



**Moray Advanced Motorists & Motorcyclists (MAMM)  
Minutes for the Committee Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 18:45 – 20:00**

**In the Activities Room, Elgin Library**

1. **Attendees** - Michael Pumfrey (Chair), Myra Orr (Sec), Vincent Dobby, Alan Innes, Billy Johnson, Alastair MacGregor

**Apologies** – Bob Drysdale (Treas & Mem Sec)

2. **Minutes of last Committee Meeting Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- **Approved** – Vincent Dobby
- **Seconded** – Alan Innes

3. **Matters arising from the last meeting**

Five Highway codes are still needed for the driver section

**Action: Michael will contact Bob about ordering these.**

Other matters arising- as discussed at previous committee meetings, the minutes for the MAMM committee meetings since February 2020 have been checked in line with GDPR guidelines and discussed with the committee. The minutes will be saved on a USB drive for MAMM.

**Action: Myra will arrange this**

4. **Treasurer's update**

The current balance is £1,907.

There have been no member payments into the account over the last few weeks.

Bob requested that any decisions involving spending money to be discussed with him before any purchases are made.

**5. Members update**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> October, three MAMM members have expired on DARTS.

One member from the MAMM bike section expired on DARTS on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Bob requested that this individual's situation is followed up, to ensure they are not being taken out on observed rides.

**Action: Billy will follow this up**

Bob requested information about another MAMM member who is showing as lapsed and would appear not to have been involved for a couple of years, as there is no recorded payment for MAMM membership.

It was confirmed that this member passed their test and had no interest in continuing to be a member of MAMM.

**6. Car section update from Vincent Dobby - Car Coordinator**

Vince has updated the website, which needs another update to reflect dates for Spring 2024. He is still in the process of updating driver testimonials, which is taking longer than originally anticipated.

There have been 2 successful advanced driver results. Vince would have liked the success for one of the drivers to be highlighted in the Northern Scot. A testimonial for the MAMM website or an article for the IAM Roadsmart magazine may be possible.

We currently have two associates, one of whom joined MAMM just before the new course and Alan decided to continue with; he is currently being mentored. Unfortunately, the advertising for the September course was unsuccessful in luring any more associates.

The Roadcraft books are still being distributed when Vince meets up with Observers. They are also requesting Highway Codes. Michael will speak to Bob about purchasing more (action above).

National Observer training is slowly getting underway for two Observers who must qualify within a year of acceptance. Alan and Vince need to do more with them over the winter when weather permits.

Tony Lunnon-Wood (Biker and Past Chair) nominated Vince for the Volunteer of the Year – Driver category and the Fred Welch Rose Bowl in the IAM 2023 awards. Yesterday Vince was informed that he hadn't been awarded either. However, he did win the runner-up Volunteer of the Year – Driver award.

Vince was very touched by Tony's nomination and after 28 years of committee work, it was extremely good of Tony to nominate him in this way with a superbly written testimonial. Vince acknowledged that he couldn't have achieved what he had done, without the help of the committee and some dedicated members.

IAM have invited Vince to receive his award at a presentation ceremony at Welwyn Garden City. Unfortunately, the distance and cost will not allow him to attend.

**Action: Michael will approach Scott Tulip to ask if there is any possibility of Vince being presented with the award at the IAM Forum in Crieff on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 as Vince would be happy to travel there.**

Vince still has no access to DARTS. He has been corresponding with IAM IT department, However, to no avail. Michael has advised Vince to make contact with IT again and if no progress is made, he should forward the correspondence to Michael and he will make contact with Scott Tulip to see if he can assist.

## **7 Motorcycle update from Billy Johnson - Motorcycle Coordinator**

This summer has been exceedingly quiet, we have not picked up many associates at all.

We have worked through the associates from last year and ones picked up through the winter.

We have had another 3 test passes since the last report in June.

We now have 3 left to process all are progressing well.

We still have an individual who does not reply to myself or his observer. He will remain on the books for now, whilst another attempt to contact him will be made.

**8. Advertisement / Media**

Spotlight and Facebook were not successful forms of advertising the September car course, as had been hoped.

There was a brief discussion about how to create an awareness of MAMM/IAM and advanced training for cars and bikes.

There was a time when MAMM would have been able to take part in local events and have a stall with pop-ups to advertise the group. However, the financial cost for attending such events did not generate sufficient interest to justify the cost.

Vince recalled how having a table in the foyer of supermarkets incurred no cost. While members of the public would show an interest in the group and speak to them, the cost of the IAM advanced course prevented people signing up.

Michael is happy to write a new testimonial for the website and to give a talk on the four levels of competency to the U3A group if possible.

**9. Merchandise and IAM training materials**

We have enough IAM training materials and Michael will speak to Bob about the ordering of the Highway Codes.

**10. MAMM Christmas social event**

It would be nice to have a Christmas social like we had last year. However, considering the disappointing turn out at the coffee morning in April and trying to identify a different venue for this time of year, it was decided to leave the idea of a coffee morning until next Spring.

**11. Chairman's update**

**Planning for succession in 2024** – For the group to carry on after the next AGM in February, we will need to have a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

Michael will be standing down from the position of Chair and there is also a possibility that other office bearer vacancies may arise prior to the AGM.

For this reason, it is felt that MAMM members need to be made aware that if the three office bearer posts are not filled at the AGM, then the MAMM group will be unable to carry on next year. Volunteers are needed to put themselves forward for election to the posts or the group will close.

**Action: Myra will liaise with Bob to arrange for a message to be e-mailed monthly to the members, prior to the AGM to highlight this situation.**

**12. Proposed date of AGM**

The AGM will be our next meeting. It will be in February 2024 and the date will be confirmed in December.

Proxy forms need to be sent out 6 weeks prior to the AGM

**13. AOCB**

**The meeting concluded at 19:50**