

## **Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced motorists and Motorcyclists**

### **Annual General Meeting 14/5/07**

#### 1) Apologies and Attendance

- a) See attached sheet for apologies. Graeme McColm acted as chairman of the meeting in Alan Jones' absence. Steve Shepley ( regional co-ordinator) was warmly welcomed to the meeting.

#### 2) Previous Minutes – proposed by Stewart Cameron and seconded by Jamie Wood. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

- a) The chairman's report was read out the President Tommy Jardine. The report is appended to these minutes.

#### 3) Treasurers' Report

- a) The Accounts were circulated and are appended to these minutes.
- b) The treasurer advised that the previous year was a successful one with increased income being received, offset by increased expenditure so that the Groups working capital remains healthy.
- c) Newsletter sponsorship has increased
- d) Several local businesses and the local Council have invested in the Skill for life programme
- e) DVD sales are progressing but costs are also increasing due to larger membership and production costs
- f) The larger membership has increased correspondence costs but this is offset by the increased membership subscription receipts
- g) Increasing expenditure on motorcycle equipment has largely been offset by sponsorship
- h) Clothing expenditure has increased as the Group promotes itself and presents a consistent image
- i) Funds are around £4000 which is £2000 up on last year

#### 4) Secretary's Report

- a) The group attended three Shows during the year, The Dumfries Agricultural Show, Moffat Agricultural Show and the Transport Show.
- b) The intergroup ten pin bowling was won by our group but the Carlisle group won the intergroup quiz by one point
- c) The current membership stands at 121 of which 81 are car members and 40 are motorcycle members, 6 are both car and motorcycle members. There are 86 associates of which 52 are car associates and 34 are motorcycle associates.
- d) The meeting was reminded that observers are needed to help progress the large number of associates awaiting their Skill for Like coaching.
- e) The group has received positive feedback from other groups regarding our activities especially the DVDs and the group image portrayed through the new T shirt logo.
- f) The group currently has 4 senior observers, 14 observers and 3 in training for cars. There are currently 1 chief observer, 3 senior observers and 6 observers for motorcycles.

## 5) Motorcycle Group

- a) A good year with 86 new associates signing up for the Skill for life programme at the Scottish bike Show A further 6 have recently signed up at BikeSafe
- b) Jamie Wood is now a trainee motorcycle observer and his assistance to the group in many ways is greatly received.
- c) 19 passes have been recorder this year and currently there are 27 associates, mainly “older” riders. 5 of the associates are under 25 and 4 have lost touch with the group.
- d) The section is looking at ways of distributing last minute information about Sunday runs which are usually the first Sunday in the month. A sub section has been formed to organise these events.
- e) The section has introduced record cards to keep track of associates’ progress and these are proving very successful.
- f) A hierarchical structure has been introduced into the motorcycle observer resource to better assist the dissemination of information. It is early days but the results are promising
- g) The group currently offers £10 discount to all motorcycle associates under 25
- h) Andrew Bird has set up a motorcycle forum web page on the groups web site where motorcycle members can log in with their membership number and see the latest information from the forum.
- i) Graeme McColm thanked the committee and observers for their support to the motorcycle section

## 6) Election of Office Bearers

- a) No nominations were received for Chairman and Alan Jones has agreed to continue for one further year as chairman – proposed Helen Cameron, seconded Peter Dodds
- b) Graeme McColm was re-elected as Vice Chairman, proposed Helen Cameron, seconded by Ann Lind
- c) No nominations for treasurer were received, Russell Wears agreed to act as treasurer, proposed Helen Cameron, seconded Graeme McColm.
- d) Helen Cameron was re elected as Secretary, proposed by Stewart Cameron, seconded by Graeme McColm
- e) The following members resigned by rotation Scott Anderson, Peter Dodds and Russell Wears (re elected as Treasurer)
- f) John Donaldson resigned his position on the committee
- g) The following were elected or re elected to the committee
  - i) Peter Dodds, proposed Helen Cameron, seconded Stewart Cameron (re elected)
  - ii) Jamie Woods, proposed Alan Jones, seconded Helen Cameron
  - iii) Andy Campbell, proposed Graeme McColm, seconded Stewart Cameron
  - iv) Stuart Murray, proposed Alan Jones, seconded Graeme McColm

- v) Noel Kelly, proposed Stewart Murray, seconded Stewart Cameron
- vi) Kevin Copeland, proposed Peter Dodds, seconded Stuart Murray

7) AOCB

- a) Steve Shepley outlined the proposal to the IAM to offer an IAM discount to new motorcycle associates but this didn't gain acceptance at IAM.
- b) The treasure hunt was confirmed for 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Monday 11 June 2007
- c) Graeme Abrines urged the new committee to look at the levels of representation of motorcyclists on the group and investigate the possible formation of a sub group of motorcyclist. Steve Shepley outlined the procedures for such a move.
- d) Jamie Wood suggested a database of contact details so that members could contact others. Helen Cameron advised that such details and permission to use them could be sought at membership renewal. Graeme McColm will enquire about the practicalities of a password protected sub section on the group's web site. A discussion took place on possible alternative methods of communication including text messaging, Tommy Jardine suggested the What's On section of SouthWest Sound is available for short notice announcements
- e) A Road Safety Week is being organised for November involving many interested parties. IHe advised that the IAM could be come involved and trade stall may be available. This should be referred to an early meeting of the new committee.
- f) Graeme McColm thanked Steve Shepley for attending the meeting.
- g) Jamie Woods was then presented with his Car membership certificate.