



Moray Advanced Motorists & Motorcyclists (MAMM)

Minutes for the Committee Meeting held on

Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 18:45 – 20:00

1. **Present:** Michael Pumfrey (Chair), Myra Orr (Secretary), Vincent Dobby (Car), Alan Innes, Alastair MacGregor

Apologies : Billy Johnson (Bike), Bob Drysdale (Treasurer/Membership Sec)

2. **Minutes of the committee meeting Tuesday 14 March 2023**

Approved : Alan Innes

Seconded: Vincent Dobby

3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting 14.03.23 - actions followed up**

- The examiner came to the library to meet observers, associates and members on Thursday 30 March.
- Recent minutes to be GDPR checked before storing on the MAMM website.
- The coffee morning at Threaplands on Sunday 23 April went well with a small group of the committee and members able to attend. A possible future venue may be the sidings café at Dufftown.
- The cost of advertising in the Northern Scot still to be looked into.
- More Highway codes to be ordered.

4. **Treasurer's update – Bob Drysdale**

- Bob sent an update in his absence. The current balance is £2,269.66

5. Membership update – Bob Drysdale

- Membership is stable and Bob will shortly be inviting some of our members to renew their group membership. It is, however, currently, quite a quiet time.

6. Car section update – Car Coordinator Vincent Dobby

We currently have 4 associates, the most recent being as young as 18 years of age, with only three weeks driving experience prior to his first observed drive.

Previously, driving experience of three months was required before starting the advanced driving course. I checked with IAMRS who confirmed that this is no longer the case.

One associate is still awaiting their test. The delay is because the examiner allocated has been unavailable, due to personal circumstances, and hopes to be involved in IAM testing again within another three weeks.

A second associate is withdrawing from the course after 12-15 observed drives, due to other demands on her time. Her main aim was to improve her driving, which she has done. She thanks her observers for their time and patience. I have replied to her and her observers are aware.

With reference to the IAMRS edict on NO IMI qualification, I have put forward two observers and their applications are confirmed. Both are slowly being mentored by Alan and myself. The remaining two observers have postponed their assessments for the time being.

Dates for the next course are to be confirmed and the library room booked.

The following have been requested:

Observer Course Handbooks, copies of Roadcraft and the Highway Code

No one has requested items of IAMRS apparel

Advertising for the next course is also a priority.

I am happy to remain as car coordinator until the next AGM.

7. Motorcycle update

Michael read out the report provided by Billy Johnson, Motorcycle Coordinator.

Motorcycle report June 2023

So far this year we have only picked up two associates, although the team is currently working with eight associates most of which came to us at the end of last year. We have been unfortunate this year to have had a test fail. The reasons have

been looked at and we are satisfied that there is not a problem with training. Out of the eight we have two ready and waiting to be tested, the examiner has been in contact with them. There are a few associates who it would appear, are unsure whether to continue with training. I have left them on my books and I am monitoring the situation.

I have not had any issues to deal with so far this year.

The RRN courses at RAF Lossiemouth did not go ahead due to funding on the RAFs side. The group were available to assist and still are if the situation changes.

Michael has put a plan together to ensure that our local observers are trained to become national observers for the 2025 deadline. I am working with him on this.

8. Advertisement / Media

- Michael has continued to monitor the MAMM facebook page over the last two months.
- There was a discussion about the dates of the autumn car course. The course will start on Thursday 7th September for 5 weeks up to and including Thursday 5th October, from 18.45 – 20.00.
- Bob could be asked to send out a poster about the course by email to all members and ask if they will pass on the information e.g. put a poster up in a local shop.

Action: Michael will put details of the next car course on facebook on a weekly basis and will make sure it is sponsored.

Action: Vince will arrange for a quarter page advert (£150) to be put in Spotlight for the Elgin, Lossiemouth and Forres areas by 6th July. This will mean that the advert will be seen in the August edition in these areas.

Action: Myra will book the library activities room for the course

9. Merchandise and IAM training

- Vince would like more Highway Codes and the latest copy of Roadcraft as IAM recommends this for National Observers.
- Altogether 10 Roadcraft books are needed (7 for cars and 3 for bikes).
- Vince and Alastair each needs an observer course handbook.

Action : Highway Code books need to be ordered

Action: 10 Roadcraft books need to be ordered

Action: Michael will check with Billy how many observer course handbooks he needs and will order these and also the 2 for Vince and Alastair.

- The idea of having advertising pop-ups when the MAMM group go for coffee was briefly discussed and will be an agenda item for the next meeting

10. Chairman's update

- Michael spoke about the MAMM group mourning the sad loss of Veronica Young BEM, car coordinator, who passed away recently. He spoke of his admiration for her and acknowledged her commitment and the significant contribution she had made to MAMM. Vron will be very much missed by our MAMM group. He watched her funeral service online. Vince and some other MAMM members were able to attend the service in person. Vince is happy to remain as car coordinator until the next AGM.
- MAMM is ticking along at the moment and Michael thanked everyone for their continued support. Hopefully the course in September may see more associates being involved.

11. Proposed date for next committee meeting

- Tuesday 3rd October 2023

12. AOCB

- Both Vince and Michael will be standing down from the committee at the next AGM. Members should be alerted to these committee vacancies in plenty of time to allow time to replace committee members.

The meeting closed at 19.55