



# Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity 1053330

## Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016,

**Location:** Sainsbury's Offices,  
Compton,  
Wolverhampton.

**Time:** 19:45

Present Paul Williamson Graham Foulkes  
Roy Richards Geoff Davis  
Jonathan Hughes. Tony Robson  
Nigel Packer.

Apologies: None

| <b>Action points</b> |            |                     |               |
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| <b>No.</b>           | <b>Who</b> | <b>Action Point</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| 7-1                  | Paul       | Contact Mel Timmins | On-going      |
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Paul commenced by welcoming all present to the meeting,

### **Matters Arising.**

- The minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016, were reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Jonathan, and seconded by Tony.
- The minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, were also reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Nigel, and seconded by Jonathan.

### **Chairman's Report.**

Paul had been interviewed by WCR local radio via telephone. Transmission date unknown. Potential for a group visit to the Radio Station's studios? He suggested that we leave it for a couple of weeks, before pursuing it further, the group might also consider offering taster sessions to the presenters at the station.

### **Group Secretary's Report.**

The two on-line publications are still being circulated by e-mail, to group officials.  
Group scorecard received, and circulated to committee members.  
E-mail received from London ref Road smart toolkit availability.  
At the request of the Committee, Tony had sent an e-mail to Ian Firth, registering the group's interest in carrying out group assessments, also included in the email, clarification was sort as to when and at what point the Associate must decide

Whether to proceed along the “test route” or assessment route. The group also requested clarification as to whether or not the associate could change their minds midway through the Observed drives.

In his reply, Ian stated that it must be at the beginning, and the Associate would not be able to have a change of mind, midterm.

Following a general discussion, it was agreed the group should respond, stating that the associate should have the option to change their mind based on the fact that not all associates would want to go for a test, when they had realised what was involved. However, it was suggested, that maybe a fee of say £20-00 be levied for doing so

## **Treasurers’ Report**

### **Group Accounts Statement**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Current Account: | £549.52         |
| Social Account:  | £38.13          |
| Deposit Account: | £2547.84        |
| Total:           | <u>£3135.49</u> |

## **Chief Observer Report.**

Not much activity since the last meeting.

I have contacted all group Observer’s about the next Observers meeting 19th April, 2016. All agreed that they will make every effort to attend. I have also invited Christine Westwood, Barry Saddler and Peter Jordan.

Cecil Billing will commence his LOA within the next few weeks, which now only leaves Kevin Conn, who asked for his assessment to be postponed until April, however, we, as a committee, must be mindful of the 12-month time limit, now that we are seeking group assessment

Cecil –enrolment date- 1st December 2015,

Kevin-enrolment date- 1st December,2015.

Although we still ok time wise, 4 months have already passed. I propose to speak to Kevin at the Observers meeting on the 19th.

"Barry Sadder has agreed to act as mentor for Christine Westwood. I have spoken to both Christine and Barry, both ok with this, and given each, the other One’s contact details, so that they can liaise with each other.

Jonathan as undertook to work with Barry and Peter, towards gaining their LO Status.

Following a request from Tony, I have spoken to Chris Smallman about current position. He still wants to retake the test since he failed previously, but for a variety of reasons keeps “putting it on the backburner” when he receives his Membership renewal request from Tony.

## **Associate Controller’s Report.**

Two new associates to be placed

Barry Saddler had been approached by Paul, and asked to take on an associate, but he had declined. He felt that by acting as a mentor to Christine Westwood, he would not have the time to devote to an associate as well.

## **Membership**

|             |    |
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| Associates/ |    |
| Members     | 65 |
| LObservers  | 10 |
| NObserver   | 2  |

## **Newsletter Editors' Report.**

Newsletter ready for circulation  
Closing date for next Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> June

## **Web Site**

Fairly consistent users  
General forms such as AGM/Renewal to go on line.  
"About us" section has been added to  
Jonathan asked for ideas of material that could be included on the website.

## **Publicity Officers Report.**

### **Events Co-ordinator's Report**

#### **Diary of Events.**

- 13<sup>th</sup> April Examiners evening.
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Mini Show (Himley Park)
- 11<sup>th</sup> May A.G.M.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Nigel Power, West Midlands Police Collision Investigation Unit.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July Wombourne Carnival.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Bob Willis, Traffic Network Management (Wolverhampton Civic Centre)
  
- 10 August. Nigel presentation- Lake Como by rail.
- 14<sup>th</sup> September Chris Mennell – teaching under 17's, to drive.
- 12<sup>th</sup> October Visit to Beacon Centre.
- 9<sup>th</sup> November Visit to Morgan Cars Malvern

Nigel has been invited to visit the Tesla "electric car" dealership in Digbeth, Birmingham. He would make enquiries, as to whether or not, group visits are available.  
Another visit to Jaguar/Landrover Wolverhampton could be arranged  
Nigel to look for possible dates in 2017

## **A.O.B...**

With the launch of Road Smart on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, a general discussion ensued, as to what the group needed to replace/update. All members present agreed that now is the time to spend some money, on new equipment.  
It was agreed that the following items be purchased:

- Two flags.
- Two pull ups.
- One Gazebo.

Paul said we needed to decide how much of the Budget should we spend, and also the size of the flags.

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Polo shirts would also be purchased. It was suggested a quantity of 20.  
Colour scheme of blue/black/blue on a battleship grey shirt,  
Paul would obtain costs.

Tony to order Advanced Driving leaflets. Road Smart posters and leaflets from London.

Graham suggested that the group membership of £12.00 should now be increased to £14.00 with effect from 2017.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016.at Sainsbury's Building Compton.  
Commencing 19.45

The meeting was adjourned at 21:35

Proposed as a true copy of the above meeting: .....

Seconded as a true copy of the above meeting: .....

Date: .....