

# Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists

## Committee Meeting Minutes 16/11/2009

1. Apologies – Andrew Bird, Christine Donaldson, Stewart Cameron, Tommy Jardine and Jamie Wood.

2. Matters arising –

- Transportation- Following on from our letter regarding speed bumps near Georgetown school HC has received a letter from the Planning and Environment Services asking if the IAM group would like to be advised/consulted on any future developments throughout Dumfries and Galloway. This was discussed and agreed that HC would reply and be the initial contact for the group, HC would circulate to committee for comment. **Action HC**
- Ride Checks- for scooters. GMcC has spoken to Bob Morrison, Proc Fiscal, who would not have a problem with the concept. After discussion regarding insurance etc , it was agreed that HC would contact HQ for their take on this. M/C chief examiner Rennie Ritchie has already said he would be in favour of the scheme. **Action HC**
- M/C Forum- AB has registered our support but so far there has been little support else where in Scotland, therefore there is a likelihood that it make fold.
- Road Safety Partnership- No information of the additional funding applied for M/C equipment, next meeting is 3/12/09 and PD will be representative.
- Advertising- No progress on advertorial for group. **Action HC**

3. Headquarters Business.

Observers training.- email received from Steve Shepley regarding a joined training session between cars and M/Cs. Discussion took place regarding venue and costings. HC said it may turn out to be expensive for the Observers o travel and accommodation. Email was ambiguous and venue not clear if it is Wales or Scotland. Group interested in principal. **Action HC to contact SS**

4. South West Forum- Next meeting is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009. No one is available to attend. **Action HC will put in apologies**

5. Group Business-

- Syllabus- December Social evening. Committee decided to have small groups of Table top rally, hazard perception, driving skills, short quiz. Try to have it as a move around stations for a set period of time. Committee to progress all aspects and report back next week. HC will ask GW to bring the group laptop and

projector. Mince pies and shortbread will be supplied and a small raffle will take place, prizes to be obtained by writing to local supermarkets etc.

January – Race night - confirmed as 22/1/10 at 7.30 for 8.00 start. A finger buffet of sandwiches and sausage rolls will be supplied. Prices remain as last year. Max number of 70 tickets to be sold.

February – Tyres – Duncan Livingstone (Dalston House booked)

March - Visit to Fire tation – TBC

April - Safety Partnership Camera Van Demo ( 19<sup>th</sup> April)

May - AGM ( Dalston House booked)

Postponed garage visit – possible May/June 2010

- M/C Business- Senior Observers retests – In hand, Graham Abrines already passed and Andrew Bird will resit over next few weeks. Jim Hunter also going to sit Senior Observer test when paperwork sorted.  
New Observers- 3-5 motorcyclists are being considered to do Observer training, final decision will be made early in the new yaer.  
Meeting between M/C and car associate co-ordinators took place with HC to clarify lapsed associates and maintain accurate data.  
Toy Run. – Plans are underway for this years event on 12<sup>th</sup> December.  
Manoeuvrability test- potential site for 2110 in Dalbeattie. Paul Strilciw Shield now been bought.
- Associate status-
  - 154 members
  - 17 M/C associates
  - 7 M/C Observers
  - 19 car associates
  - 17 Observers
  - 83 assessment drives ( 14 still to complete)
  - 36 youngsters
  - 13 west associates.
  - 153 Lapsed members

## 6. Treasurer's Report-

Membership- there has been a good response to our standing order forms and forms are still coming in. SO due out today but will be January before it is clear of uptake. My need to do chase up at that point.

## 7. AOCB

- New car observer- The committee welcomed the news of a new qualified car observer. David Booth passed his theory and practical test on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 and has been accepted by the committee. **Action HC will notify HQ**
- Recruitment- Discussion took place on ways to encourage new associates to come forward. It was agreed that plans should be put in place for a recruitment drive in Feb /March 2010 with newspaper article and posters in library. It was also agreed to try to get the MDU for the egg run, HC will try to book it once

date is confirmed. Discussion around getting the MDU for publicity events at Gretna Gateway, Moffat, Castle Douglas and Dumfries.

Action RW – find out re permission to site this

Action HC will put Christmas one on Hosp NB.

- Unison- No response yet. New posters are now available therefore RW will email them to Graham Abrines to put on unison web site. Action RW
- Curvy Riders- New female M/C group. Maureen Hewitt is a member and will promote IAM within the group to encourage new associates.
- Committee meal. This is booked at the Country Manor Hotel at Torthalwald on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 for 7.30. we will get the menu in advance and selection should be back to Maureen by 11/1/10

Date of next meeting 11/1/10 at 7.00 at Dalston House Hotel.