



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

Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7-9pm

In the Activities Room, Elgin Library

1 Apologies : Veronica Young BEM

2 Minutes of the AGM Tuesday 1 February 2022

- Approve – Billy Johnson
- Second – Alan Innes

Unanimously approved and seconded by a show of hands

3 Matters Arising (from last meeting – see Appendix 1 attached)

Michael brought an example of an IAM Beanie and the idea of a Beanie for Observers as a token gesture and a form of advertising was discussed. Pens and accessories with the IAM logo were also suggested.

Action: Michael will look into a price for the Beanie and pens etc.

New Highway Code books are being published 23 April 2022

4 Treasurer's Update – see AGM report 1/2/22

The Treasurer's bank statement was received 2 weeks ago. Currently there is a balance of £2326.40 although this may need adjustment as there is a discrepancy about a member's standing order.

5 Member's Update – see AGM report 1/2/22

There was a discussion about membership renewal and issues arising where the IAM DARTS membership information does not match MAMM membership information.

As a result of Covid lockdowns and significant gaps in opportunities for associates to go out for drives in cars, some associates have had difficulty completing the advanced driving course in the allotted time; including the Covid extension period granted by IAM. Subsequently, these associates are not showing on IAM DARTS and the possibility of MAMM continuing to provide the opportunity to complete their course on an individual basis, was discussed.

Action: Alan will follow up this issue of discrepancies where DARTS is not showing some IAM members.

Bob reported that there are several members who are IAM members but haven't renewed their MAMM membership. Currently there are approximately 65 members.

One member has left MAMM because no social group events are organised. Michael explained that because MAMM is a small group of members with a small committee, the MAMM group is more of a training provider rather than a club. To be able to provide club social events we would need more members to join the committee to focus on social activities.

Michael advised that members can be contacted by Bob 3 times and if they do not renew their MAMM membership, they will be removed from our list.

Bob has noticed that members' photos on the group website are not current; some are of previous members. From the discussion, it was felt that we need photos which have been taken within the last 12 months and especially from associates on the car side of MAMM.

Michael confirmed with Billy that he has added the bike course dates to the website.

Action: Michael will send out the password for the MAMM website.

Alan Addison kindly manages the MAMM website voluntarily. If we were to consider a professional designer to look at the website, it is likely to be costly.

Action: Michael asked everyone to look at the website for the next committee meeting and give some suggestions as to how it could be improved.

6 Car Section Update

- Information for Observers – information can be found on the DARTS area for Observers
- Hard copy of classroom course – Alan will sort this out.
- IAM allocations on DARTS – discussed in the membership topic above.

Michael clarified the procedure for MAMM contacting new associates after being notified by IAM.

The section coordinator will welcome the new associate within 24 hours to let them know MAMM has received the paperwork.

Observers will then make contact with the new associate within 5 days to make arrangements for meeting up for drives/rides.

7 Motorcycle Section Update

We now have 5 new associates; 1 since the new year and 4 continuing from last year. A new motorcycle course is starting in Elgin Library in March. This is advertised on the MAMM website and facebook.

8 Advertisement / Media

Michael had a phone call from Spotlight about advertising. He said not to advertise in March. MAMM is still advertised on social media. The motorcycle group are having lots of "hits" on facebook.

Michael has had MAMM business cards printed and asked everyone to take some to distribute.

Action: Myra will investigate costs for advertising on Moray Firth Radio (MFR).

9 Merchandise and IAM training material

Michael explained that IAM have offered MAMM £150 to spend on items from the IAM website.

Action: Michael will check the cost of pens, pencils and other accessories on the IAM website

10 Chairman's update

Michael welcomed Alastair to the committee.

This year Michael would like to see the car side "come alive" again after the difficulties imposed by the Covid situation.

He considers the MAMM group to be more of a training provider at this time, rather than a club. There are plenty of car clubs in the area.

The cost of IAM training courses is rising to £175. Michael compared the costs of other training providers being more expensive for less time training. For example, the BMW advanced riders' scheme is 2 days of training amounting to about 6 hours. Rapid Training provides 4 hours of training. Pro Scot Bronze costs £100, Silver costs £200 and Gold costs £300, the Gold corresponding to IAM/Silver Rospa level.

Bob suggested giving back £20 to associates who complete the course whether they pass or fail. There was a general discussion about how much MAMM could afford to reduce the cost of a course.

Michael said money can be accessed for Road Safety and MAMM would need to contribute 50% of the cost of the course. He suggested we could, for example, put £600 towards off-setting the course to young drivers to make it completely free, or give a massive discount. The deadline to apply for the Road Safety money is 11th March and Michael will apply.

There was a discussion about DARTS being updated electronically for reports.

Michael said Chris McNally would like to volunteer as a committee member and the committee were all in agreement. Chris will be included in the distribution list for the minutes.

Action: Michael will apply for the Road Safety money

11 Proposed date of next Committee meeting

Tuesday 10th May 2022

12 AOCB

- Do all members receive the IAM e-magazine directly?

Yes, all members should be sent this e-magazine to their own email address. No need for the secretary to forward this on.

- Use of Gridhost webmail and Hotmail

If there is anything official, Michael will automatically cc in Bob and Myra. He will include Billy if it relates to bikes. If the email isn't of a personal nature, he will cc everyone into the email. All committee members agreed they are happy to have their email addresses visible.

- Purchasing of Highway Code books and IAM materials

There are enough copies for the time being and the new updated versions of the HW code will be ordered when they are published in April.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Appendix 1 – actions from Committee Meeting 29 September 2021

Action	Who	Update
<i>Future agendas to have Chairman's update before the item, proposed date of next meeting</i>	Myra	Done
<i>Michael investigate the cost of beanies and embroidered group logo for Christmas</i>	Michael	Ongoing
<i>Car and Bike sections to let Myra know if HW codes and IAM training materials are needed.</i>	Billy and Vron	Ongoing
<i>Action: Myra will look on DARTS to see if previous Committee members are still listed. Check DARTS also to see who is the youngest observer in Moray- linked to a conversation about the most recent person to have passed their driving test in MAMM.</i>	Myra	Done