



**Moray Advanced Motorists & Motorcyclists (MAMM)
Agenda for the Committee Meeting to be held on**

Monday 11 November 2024 at 18:30 – 20:00

In the Activities Room, Elgin Library

- 1 **Apologies** :Tom Ireland, John Rees, Alan Innes, Cathy Francis
- 2 **Minutes of the committee meeting Monday 17 June 2024**
 - Approved - Vince Dobby
 - Second – Billy Johnson
- 3 **Matters Arising** - none
- 4 **Treasurer's Report – Bob Drysdale**

Please see the Treasurer's Report at the end of the minutes.

Annual Examination of our Accounts

Although not audited, our books are checked very thoroughly by an ex-colleague of the treasurer. She has done this voluntarily without remuneration for the last three years. A voucher to the value of £50 was agreed by the committee, as a token of MAMM appreciation for her services.

Payment for MAMM website - Debit Card?

The treasurer would prefer the use of a bank transfer to pay for the MAMM website rather than a debit card.

Since the change in the payment method announced by the website host, the treasurer has paid the fees himself and then claimed this back.

There was a discussion about the possibility of bank charges being introduced. This will be monitored carefully and if need be, the account can be transferred to a bank where no charges are made.

5 Members' Report : Bob Drysdale

Membership renewal payments DD/SO

The current method of collecting MAMM membership fees has become inordinately time consuming and an alternative way of collecting fees could be considered. Payment of MAMM membership fees would be considerably more straightforward, if members were able to pay by direct debit.

Access to members' area of MAMM website

There was a discussion about the purpose of the MAMM website and it was agreed that it should be an open website to anyone who wished to browse its contents, without the need for a password. It was decided to re-name the website "Group Information" rather than "Members' Website".

Items on the website would include the MAMM newsletters and minutes of committee meetings and AGM meetings.

Action: Tony will liaise with Tom about removal of the need for a password

Action: Myra will liaise with Tom about storage of the above on the MAMM website.

Webmail

The membership secretary continues to monitor mail on the MAMM webmail account. Unfortunately, this is also very time-consuming work, as the majority of messages are totally unrelated to MAMM.

Action: Tony will speak with Tom about arranging these spam messages to go into the spam folder directly.

6 Car Report : Vince Dobby

Stewart Ord and Alastair MacGregor have now qualified as national observers (NOs) to make a total of six. John Bromehead, a previous observer, recently made a welcome return to the group. He is now a trainee NO.

An associate has recently passed the advanced driving test and achieved a 'F1rst'. He had an outstanding drive which resulted in the highest possible set of competence results. They were all 1's.

Currently, we have three associates undertaking training. We await the result of one associate who undertook their assessment recently and another is expected to take their assessment in the near future.

There have been two recent enquiries from drivers. One driver requested an assessment, which was carried out and they were keen to proceed with advanced driver training, however, they have still to join IAM. The other driver requested a taster session which was arranged and then postponed until 2025.

The “Drivers” page of the MAMM website has been updated. The overview has been rewritten and reference to the library course has been removed. A couple of the testimonials have also been updated and hopefully two more new testimonials will soon be available to replace older testimonials.

The MAMM website continues to advertise a £30 discount to young associates. It was agreed this should remain on the website and the £30 should continue to be paid to young associates.

MAMM will no longer provide a free copy of the Highway Code to new associates.

A hard copy of Roadcraft will continue to be provided to trainee NOs. In addition, Roadcraft can be accessed free electronically.

It was agreed that an advert would be displayed in Spotlight once a year in the March edition prior to the spring advanced training for both cars and bikes.

Any advertising must reflect the new IAM prices for courses.

7 Motorcycle Section Report : Billy Johnson

We have worked with sixteen associates and so far there have been seven passes, one fail, one still training towards a test this year and one awaiting retest. The six remaining associates will continue training next year.

In addition to this, one observer has been assessed and passed to national standard and one local observer (LO) is test ready. After contact from IMI he is on hold until spring and the other LO is still training.

There are currently no issues to report and all associates and observers are working well and expecting to be test ready when the weather improves.

The information we have received via the national observer assessors is that LOs awaiting their national assessment, will still be able to continue observing until they pass their assessment.

8 Chair – Tony Lunnon-Wood

Scott Tulip retired as ASDM and Richard Gladman, chief examiner, is filling this post temporarily.

We have two new Regional safety officers and both have been contacted by the Chair and welcomed to the team.

The Chair made a formal request to approve John Rees and Cathy Francis as committee members. Proposed by Tony and seconded by Billy. All committee members were in favour.

Five letters asking for sponsorship for young drivers were sent by Tony. One reply was received, gracefully declining to help.

Tony highlighted a charity in Elgin which carries out embroidery work. He showed his sweatshirt with "MAMM" embroidered on it, at a cost of £5.

Bob confirmed that MAMM has enough funds to cover Bike NOs claiming £5 expenses per mentor observation ride, up to five rides.

Committee members still have enough MAMM business cards at the moment.

Tony thanked all committee members and observers directly involved in the operation and running of the group. It has been an incredibly busy season for the bike section although a worrying decline in new associate drivers.

Tony has changed his e-mail address for his MAMM Chair work. Please make contact with him on findrassie@icloud.com for any MAMM business

9 MAMM Newsletter

The committee agreed that the newsletter is a good medium for providing information to MAMM members in its current form.

10 Secure Storage of MAMM minutes from committee meetings and AGMs

It was agreed that committee meeting and AGM minutes can now be stored on the MAMM website.

Action: Myra will make contact with Tom to arrange for these items to be saved onto the MAMM website

11 Correspondence from IAM via secretary

The secretary is trying to ensure that IAM correspondence comes to her MAMM secretary address rather than her personal e-mail

12 Anomalies on DARTS

The secretary and treasurer have noticed discrepancies in some MAMM information on the DARTs MAMM area.

13 MAMM Christmas social?

Social gatherings have not been a huge success so far. This time of year is busy for most people generally and it was decided to wait until after the festive season to reconsider.

14 Proposed date of next committee meeting and time

It was suggested that a pre-AGM committee meeting could be held in February and the AGM in March

15 AOCB

Chris Armstrong, car examiner, is keen to talk to the group.

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