

Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists

AGM – Monday 12 May 2008

Minutes

1) Apologies

a) Charlie Allman, Andrew Bird,

2) Acceptance of Minutes of 2007 AGM

Proposed by Christine Donaldson and seconded by Peter Dodds.

Minutes Accepted.

3) Chairman's Report

Copy attached.

4) Secretary's Report

Busy year for the Group with Skill for Life (SFL) and co-ordinating young drivers. The Group will be attending Dumfries and Lockerbie Show, and the Moffat Show so we will be looking for volunteers, the first Saturday and last Saturday in June respectively.

Tulliallan and Young Drivers – Constable Les Kirkpatrick.

Skid Pan at Knockhill on Saturday 28 June 2008 – afternoon session costing £50 if anyone would like to attend – to let her know.

This last year's events included a Ten Pin Bowling at Carlisle against Carlisle Advanced Motorists which they won and a Quiz Night against Carlisle Advanced Motorists which we won!

Membership of Dumfries Group currently standing at 140.

As Secretary, Helen mentioned she would like to encourage everyone to become Observers and especially for cars.

5) Treasurer's Report

Copy attached.

Alan Jones (AJ), as Chairman, asked if anyone had any questions? Graham Watson asked if we have to pay our auditor? AJ indicated a gift will be purchased to give to the auditor for his assistance.

Treasurer's Report proposed by Jamie Woods and seconded by Graham Watson

6) Associate Co-ordinator's Report

AJ firstly thanked Peter Dodds (PD) for all his hard work and effort in tackling such a difficult task.

Current status

144* Full Members			
27** Car Observers	28* Car Associates	11** Bike Observers	36* Bike Associates
41* Young Drivers	30* in the West		
56 Lapsed Members			
Total – 279* Members		Note** = inc in 'Full Members'	Note sum of * = 'Total Members'

7) Car Chief Observer's Report

Greatest number of Associates in this Group's 31st year.

Test Passes

Car – 37 (of which 22 were young people)

Bike – 20 (of which 2 were young people)

Car Observers now include 9 young car observers.

This past year, the Procurator Fiscal and senior Police Officers got in touch with our Group for an Initiative in the Stewartry area to seek an alternative to prosecution - Drive Check for which we have received £1,000 for 40 young people. To date, 10 young people have progressed through the Initiative including one in particular who has been recommended by AJ to do the SFL and thereafter become an Observer so his knowledge can be passed onto other young drivers.

8) Motorcycle Chief Observer's Report

Poor weather last year affected numbers.

Graeme McColm (GMcC) thanked all the Observers for their hard work.

There should be an increase in numbers this year as 17/20 have already been signed up.

GMcC and Graham Abrines (GO) did a presentation for Bike Safe (initiative with Police).

GMcC was also involved in two radio interviews this year and he thanked Tommy Jardine for his assistance with promoting special events e.g. Bike Safe, Egg Run.

4 Senior Observers attended a Seniors training event at Tulliallan - mixed reactions for each as they were taught/tutored by different police officers.

Skye Trip on 14 and 15 June 2008 – so far 15 people have signed up.

9) Election of Office Bearers

Graeme McColm proposed as Chair	Proposed by Christine Donaldson	Seconded by Jamie Wood
Jamie Wood proposed as Vice Chair	Proposed by Graeme McColm	Seconded by Andrew Bird
Helen Cameron proposed as Secretary	Proposed by Andrew Bird	Seconded by Peter Dodds
Russell Wears as Treasurer	Proposed by Graeme McColm	Seconded by Helen Cameron

Resignations:

Kevin Copeland, Stuart Murray & Noel Kelly,
Alan Dalrymple.

Proposed as members of Committee

Stewart Cameron	Proposed by Alan Jones	Seconded by Peter Dodds
Anne Lind	Proposed by Helen Cameron	Seconded by Peter Dodds
Neil Martinik	Proposed by Helen Cameron	Seconded by Graeme McColm
Scott Anderson	Proposed by Graeme McColm	Seconded by Anne Lind

10) AOCB

Graeme McColm thanked everyone for his nomination as Chair. He also thanked Alan Jones for his sterling work, his enthusiasm, help in all manner of things, working with the Police, the Young Drivers Initiative, sourcing funds and good contacts.

He presented Alan with a gift of a Quaiche on behalf of the group..

11) Date and time of next committee meeting

Wednesday 28 May 2008 at 7 pm in Dalston Hotel.