



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

Monday 17 June 2024 at 18:30 – 20:00

In the Activities Room, Elgin Library

1 Present

Tony Lunnon-Wood (Chair), Billy Johnson (Vice-Chair/ Bikes), Bob Drysdale (Treasurer & Membership Sec.), Myra Orr (Secretary), Vince Dobby (Cars), Andy Reed, Tom Ireland, Michael Pumfrey, Alan Innes, Alastair MacGregor

2 Minutes of the AGM Tuesday 5 March 2024

- Approved - Vince Dobby
- Seconded – Alastair MacGregor

3 Matters Arising from AGM

No matters arising

4 Treasurer's Report

MAMM account balance is £1870.85.

Invoices for room rentals at the Library, prior to the AGM, were delayed in being sent out by Moray Council to the Treasurer. It is anticipated this could give the impression of more money being spent on room hire/accommodation this financial year, than is actually the case.

One member has made a donation of £200 to the group.

5 Member's Report

The issue of non-responses when members are invited to renew their MAMM membership was discussed. The Treasurer highlighted that some members have not replied to his e-mails about membership after a few reminders. He requested guidance on how to proceed when no response is received from members.

The Chair and Committee agreed that if members do not reply to the Treasurer's reminders about membership renewal, they then forfeit their MAMM membership. It is their responsibility to re-join if they wish.

The Treasurer also raised the issue that he had unlinked a MAMM member from the group and IAM HQ then emailed the Bike Coordinator about this.

The Chair is keen that MAMM membership is paid by standing order to relieve the workload and chasing members for membership fees.

Action – Tony will compose a letter for members, asking them to consider paying their MAMM membership by standing order. Bob will send this out to members.

There was a discussion about a change in how charges for the MAMM website should be paid.

Action – Tom will liaise with Bob about the MAMM website and will investigate other options to change the hosting provider if required.

6 Car Section

Report – Vincent Dobby

- MAMM car section now has 6 Observers; 4 NOs and 2 awaiting NO assessment with Scott Tulip (ASDM).
- Rosemay Marland has decided to retire on the 40th anniversary of joining the IAM (31 July 2024). She has been an outstanding LO for most of that period and her support for the group has been exemplary. She was a committee member for a long time and willingly gave her free time helping when we used to canvass for new members using the mobile display unit, the easy-up and supermarket stalls. It would be appropriate if her contribution to the group could be recognised in some way.
- Our advertising strategy in Spotlight, the MAMM website and Facebook (FB), produced one new associate and one interested driver. The car coordinator, Vince Dobby, encouraged four potential associates to attend the course but to no avail. The decision to discontinue the course was made after two sessions had been completed. The Committee agreed that courses with less than three participants are not viable. Whilst Spotlight has been used to advertise courses for a considerable time, it would seem that the cost is no longer viable for the return we are receiving. Perhaps provision of bespoke one-to-one courses could be considered in future.
- One associate has passed so far this year and they were presented with their certificate prior to the committee meeting. Permission for a photo to be used on facebook and the MAMM website was given.
- One of the car testimonials appears to have been removed from the website,
- All NO training is now complete.

7 Motorcycle Section

Report – Billy Johnson

There are ten associates on the books at the moment, two being test ready. All associates have been allocated to Observers and are at various stages of their training. Some have not started runs as yet, but all are in contact with their Observers and arrangements to go out for runs are forthcoming.

So far this year, three other associates were entered for their test, with two passing and one resitting in due course.

In general, there was no training over the winter and the bike section is running well with no problems to date. The Chair will explain about the current test situation.

The Bike Observers have met as a group since the AGM.

Three observers are currently in training towards National Standard and they should be fully trained by the NO deadline, Spring 2025.

The Chair explained that the Bike section Observers are not comfortable with the conduct of the motorcycle test, where no route brief is given by the examiner. The Chair has communicated this issue to the Local IAM Examiner.

8 Chair

MAMM business cards have been distributed to a variety of driving schools in Elgin and to various other places in the locality.

The Chair formally requested approval for Tom Ireland to be co-opted onto the Committee. All committee members were in agreement. Tom will oversee the MAMM website for the group.

The Chair suggested the idea of a MAMM newsletter to reach out to MAMM members. In the first instance it could be articles about what Bike /Car drives members have undertaken and would like to share with the group.

Myra said she would coordinate this if members of the committee, in the first instance, send her a summary of their trips with photos. Tom offered to help with IT presentation tools. The Office Bearers can approve before it is sent out to members via e-mail.

9 Proposed date of next Committee meeting & timings

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 2024 – date to be confirmed when library booked.

10 **AOCB**

Committee members' phone numbers were updated.

Committee members are happy with visible e-mail addresses

The Treasurer has an e-mail address he uses specifically for MAMM business. The Secretary will look into organising an e-mail for MAMM secretary business. The Chair is happy to use his personal e-mail account at present.

The Chair reported that he has not yet had any offers of sponsorship from local businesses for under 21s to do the advanced course.

Michael explained that local business, Mr Moto, is keen to be involved in training. He has bought an IAM flag. The Committee agreed to fund the cost of this at £198.36 for MAMM use.

A general enquiry was discussed about the possibility of taking the advanced car test, having passed the advanced bike test. This is possible; however the cost would need to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20.00