



Minutes of 12th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19th March 2016 at 2:00pm The Bracken Trust, Llandrindod Wells

Present (9)

Members (9): Mandy Giordano (Chairman), Geoff Smith (Secretary), Mike Price (Treasurer), Nigel Godman (Vice Chairman), Martyn Davidson, Ann Jones, Humphrey Morgan, Clive Todman and David Tompsett.

1. Apologies (14)

Members (11): Haydn Davies, Bill Harman, Edgar Jones, John Oliver, Neil Owen, Elizabeth Stringer, Penry Thomas, Bill Smith, Caroline White, Paul Wilson and Martin Wiltshire.

IAM (3): Dave Shenton (Head of Field Operations), Ian Firth (Regional Quality Manager), Clive Rees (Examiner)

2. Minutes of Last meeting held on 14th March 2015

The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the 2014 11th AGM be approved as a true record.

Proposed by Nigel Godman, seconded by Humphrey Morgan and unanimously accepted. These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from 11th AGM

Resolution: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014 be approved.

Proposed by Humphrey Morgan seconded by Haydn Davies and unanimously accepted.

Haydn was not present at this meeting so this was incorrectly recorded but this resolution was seconded by another member. Geoff Smith apologised for this error in the minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

Mandy gave her short report on her year as our Chairman. She stepped up from Vice Chairman at last year's AGM following enforced resignation, due to ill health, of Francis Torrens our previous long serving chairman. She regretted that she had not been as active in this role as she would have wished due to her employment and family commitments. She thanked Nigel as our Vice Chairman for standing in for her at meetings and events she was unable to attend. She thanked all committee members for their contributions to the group over the last year which resulted in six associates attaining IAM membership who were each congratulated on their achievement. Thanks were also expressed to all our loyal local group members, including seven Group Friends for their continued support. Without this local membership we would be unable to continue to provide the IAM driving and riding courses to the general public.

5. Secretary's Report

Geoff reported that the group membership currently stood at 92 comprising 75 full members, 10 Associates and 7 Group friends. The group only ran two of the four associate courses planned during 2015 and recruited 13 associates of whom 6 have now passed their IAM Test. One person failed and two dropped out. The remainder are completing their on-road guidance or awaiting a test date. Since the group started in 2003 until the end of 2015 we have run 44 courses and recruited 220 associates of whom 139 have passed their IAM Test. Eleven have failed and a total of 60 have withdrawn which is an overall dropout rate of 26.9%. At the end of 2015 we had 10 associates undergoing training or waiting to commence training. This represents a very creditable 92.7% pass rate.

The age profile of our associates, when recruited, ranges from the youngest at 17 to the oldest at 82, with an average age now of 57. By way of contrast our group membership profile ranges from the youngest aged 29 to the oldest 89 with an average age of 65. The average length of membership time is 7½ years.

Recruitment in 2015 was an improvement with 13 new associates compared with only 8 associates in 2014. This is still below our rolling average of 18 over the previous 12 years of operation.

Geoff believes that our current members are our best advocates to recruit new associates. If each of our members could recruit one associate per year we would be unable to cope! IAM Skill for Life leaflets were available to pass to anyone who may be interested in joining. The IAM have provided MWAM with a resource pack which contains the following PowerPoint presentation modules: Distractions in Car; Lone Driver; Motorways; Night Driving; Parking & Manoeuvring; Vehicle Technology and Winter Driving. Any of these could form the basis of presentations to organisations whereby we could introduce the IAM Skill for Life scheme. If you know of any organisation that may be interested in receiving a talk please let the secretary have their details.

Our observers are the life blood of the group and without their efforts there would be no group. We thank them sincerely for the gift of their time and expertise. We currently have 10 active observers; of these 2 are Trainees, 3 are Qualified, and 5 Nationally Qualified. One of our previous Senior Car Observers, Paul Wilson, and Chris England a Group Qualified Motorcycle Observer, have prepared for the IAM externally accredited IMI Nationally Qualified Observer examination. They have both successfully completed this and have been awarded IAM National Observer status. This entails being assessed by the IAM Quality Manager and we offer Paul and Chris our congratulations in achieving this nationally recognised status.

Our former Newsletter editor, Bill Smith, published three issues of our Newsletter, Mid Wales Matters, during 2015. He was our editor for 1 year from November 2014 and during this period he produced 4 editions all on time. We owe Bill our sincere thanks for this contribution to the group. Bill's interim successor was Vince Gilroy who published the last two issues. This is now produced using Desktop Publishing software which will enable a more versatile presentation. Nigel Godman is now taking over as our Newsletter Editor and will publish the next edition and he would welcome some input from our membership!

