



Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity 1053330

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 13th
May 2015

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
Joe Brookes (Group-
Vice president)

Guest Speaker

Brian Davis
Hypnotherapist &
Counsellor.

Apologies

Kevin Conn,
Mel Timmins,
Alan Bates,
Argun Kandola,
Anne Palmer.

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present for attending this evening, the group's 34th. AGM. He also offered a warm welcome to our guest speaker, Brian Davis. Paul thanked group officers, committee members, for their support, and help afforded to him, over the last 12 months. The minutes of the groups 33rd AGM (2014) were distributed to all present and reviewed as a true record of events.

Proposed by: Tony Robson.
Seconded by: Graham Foulkes.

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 34th AGM of WAM. Thank you for making the effort to attend this meeting here tonight. . 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. The Group has attended numerous Including Wombourne Carnival, The City show, Himley classic car and transport show. Dudley Safer driving for longer, and J.L.R plant. We have arranged to do a joint presentation with Kidderminster group to U3A. Thanks must go to Nigel, for arranging these events, and also guest speakers at our group nights. We have had a year where the group is still solvent and just carrying on.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.

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. Thanks also to Paul, for his leadership, and all the work that he has carried out over the past year.

Group Secretary's AGM Notes

Good evening to you all – thank you for attending tonight.

Meetings & Events

- (Meetings / Events – Averaged every 2-3 weeks throughout the group's active year) – comprising:-
 - o A broad variety of Talks and Presentations by local and IAM sources.
 - o Group Associate and Observer Evenings.
 - o Group Publicity Days at local venues.
- Coming events / meetings will appear in issues of your Newsletter.

Many thanks to:

Paul Williamson & Nigel Packer – for arranging these!

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- The feedback as we get – indicates that our membership is happy with what your Group Committee are doing on their behalf.
- Contributions from Group Members – are always 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
 - o Regional Meetings at Hindlip Hall, near Worcester.
 - o IAM All Groups Conference at Birmingham.
 - o Wolverhampton City Show (2 days).
 - o Himley Hall Classic Car Show.
- Group Membership
 - o As at 31st March 2015
 - o Associates (19) 14 – currently down from last year at this time.
 - o Full Members (42) 54.
 - o A steady but continuing traffic with those who do not stay leaving due to the financial situation / other interests / they were after the pass / or – that this was part of their job requirement. Social Members (2) now 3.
 - o Total = (67) 71 – including (3) 3 Life Members.
- Test Passes
 - o For this past 12 months have been 100%. Well done to these members and, of course, their Observers. This also reflects on our current Group Observer's skills overall.
- Skill for Life Fee
 - o Currently still at £149.
- Group Newsletter
 - o Is under compilation and will be issued when complete.
 - o Is continuing to serve the Membership – it is also circulated to IAM London and Groups within our Region.
 - o However – as always - your newsletter does not write itself. Please contribute something motoring or driving orientated or even some 'thank you' letters from members that have recently passed their IAM test. We have had some input recently but more is better than less!!
 - o There are lots of general group information for you in every issue – not least of which are:
 - Committee contact detail – Events/Talks – Associate general guidance, etc.
- Next Group Meeting / Event – is:
 - o 13th June – the visit to Heanton House, School Street, Wolverhampton on 'Bus Lane Enforcement'. Do note that this a Saturday visit.
 - o Details of this and coming meetings, etc. will be published in our coming Newsletter or by

contacting Nigel Packer, our Events & Talks Officer.

• **Next Committee Meeting**

o Is Tuesday 2nd July (7.45pm).

o If any full / associate member would like to come to our next committee they will be more than welcome.

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.

Role.

Chairman.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Nomination.

Paul Williamson.

Tony Robson.

Graham Foulkes.

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

Election of Committee Members.

Role.

Chief Observer/Associate controller

Minutes Secretary/Committee member

Committee member.

Nomination.

Geoff Davis

Roy Richards

Jonathan Hughes

Geoff, Roy and Jonathan were unanimously voted into their roles.

Guest Speaker

Brian commenced by introducing himself to the meeting. Following a career in the Police force, and currently still an I.A.M.examiner, he is now a qualified Hypnotherapist/Counsellor, and it was in this capacity that he was speaking tonight.

He described at some length the reasons why Associates fail their test through nerves, and what strategy and help can be given.

Questions were then invited from members present.

A.O.B.

Paul announced that Graham Foulkes had been appointed Group President.

Graham responded by thanking the Committee and Membership for putting "their faith" in him.

The AGM was closed at 22.35

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