waiting list to be coached for SFL. **HC** to contact Steve Shipley for comment on car advertising and also to ask if the IAM will cover the cost of any advertising. **HC** to contact Richard Stewart of DA Autoparts re car.

### 3) Headquarters Business

- Conference in June 2008 for Motorcyclists – **CD** to see if she'll be able to attend.  
Conference in October 2008 for Cars – attendance will be decided nearer the date.
- Group contacts – **HC** to speak to Paul McQuillen / Donna McClusky to see if they wish to be nominated as a young person contact.
- The cost of the Skill for Life (SFL) has risen from 1 April 2008. **AB** alerted the meeting as to ability to make payment for the SFL in two payments as follows:
  - Car – payment of £49 initially followed by £55 payment
  - Motorcycle - payment of £49 initially followed by £65 payment

### 4) Scottish National Conference

- HC** has not received the minutes from the April meeting held at Tulliallan.

### 5) Group Business

- AGM - Currently only two nominations for new committee received even though it has been extensively advertised. **ACL** suggested contacting suggested names to encourage new members to attend. **HC** to contact two names for car and **GMcC** to contact two for motorcyclists although it was agreed that a number of people have dual car/motorcyclist membership.
- Programme discussed earlier in Matters Arising.
- Motorcycle Training for Senior Observers – A full day's training has been organised at Tulliallan on Sunday 27 April 2008. Four Senior Motorcycle Observers will be attending. **AB** asked if fuel cost could be refunded for those attending. **HC** suggested applying to IAM House and will write to them to ask if they will subsidise in full or part fund the fuel costs involved and to write for similar funding for cars. **AB** to forward the minutes from the Motorcycle Forum to **HC**.
- Associate Position – **PD** updated the meeting on Associate status. **RW** mentioned we still have funding places for 25 young people. **AJ** updated meeting on status of passes and position of Scottish Groups for 2007/2008. Our Group's position for Cars remains as first place for the third consecutive year whilst Motorcyclists' position is 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Additional names for bikers have been signed up following the recent Bike Safe event.  
Our Group currently has 140 full members.
- Observers Position – Motorcyclists have 10 Observers with another three undergoing training (Murray Batty/Jamie/Donna McClusky)  
Cars have 28 Observers with Vicki McMinn, Bob Sloan and David Booth to undergo training to be Observers.

### 6. AOCB

- PD** suggested Observers who, for example, have succeed in having three of their Associates passing the SFL in one year getting a reduced or nil fees for the IAM. This was unanimously supported by the meeting. **HC** is to raise this matter with Steve Shipley in the first instance.

- b) **GMC** asked about the possibility of purchasing collapsible cones for training/manoeuvring and white boards with dry markers for the Motorcycle Observers. **AJ** to source white melanex boards. **TJ** to contact the Ice Bowl for price/source of collapsible cones.
- c) **GMC** raised the subject of stationery as there is a need for new Skill for Life forms/Roadcraft Manuals/Pass Your Advanced Driving. **HC** to organise.
- d) **RW** briefed the meeting as to the status of Group's finance ahead of the AGM. Accounts have to be split into Restricted and Unrestricted funds. He also indicated there is a healthy bank balance at the moment.

**8. Date and time of next meeting**

This is to be decided at the AGM.

The AGM is to be held on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Dalston Hotel.