



Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity 1053330

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 14th
May 2014

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

Time: 20.00

Committee Members present

Paul Williamson
Tony Robson
Nigel Packer
Roy Richards

Graham Foulkes
Geoff Davis

Guest Speaker

Andy Bolton.
(Regional Operations
Manager- Central
England & Wales)

Apologies P.Spillan

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present for attending this evening, the group's 33rd AGM. He also offered a warm welcome to our guest speaker Andy Bolton.

Apologies had been received from P.Spillan.

The minutes of the group's 32nd AGM (2013) were distributed to all present and reviewed as a true record of events.

Proposed by: Nigel Packer.

Seconded by: Graham Foulkes.

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 33rd AGM of WAM. Thank you for making the effort to attend this meeting here tonight. Originally we had Phil Collins who was going to be our Guest Speaker tonight however events now mean that it is most appropriate that Andy Bolton is back again as our Guest Speaker this evening.

First of all I must thank the officers and members of our Groups committee. We as ever are asking for one or more of you who can spare a few hours on a regular basis during a month if you can help our Group continue to progress and move forwards.

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, The City show, Himley classic car and transport show. The promotion of Safer driving for longer at a number of events throughout this area including one in Walsall with the co-operation of our mother Group.

To summarise the last 12 months in just a few words would be hard. The single most event being the sad passing of Bill Goodreds our founder member with Group membership number one. He

was an inspiration to almost everyone here tonight is one form or another. He is sadly missed on so many levels not only at Group, but at Committee meetings for his input and views on both driving and life in general.

We have had a year when otherwise the group has sadly in spite of our best efforts more or less stood still if not potentially shrunk if we actually count actual members or tests passed by Associates of our Group.

As the evening progresses there will be an opportunity for you if anyone else would like to take on one of the Groups Officer roles of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. We would like you to come forward with you voting paper as a few influx of views and talent is always welcome within our Group. Please don't be moving your chairs backwards we genuinely your Group need you so please show your commitment today.

Region 3 EGM?

Paul briefly mentioned this, but Andy requested that maybe it be left over until and following his presentation,

Secretary's Report.

Meetings & Events

- (18 Meetings / Events – Averaging every 2-3 weeks throughout the group's active year) – comprising:-
 - A variety of Talks and Presentations by local and IAM sources.
 - Group Associate and Observer Evenings.
 - Group Publicity Days at local venues.
 - Next month we are visiting the Morgan Car Company.
 - Coming events / meetings will appear in issues of your Newsletter.

Many thanks to:

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

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- Such feedback as we get – indicates that our membership 'appears' happy with what the Group Committee are doing on their behalf.
- Contributions from Group Members – would be very much appreciated – with suggestions as to talks, events, days out, etc. with supporting detail.
- 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 2014
 - Associates (13) 19 – currently up from last year at this time (Fluctuating throughout the Group year).
 - Full Members (56) 42 – (Again fluctuating throughout the Group year).
 - A steady although small traffic coming and leaving mainly due to the financial situation / other interests as most leavers state this or they are after the pass rather than anything else. Social Members (2) now 3.
 - Total = (73) 67 – including (4) 3 Life Members (with the loss of Bill Goodreds, Group President (Group Membership No.1)).
- Test Passes
 - (12) 6 – (Reflecting the fluctuation from full member renewal).

- We are very pleased to announce our Group had two more IAM F1rstMembers within these 6 giving us reassurance in our observer standards.
- Group Membership Fee
 - Remains again at £12 per year.
- Skill for Life Fee
 - Increases to £149..00 from October 2014
- Group Newsletter
 - Is continuing to serve the Membership – and is also circulated to IAM London and Groups in Region 3 (our Region).
 - 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.
- Next Group Meeting / Event – is:
 - 11th June – the visit to Morgan Cars.
 - Details of coming meetings, etc. will be published in our coming Newsletter or by contacting Nigel Packer.
- Next Committee Meeting
 - Is Tuesday 3rd June (7.45pm).
 - 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.

Role.

Nomination.

Publicity/Events Officer

Nigel Packer.

Nigel was unanimously voted into this role.

Guest Speaker

Andy commenced by introducing himself to the meeting, Regional Operations Manager (Central England and Wales)/

He explained the structure of the regions, and the new region set-up.

The role of the ROM, and his responsibility for 64 groups within his allotted area,

He continued to address the meeting by covering the following items,

ROM involved with best practise.

DTE. Online database.

Group engagement calendar.

New Associate Information.

Membership renewals/recognition.

Online modular training (classroom and on road).

Cost of membership, and analysis of the reasons why ex-members are not re-joining?

IMI.

Local Observers and the next steps.

Communications.

Social Media.

E.Forums

Integrated groups/territories, and the outline benefits as he saw them.

Roll out process 2013-2016.

Andy finished by inviting any questions from the floor. There were none forthcoming, but Paul returned the subject of the 3 point EGM, which was mentioned earlier in his Chairman's address. He explained in some detail. and this was followed by a general discussion with all present participating.

The AGM was closed at 22.35

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May 2015.