We are currently reviewing our website and may be moving this to the IAM's new website www.iamgroups.org.uk/MWAM/ which is undergoing a re-design to reflect the IAM's imminent re-branding. It will contain the latest information, news, meeting dates, events and copies of our newsletters.

Please contact our webmaster Nigel if you have any comments or information to include *iAM RoadSmart*

The IAM will be announcing a major re-branding in its sixtieth year of operation. It will be known as *iAM RoadSmart* and this is to bring together all parts of its organisation to reflect the One IAM brand – no more Drive and Survive, Driver Retraining Academy or Professional Driver Services. The logo will be changed from red to blue and the 'Skill for Life' courses will be known as Advanced Driver & Advanced Rider Courses. New materials have been produced encompassing the ethos of 'a new tone of voice – engaging, friendly and still authoritative'. The recognisable heritage roundels will be preserved on all documents.

Groups will be provided with an *iAM RoadSmart* Official Provider logo for use in their own publications.



6. Treasurer's Report & adoption of accounts

Mike Price had produced the Group's Audited Balance Sheet for 2015 a copy of which was available on the website prior to the AGM and copies were available at the AGM. Summaries were displayed for scrutiny. This had been audited by one of our members, Edward Morrish, and was presented by Mike who asked for any queries or questions on these accounts. An error on the displayed accounts was pointed out by Ann Jones but this was correct on the printed version distributed to our membership. *An arithmetic error discovered by Mike Price after the meeting was also corrected but this did not affect the total balances reported.*

There were no further questions on the balance sheet and Mike was thanked by Geoff Smith for his work over the last year as our Treasurer and the clarity of the group's accounts. This was unanimously supported by the meeting.

The following resolutions were then put before the meeting:

Resolution: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 be approved.

Proposed by Nigel Godman seconded by Dave Tompsett and unanimously accepted.

Resolution:

That the Committee be authorised to change the subscription rate for 2017 if it is deemed necessary, but subject to the increase not exceeding £2 per annum.

Proposed by Ann Jones and seconded by Martyn Davidson and unanimously accepted.

7. Election of Officers

Mandy handed over the meeting to the Secretary to conduct the election for Chairman.

Chairman

Mandy Giordano is not standing for re-election as Chairman and I have received no other nominations. Nigel Godman our current Vice Chairman has offered to stand for election as our Chairman

On a show of hands **Nigel Godman** was unanimously elected as Chairman and was welcomed into the role by the Secretary and thanked for his tenure as Vice-Chairman for the group during the last year. The meeting was then handed back to Mandy who chaired the rest of the AGM.

Vice Chairman

Nigel has been elected as Chairman so we now have a vacancy for Vice Chairman. No other nominations had been received. An appeal was made for a volunteer from the meeting and Dave Tompsett offered himself to become our Vice Chairman.

On a show of hands **Dave Tompsett** was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

Secretary

Geoff Smith has offered to stand for re-election as Secretary and no other nominations had been received.

On a show of hands **Geoff Smith** was unanimously re-elected as Secretary and thanked for his valuable contribution to the smooth running of the group for the past year.

Treasurer

Mike Price has offered to stand for re-election as Treasurer and no other nominations had been received.

On a show of hands **Mike Price** was unanimously elected as our Treasurer to serve for another year and was thanked for his hard work on maintaining the group's finances over the last year.

8. Election of Committee

During 2015 we appealed for a newsletter editor and Vince Gilroy responded. Vince was co-opted onto our committee as our interim editor. He is not standing for re-election at this AGM.

In accordance with group rules one third of our committee, excluding the 4 officers, stands down each year. As two committee members resigned during 2015 only one member needs to stand down. This year David Tompsett is offering to stand for re-election for a further three years. As Dave has been elected as Vice Chairman his re-election to committee is not necessary.

Consequently we now have vacancies for three more persons on the current committee which includes the 4 officer and 8 other places.

We had received no nomination prior to the AGM and following an appeal to the meeting both Clive Todman and Martyn Davidson offered to be nominated to join our committee.

On a show of hands **Clive Todman** and **Martyn Davidson** were unanimously elected to serve on committee for a period of 3 years.

Consequently we currently have one committee vacancy which is available to any member who wishes to offer their services. Anyone interested should initially make contact with Geoff Smith.

9. Any other Business

Geoff commented that this was the first AGM which had not been attended by an IAM representative.

Geoff showed the IAM Roadsmart presentation which had been provided at the Central England and Wales Region meeting MWAM attended on 12th March 2016.

As there was no other business Mandy thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 2:50pm.

Attendees were then able to socialise and enjoyed refreshments and cakes provided by Mandy Giordano, Humphrey Morgan and Mike Price.