



Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity 1053330

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 8th May
2013

Location: Friends Meeting
House.
8b Summerfield Road.
Wolverhampton.
WV1 4PR.

Time: 20.00

Committee Members

Paul Williamson

Graham Foulkes

Present

Bill Goodreds

Nigel Packer

Roy Richards

Apologies

Carol Woodhead

Tony Robson

Mel Timmins

Rosemarie Wood

Geoff Davis

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present for attending this evening, the group's 32nd AGM. He said that we had invited Phil Collins (RGC) to attend as Guest Speaker tonight, but Paul had not received any communication as to why Phil was unable to do so.

Apologies had been received from Carol Woodhead, Mel Timmins, Rosemarie Wood, Geoff Davis and Tony Robson (Group Secretary).

Paul explained that Tony was on Holiday at the present time, but had submitted his report (via Paul) for inclusion in tonight's meeting

The minutes of the group's 31st AGM (2012) were distributed to all present and reviewed as a true record of events.

Proposed by: Bill Goodreds.

Seconded by: Nigel Packer

Chairman's Report

"First of all a number of Thank You's.

My thanks to all of the Committee for their help, support and commitment given both to the Group and myself over the last twelve months.

Next to all of the Groups Observers in recognition of the time they have given to ensure the development of their own and the skills of others.

To everyone who has helped out at the events the Group has attended including Wombourne carnival, Wolverhampton City Show, and Himley Classic Vehicle and Transport show. and finally to all members of the group.

Over the last twelve months, membership has gone down and the trend is continuing, however we must go forward with optimism. Jaguar Land Rover will be opening a new engine plant in Wolverhampton, and their generous employee benefit scheme may furnish us with new members.

The group have been involved over the last two years with Dudley Road Safety partnership, who have run an initiative called "Safer Driving for longer". He explained to all present how it worked and said it was aimed at older drivers. However, it was thought that cuts in funding would mean it would not be able to continue. Paul said that this had now been resolved and SDL would be able to continue. He was pleased to report that similar schemes are now being "rolled out" in other local authorities namely Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton, Our group would have some input.

We still need help especially on the committee, where there are several vacancies which need to be filled and reduce the workload of existing committee members. If anyone feels they could help, or would like more information please get in touch. Maybe "Sit in" at one of our meetings

Secretary's Report.

Paul presented the following on behalf of Tony.

Meetings & Events

- (19 Meetings / Events – Averaging every 2-3 weeks throughout the group's active year) – comprising:-

2012

May – AGM Meeting.

July – Talk on CAMRA and listed pubs in Wolverhampton

July – Group Associates Evening.

July – Group Publicity Day at West Park, Wolverhampton (City Show).

August – Talk on the many activities of the Bantock Park Museum.

August – Group Observers Evening.

September – Group Associates Evening.

October – Talk from the Road Haulage Association.

November – Talk by the Wolverhampton Trading Standards.

December – No Meetings.

2013

January – Talk by the Severn Valley Country Park.

January - Group Associate Meeting

February - Group Observer Meeting.

February - WAM Group Meeting. Talk by John Bagley ex Police Officer on driving attitudes.

March - WAM Group Meeting. Talk by Tim Philpott on current issues in Road Safety.

March - Group Associate Meeting

April - Group Associate Meeting.

April - Examiner Night with Mark Wakelam.

May - AGM Meeting.

Many thanks to:

Paul Williamson & Nigel Packer – for arranging these Meetings, Events & Visits!

8th May 2013 – 8pm – "AGM"

- Such feedback as we get – indicates that our membership 'appears' happy with what the Group Committee are doing on their behalf. However – ideas from members with supporting detail continue to be as rare as hen's teeth!!
- Contributions to your Group – would be very much appreciated – as a serving Committee Member – or – as an Observer – or with constructive comments and possible solutions – or with suggestions as to talks, events, days out, etc. plus supporting detail. This is a continuing request at all meetings, in your newsletters, etc.
- Observer & Associate Nights – Are a continuing part of our structured group year.

- Your Committee also attended – on your behalf
 - Region 3 Meetings at Hindlip Hall, near Worcester.
 - IAM All Groups Conference at Warwick.
 - Wombourne Carnival.
 - Wolverhampton City Show.
 - Himley Hall Classic car Show.
- Group Membership
 - As at 31st March 2013
 - Associates (14) 13 – more or less the same as last year at this time (Fluctuating throughout the Group year).
 - Full Members (57) 56 – once more pretty much the same as last year (Again fluctuating throughout the Group year). A steady although small traffic coming and leaving mainly due to the financial situation as most leavers state this or they are after the pass rather than anything else. ADI's are now appearing more. Again we gather this could be to show continuing improvement to their hierarchy. Social Members (2) 2 – no change here.
 - Total = (74) 73 – plus 4 Life Members – little change but at least not less.
- Test Passes
 - (12) 12 – (Maintaining last years total).
 - We are very pleased to announce that late 2012 our Group had three IAM F1rstMembers in one month – two of which were 1st Responders! This class of membership is only awarded to those who achieved a score of 'one' in every category of their advanced test. We do have one other but this member took the test in another Group before transferring to us.
- Group Membership Fee
 - Remains again at £12 per year.
- Skill for Life Fee
 - Remain at £139 and are likely to do so at least for the foreseeable future.
- Group Newsletter
 - Is continuing to serve the Membership – and is also circulated to IAM London and most of the Groups in Region 3 (our Region) – who send us theirs by return.
 - However – your newsletter does not write itself. Would you believe we have very little input from the group membership! Please contribute something motoring or driving orientated or even some 'thank you' letters from members that have recently passed their IAM test. We are currently in need of a Newsletter Editor. If you think you could help your group in this role please contact one of your committee members. You would not be dropped in at the deep end but get every assistance.
- Next Group Meeting – is:
 - 8th June – 10am Traffic Control Centre, Wolverhampton
 - Details of coming meetings, etc. are published in our latest Newsletter.
- Next Committee Meeting
 - Is Tuesday 4th June (7.30pm).
 - If any full / associate member would like to come to our next committee they will be more than welcome.

Treasurers' Report.

Graham Foulkes (Treasurer) reported on the group accounts in some detail, and invited questions from members present. None were forthcoming.

Thanks were extended to Ray Kenna (FCA) for compiling and auditing the accounts of the group.

Membership Fee's.

The members present were asked for their permission to rise the groups membership fee's for the forthcoming year should it become necessary.

There were no objections.

Election of Officers.

The members present were asked for their nomination forms for group officers for the forthcoming year. The following people were nominated for the roles.

<u>Role.</u>	<u>Nomination.</u>
Chairman.	Paul Williamson.
Secretary.	Tony Robson.
Treasurer.	Graham Foulkes.

Paul, Tony and Graham were unanimously voted into their roles.

Election of Committee Members.

None for re-election

Guest Speaker

No Guest Speaker in attendance

AOB.

Nigel outlined dates of future planned events

8th June	Visit to Traffic Control Centre.
July	Kevin Clinton ROSPA.
August,	Nigel-talk on recent visit to Costa Rica.
September	Bob Jackson.
October	Representatives from Air Ambulance.

Date of Next Meeting.

33rd AGM 13th May 2014.

The AGM was closed at 21:05