



Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists
Registered Charity 1053330
Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th May 2017

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

Time: 20.00

Committee Members Present

Paul Williamson
Tony Robson
Kathryn Ball

Graham Foulkes
Dr. Jonathan Hughes
Christine Westwood

Roy Richards
Geoff Davis
David Gallagher

Guest Speaker

Dave Shenton

Apologies

Nigel Packer
Sarah Newland
Pam Dawson
James Michel
Ric Nicholls

Peter Jordan
Neil Abel
John McHale
Brian Kerrigan

Kim Jordan
Rita Hitchiner
Stuart Roper
Trevor Powell

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and thanking them for attending this evening, this the Group's 36th AGM. He also offered a warm welcome to our guest speaker, Dave Shenton, IAM RoadSmart Events Manager.

Paul thanked Group Officers, Committee Members and Observers for their support though the course of the last year.

The minutes of the groups 35th AGM (2016) were distributed to all present and with an emendation to the date of the minutes reviewed as a true record of events.

Proposed by: Tony Robson
Seconded by: Dr. Jonathan Hughes

Chairman's Report

Paul welcomed everyone to the 36th AGM of Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group and thanked them for making the effort to attend making mention of the fact that this meeting was intended to be different in that there were some specific matters for the Group to celebrate with five people recently passing their tests with F1rst's and also that the Group had two Members who had achieved fifty years of membership of the IAM, IAM RoadSmart.

Thanks were given to all of the Groups Observers, Officers and Supporters of the Group in recognition of the time they have given to ensure the development and progress of the Group through the year.

The Group has attended numerous events through the year including Wombourne Carnival, Halfpenny Green Vintage Transport Event and the Himley Mini Car Show amongst others. Thanks go to Nigel Packer for his efforts in making sure that the Group has a full agenda of events throughout the year though he has now decided to step down from the role of Events Manager to focus his attentions on his other role as Associate Controller.

Paul mentioned that Sainsbury's, because of changes to their insurance coverage, had been forced to withdraw their private room facility available at most stores and as such the Committee was now looking for a new place to have its monthly meetings. Any suggestions in this matter would be welcomed as the current

facility at Wombourne Fire Station, whilst good from the viewpoint of facilities, was difficult for some people to get to.

It was asked if anyone would like to take on one of the Groups Officer roles of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, such application(s) would be most welcome. (See Election of Officers later in these minutes). It was also asked if anyone would be interested in joining the Committee in any capacity to spread the current work load.

Group Secretary's AGM Notes

Meetings and events averaged one every two to three weeks throughout the Group's active year:

- A broad variety of Talks and Presentations by local and IAM sources.
- Group Associate and Observer Evenings.
- Group Publicity Days at Shows.
- Coming Events and Meetings appear in issues of the Group Newsletter as well as being maintained on the Group Website. (Forthcoming visits are planned to Toyota Manufacturing as well as Signal Radio).

Many thanks given to Nigel Packer and Paul Williamson for arranging visits and also to Dr. Jonathan Hughes as our Website Administrator in posting these to our Group and all those generally accessing our Website.

We believe that few Groups offer the diversity and quantity of activities to its Members that WAMG do. Our Group always has standing open invitations to neighbouring Groups and any IAM member and of course, interested members of the public.

The Wolverhampton Motorcycle Group and Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group continue to have links on the respective websites to interest those accessing to the IAM Advanced Driving & Riding within each of our catchment areas.

The feedback that we get indicates that our Group Membership is continuing to be happy with what the Group Committee are doing on their behalf.

Contributions from Group Members are always very much appreciated with suggestions as to talks, events, days out, etcetera. these will always be discussed at the next Committee Meeting and replied back to that member.

Our Group Website is a continuing user-friendly, vibrant and ever current showcase for our Group, a ready reference facility to members and the public alike. It is always reflecting what we are both doing and will be doing to progress and spread the word on Road Safety. During the year, we have added both Facebook and Instagram facilities within the Groups arsenal of communication opportunities. We hope you are accessing the website on a regular basis and making good use of what it offers. Comments on this Group facility are always welcome. Our website also gives those accessing it to all of our Newsletters and Committee Minutes. We believe that we operate an open and wholly transparent Group with all actions and business posted and available to all.

Observer & Associate Nights are e a continuing and current part of our structured Group year. All our Group Observers have now qualified as IMI Local Observers through assessment by our approved Group National Observers all of whom are Local Observer Assessors). We are well ahead of the deadline of December 2017 for this set by IAM RoadSmart.

