



Moray Advanced Motorists & Motorcyclists (MAMM)

Minutes of Committee Meeting

held at Leaside, St. Catherine's Place, Elgin IV30 1TN

on Thursday 20th April 2018 at 19:30

Present: Ian Jones (Chair), Jim MacDonald, Vince Dobby, Alan Innes, Bob Drysdale, Liz Devenport & Heather McLaren.

- 1) **Apologies:** Billy Johnson
- 2) **Minutes of previous ordinary meeting:** Minutes of last meeting were unanimously approved.
- 3) **Matters Arising:**

Item 5: Ian Jones is now a qualified motorcycle, Local Observer Assessor.

Item 6: Stewart Ord is now a qualified car Local Observer.

Item 7: There will be two car courses in 2018.

Item 8: New website is up and running. It needs to be updated with information on September car course. Motorcycle page also needs updating.

Item 9: Highway Code books have now been purchased for motorcycle section.

Motorcycle section: Radio training now included in IAM course work. Radios used to help and not distract Associates.

Ian bought 25 motorcycle observed ride log books for £60.

Mike Pumphery has now undertaken observer training rides. He needs to pay dues to Moray group.

Car Section: Two observers are still awaiting National Observer tests.

The current car course began on 1st March 2018.

We now only have one female observer.

AGM was held on 20th February 2018.



4) **Treasurers Report:**

Current bank balance stands at £928.54 and the Group holds 8, Roadsmart car course discount vouchers to the value of £1072.00, which we still have to sell. £134 from each of our two Associates on this course has been paid into the bank along with a £5 donation.

Bob said using the Bank of Scotland internet banking site is still difficult. He was further upset when a recent visit to the local branch to pay in money proved to be very time consuming and frustrating.

5) **Car Section:**

Vince said two Associates from the previous course have still to sit the test. Carole Spencer has taken some time off from the course but Vince hopes she will soon resume driving as she is almost test ready. Joanne Legand had a car accident a few months ago. She now has another car and is driving again.

We have only two new Associates on the current course. The least number anyone can remember.

There were several suggestions as to how we should try to sell the remaining eight car Roadsmart vouchers:

Vince suggested offering vouchers for sale to other groups.

Bob said we should keep them until the September course then advertise them on our website.

Ian suggested trying to get family and friends interested in the course.

Liz said we should try selling the vouchers on Facebook.

The September course will be advertised in the August issue of Spotlight magazine.

Vince said our remaining Group Observers now have to be assessed as Local Observers. There have been some problems with the paperwork for this. He said some assessments had been returned and needed to be re-submitted with minor alterations. Others had got lost in the system and in one case the assessment had taken longer than the 12 month deadline and had to be submitted again.

As a result of the difficulties John Laing has withdrawn from being a Local Observer Assessor.

Currently the car section have five National Observers and eleven Local Observers.



6) **Motorcycle Section:**

Ian reported that the motorcycle section have five new Associates plus two who have passed the car course and are now undertaking the motorcycle course. Two are also awaiting test from last year – they had not completed enough rides to be considered 'test ready'.

Mike Pumphery's assessment for Local Observer is ongoing. There was some doubt if he is a current IAM member, Ian will check.

Currently the motorcycle section has two National Observers and three Local Observers.

7) **Moray Group IAM Roadsmart Examiners:**

Car Examiners: Since Duncan Pocket had resigned Vince asked Scot Tulip who would cover tests in this area. Scott organised for Pam Gordon to return to this area as car examiner. However, she has now resigned from examining until she finishes work some time next year.

Ian has contacted Scott to ask about examiners. No reply yet, but Ian will contact him again as we have Associates who will be test ready in the next 4 – 6 weeks. We hope to be able to arrange two tests on the same day to make it easier for an examiner if they have to come some distance to carry out the tests. We do urgently need car and bike examiners.

8) **Committee Members Individual Responsibilities:**

This topic was set aside. Ian would review the document prepared when canvassing for Chair candidates ahead of the AGM, which identified roles and responsibilities of Committee members.

9) **Advertising:**

As usual we will place an advert in the August Spotlight magazine for our next car course in September. Vince will organise the advert and the invoice will be sent to Bob for payment. The bike course starting in March 19 would be mentioned, but without specific dates.

Details of our Facebook page will be added to the advert.

10) **AOCB: -**

Facebook: Liz explained how our Facebook pages work. There are two pages.

Group page – you have to join the group and this page is only seen by members of the Group.

Public page – open to everyone, Liz manages this page. It needs some updating including a link from our website and it also needs to show the new Roadsmart logo. When Liz has updated the page she will email it out to all the members. This will let them know about it and enable them to contribute to the page. Vince said he had recently looked up the page



but only saw old information. Liz said she will sort this out so that only the new page is available.

Observers' membership fees: Vince said that in the past observers received a discount of £5 on their membership fee (free membership) for their work. He wanted to reinstate this. Unfortunately, this request had to be turned down to comply with membership rules and the report Bob has to submit to OSCR. Additionally, due to the small size of the Group, granting this benefit would result in the loss of approximately 20% of the income from Membership subscriptions, which is difficult to justify.

Ian said he had received an email from Scott Tulip asking about our Group finances. Ian will reply saying this information is on hold until he can ask Scott about it at the Spring Forum on 5th May.

Group Score Card: Vince and Ian went over the details on the recent Group score card.

Vince is to contact IAM Support to ask them to delete details of non-current Group, car, members as the system will not allow Vince to do this himself.

Date of next meeting: Provisional date of next committee meeting is Thursday 16th August 2018 at 19:30.

Ian thanked Jim for his hospitality and everyone for coming.

Meeting closed at 20:55.