

Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced motorists and Motorcyclists

Committee Meeting 28/8/07

Minutes

- 1) Apologies
 - a) See attached sheet
 - b) Previous Minutes – accepted as a true record
- 2) Matters Arising
 - a) Disclosure Scotland, HC no response from IAM HQ and the Committee regarded the matter as terminated.
 - b) A possible visit to Knockhill was discussed. HC has contacted the circuit and interest in the idea will be canvassed on the group web site. **HC** to contact GW.
 - c) RW confirmed the application for stall space at the forthcoming NCVS event (November 07) has been sent. Ideas for the stall were discussed and thought to be given to possible activities prior to the next meeting. **All**
 - d) HC is progressing the directory of members. The membership renewals for the biking section include a permission statement to be ticked by those members wishing to be included.
 - e) Ian Howie has confirmed he is to reimburse the SfL costs for 10 candidates from the Stewartry once they have passed the test.
 - f) **HC** to ask headquarters on collecting policy in public places (collecting tins). JW suggested advertisement revenue could be boosted if circulation and distribution could be increased. A general discussion took place regarding the practicalities of this and the agenda item on magazine costs. GMcC suggested more copies in doctor's surgeries etc to increase circulation. AJ suggested the newsletter be placed at the St Michael's St Filling station at £1.50 each as a trail. **JW** agreed to an experiment with 5 copies to begin with. JW suggested price be printed on future copies. AJ has spoken to Border Cars regarding the IAM as a vehicle for their dealership promotion. Border Cars to consider as respond further. This specific aspect to be rolled forward to the next meeting
 - g) 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.
 - h) **GMcC** to organise good biking routes with VisitScotland
 - i) Stuart Murray would like some sort of sign on the car when he is taking out an associate. Committee agreed **SM** to investigate further and bring ideas to Committee.
 - j) Magazine costs and sponsors - see item f above
 - k) It was noted that Scotspeed are generally not receptive to requests to participate or sponsor local initiatives, however **HC** to contact one more time.
 - l) RW explained background to Road Safety Scotland approach and agreed that a timely approach with a carefully planned proposal is best.

- m) Stuart Hamilton of the Dumfries and Galloway Safety Camera Partnership has been approached to assist with the purchase of hi viz vests for associate m/cs. SH is keen to progress and is awaiting costs **AB** to provide to SH.. AJ also wishes to publish a leaflet on motorcycle accidents.
 - n) AJ has asked Stuart Murray **SM** to investigate insurance costs and discounts for IAM passes.
 - o) A photo opportunity to be arranged for Crossflags and their 10 sponsored associates. RW then to invoice for the fees for a further 10 associates. **SM** to organise
- 3) Headquarters Business
- a) AJ would like a special contact dedicated to younger associates AJ volunteered **SM**, **HC** to investigate.
 - b) Cheque from IAM to assist with advertising costs has been received and passed to RW.
- 4) SNIGA Business
- a) **HC** to attend the next meeting of SNIGA and others welcome to accompany her.
- 5) Group Business
- a) AJ tabled several documents for discussion regarding the business plan for 2007/2008. Committee took these away to consider and to action as allocated and appropriate. Feedback on progress to be discussed at next meeting.
 - b) Associate coordinators in the West of the region reminder to tell HC when observers are allocated to an associate. **HC** to remind.
 - c) **RW** to email copy of the recent member questionnaire to Andy Campbell AC.
 - d) Committee noted that little progress seems to have been made putting a programme of events together. Further to the meeting the following have been arranged: **AJ** to hold a quiz night in September. A presentation on the driving test is organised for October. **RW** pursue the Moffat Car Club, BMW Crossflags and the DG Regional Transport Partnership. **JW** to pursue a possible event involving BP Grangemouth.
 - e) The local Chamber of Trade has invited the group to join, Committee agreed to this and **JW** to act as liaison.
 - f) The Wigtown show proved successful. The winner of a free SfL was Karen Milven and 7 new associates were signed.
 - g) Motorcycle Event – GMcC reported on recent events this summer which were a great success and to be repeated. **GMcC** will organise again as and when.
 - h) AJ tabled the latest figures on progress of associates. Figures are behind last years for the bike section although AB advised that recently a poor response from associates has been noticed. AJ outlined the current status of members, associates and those waiting to be allocated an observer. AJ noted that many more observers are required to meet demand.
- 6) AOCB
- a) **HC** agreed to insert a specific agenda item for the motorcycle section to reflect the growing activity in that section
 - b) Bike evening arranged for the 29 Sept 2007 and the room is booked (Dalston) open to interested car members as well.

- c) **HC** to arrange certificates for newly qualified observer, to be presented at the observer's night on 29 October 2007.
 - d) AJ advised that the first two drive check completions have been received and documentation passed to HC
 - e) Kingdom of Fife have ordered another 200 DVDs
 - f) BMW are holding an MSport event in the North West (Cumbria) and Crossflags have invited observers to offer drive checks at the event. **PD** and **GMcC** volunteered (This had nothing to do with every likelihood of the chance to drive an M5 BMW)
 - g) JW suggested it may be possible for any IAM member filling up at the ST Michael's St Filling station to get a free car wash. **PD** to explore further with JW
 - h) RW asked that the group's financial year be brought in line with the conventional year ending on April 5th. Committee agreed. RW also asked for anyone who knows of an auditor prepared to audit the group's accounts to investigate the possibility and advise RW. **All**
- 7) ***The Next Meeting 16 October 2007 at 7:00pm, Dalston Hotel.***