The Group Committee has also attended over the past membership year

- Region 4 CEWW Forum Meetings
- IAM RoadSmart National Conference

As of 31st March 2017, the Group has seventy-five Members

Through the year there has been a steady exchange of Members, those leaving because of other interests and/or financial constraints and those joining us as new Members. Overall an increase in Membership of 4%. As in previous years we still have three Social Members.

Over the past twelve months our pass rate has been 92%, (against a regional average of 85%). 30% of these passes were F1rst Register passes which is way above the national and regional average. (Well done to these members and, of course, their Observers).

This pass rate and the level of the passes reflects on our current Group Local Observer's skills and the Group standards maintained through ongoing assessment and support, pre-test drives and Observer Evenings.

IAM Advanced Driving Course fee is currently £149.

The Summer 2017 Newsletter is currently being compiled and will be issued when complete. The Newsletter continues to serve the Membership and is also circulated to the IAM RoadSmart Area Service Delivery Manager, (Robbie Downing) as well as IAM RoadSmart in Welwyn Garden City and other Groups within our Region.

Previous issues of the Newsletter back to 1999 are available from our Group website. A historical reference about the Group and how it has continued to progress over the past eighteen years!

The Newsletter does not write itself and we would welcome contributions on matters motoring or driving orientated or even a simple 'thank you' letter from members who have recently passed their IAM test for their Observer's time and effort. We have had some input recently but more is better than less.

There is a great deal of general Group information for you in every issue:

- Committee contact detail
- Details and dates of Events
- Associate Guidance

Our website for the very latest detail as your newsletter is a 'moment in time' upon its issue.

It is important for all Members to keep the Membership Secretary updated with current contact details.

Our next Group Meeting is Wednesday 14th June when we are hoping, to have Eloise Peabody-Rolf the IAM RoadSmart Young Drivers Ambassador providing us with some insights into the progress of the Young Driver initiative within IAM RoadSmart.

Our next Committee Meeting is Tuesday 6th June, (7.45pm). We would welcome suggestions from Group Member with suggestions as to what should be discussed at this meeting. Members are also welcome to attend any Committee Meeting as a Guest should they so wish. In this please contact the Group Secretary.

Treasurers' Report

Graham Foulkes reported on the Group Accounts, which are attached; (Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheets). The Group remains in good standing financially the only notable activity through the year being the transfer of £500 from the Group Deposit Account to the Current Account to support the purchase of IAM RoadSmart materials as part of the Group "rebranding". Generally income has increased slightly through the year.

No significant questions were raised about the accounts as presented.

Thanks were extended from the Group to Ray Kenna (FCA), a long standing member, for compiling and auditing the accounts of the Group. His activities are provided free of charge.

Membership Fee's

Paul Williamson raised the possibility to the Meeting of increasing the Group Membership Fee from the current £12 where it had been for a number of years to £14.00. In this matter a vote was taken and the Membership agreed unanimously that the Committee was empowered to increase the annual Membership Fee should they feel it necessary.

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	Nomination
Chairman.	Paul Williamson (Voted in Unanimously)
Secretary.	Tony Robson (Voted in Unanimously)
Treasurer.	Graham Foulkes (Voted in Unanimously)

Both Paul Williamson and Graham Foulkes indicated that they would like to stand down at the 2018 AGM and asked for consideration to be given to any Member who would be willing to take on the roles.

Election of Committee Members Role

Christine Westwood, David Gallagher and Kathryn Ball were all nominated and voted onto the Committee. There were no other votes needed for Committee Members as a result of rotation.

Guest Speaker

Dave Shenton presented Certificates to four of the five recent F1rst pass Associates/Members. Peter Spillan, Alan Bates, Lee Morris and Richard Dodd were at the meeting, unfortunately Ric Nichol was unable to attend

Gift vouchers were also presented to Barry Sadler and Peter Spillan who have been IAM/IAM RoadSmart Members for over fifty years.

Dave then gave a presentation of the changes that he has seen throughout his years within the IAM. This was especially interesting as Dave was at one time Chair of the Wolverhampton Group.

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There was no other business discussed at this meeting.

Next Meeting

The next AGM is scheduled for 9th May 2018 (Start time 7.45pm). Details will be posted on the website and within the Newsletter nearer to the event.

The AGM was closed at 20:45 when the floor was handed to our Guest Speaker