



PLYMOUTH GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
Group No.: 1248

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Affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024 held at The Hunting Lodge Ivybridge on Monday 8th April 2024

1. Convening

The meeting was opened by Jerry Rogers (Chair) at 19:38

2. Apologies for absence

Bob Phillimore
John Tomlinson
Tony Ewens
Tony Wallis-Eade
Adrian Perkins

3. Receipt of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Proposed by Trevor Wilson
Seconded by Dave Sewell

- that the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record and approved.

Resolution: Carried

4. Matters Arising from those Minutes

None

5. Chairman's Report

Jerry Rogers reported that the club remains active and vibrant and is continuing to grow it's expertise and reputation within the region.

He thanked the Committee and reassured the members that he felt the club was currently run very well, but if any member would like to be more involved or attend a Committee meeting to see first hand how things operate then they would be most welcome.

Recognition was also given to Graham Willson the Associate Co-ordinator who, whilst he does not sit on the Committee, performs a vital role within the club.

The Observers were thanked for their crucial role in mentoring and bringing new riders into the club.

He reported that two Committee members would be standing down this year and not offering themselves up for re-election namely Kevin Moorey as Treasurer and Andy Potter as Events Lead. Nominations for replacements into these positions had been received from Guy Mayhew and Paul Fennessy respectively.

Other Committee members also stepping down were himself, Polly Jackson and Mark Marshall but they would be offering themselves up for re-election. However, if anyone else was interested in any of these positions then they should come forward before the voting takes place.

6. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Moorey gave a presentation of the accounts for year ending February 29th 2024 with the following questions answered:

Receipts

- a. Why are the total receipts down? Because there were less associates this year
- b. Why are associate fuel costs higher? This is due to VZSW.
- c. What's the interest on? The club opened an interest bearing account and this is reflected.

Expenses

- a. Why was SOAB higher? Because this year the club decided to be more proactive with associating PAM with the event so we advertised on banners and buckets.
- b. What was the VZSW donation? This was when a member passed, who was on the scheme, and donated the refund he was due to the Blood Bikes.
- c. What was the VZSW 2324 cost for? This was related to products bought via the scheme but would be reclaimed later.

Balancing the Books

Kevin highlighted that although we have spent more this year we have promoted the club more in SOAB for example and also buying ride leader/TEC vests. The books have been audited and confirmed as correct.

Assets & Liabilities

Kevin clarified the snapshot of the clubs' finances and explained that there was still £1542 owed to the club via the VZSW scheme, two people from last year did not finish the ARC so their refund of £80x2 was still on the books and also a competition voucher worth £200 was awaiting activation. This produced the figure of £14701.16 as the current charity's worth.

Observer Fuel Costs

Kevin reported that on balance the fuel costs were not creating a deficit to the clubs' finances with the inclusion of VZSW candidates and thus it was a self-financing exercise.

Membership

Membership figures were presented (177 total members) with 2/3 offering gift aid. Gift aid is encouraged but as it is voluntary it is not expected although welcome and members were signposted to the gift aid form on the website should they not already be in the scheme.

(Presentations attached)





Proposed by: Barry Hine
Seconded by: Paul Fennessy

- that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 29th February 2024 be approved (subject to audit).

Resolution: Carried

7. Secretary's Report

Polly Jackson thanked all the current Ride Leaders for their efforts on the Sunday social rides as without these volunteers the club would not flourish and reiterated that any member could come forward and training/advice would be provided where needed.

She requested that volunteers for the year ahead add their name to the table of ride dates. Most slots had been taken but a few were still requiring names towards the end of the year.

8. Chief Observer's Report

Mark Marshall thanked the Observers and Trainee Observers for their commitment over the course of the year. He now has the assistance of Trevor Wilson who has joined him in delivering training within the club and who will be planning a slow riding event. He called for anyone interested in getting involved in the training side of things to contact him and for the planned CRD events especially as these needed coordinators for them to run.

He alerted the meeting that it was his intention to step down at the next AGM and would like to identify a potential replacement during the coming year.

9. Marketing/Media Team Leader Report

Phil Stevens reported that he had purchased a number of marketing materials (banners & flags) for advertising at events and open days. He has identified the Ocean open day as a potential first event to attend and called on members to assist in this new venture on 9/6/24. He suggested that the club could target dealership open days for all brands as this would increase the profile of iAM and the club.

Phil also encouraged members to post on and sign up to the various media platforms the club appears on and uses to maximise communication for example Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Slack and the PAM website. Currently there are 127 members using Slack which accounts for 2/3 of the club and this number would be good to increase so that everyone is kept in the loop.

10. Events Team Leader Report

Andy Potter reminded everyone that the next club event would be the Wales long weekend away in May and that the routes would be posted up into the PAM group area of MRA so to look there shortly.

11. President's Address

Jerry introduced Stuart Elford and explained his role within the club and appointment after Robin Derges stepped down. He thanked him for his continued participation and said that PAM are very appreciative of his input and expertise. Stuart returned the compliment and said that he felt it was a privilege to be the President of PAM. He recognised the Committee members standing down, Kevin Moorey and Andy Potter and presented them both with certificates.

He welcomed the new Committee members standing for election and praised the good work of the current Committee paying tribute to each individual. He particularly recognised the Observers who he said provided the backbone of what the club stands for and who had trained 37 associates over the year. He praised the members for attending the meeting and events thereby bringing breadth to the club. He reminded the audience that we don't see our successes as accidents are largely avoided by virtue of the essential work of the club.

12. Election of Group Officers

Chairman

Proposed by: Tim Johansen

Seconded by: Neil Gardner

- that Jeremy Rogers continue as Chairman.

Resolution: Carried

Secretary

Proposed by: Keith Bowden

Seconded by: Dave Green

- that Polly Jackson continue as Secretary.

Resolution: Carried

Treasurer

Proposed by: Tony Turpin

Seconded by: Dave Sewell

- that Guy Mayhew be appointed as Treasurer.

Resolution: Carried

13. Election of Committee Members

Events Lead

Proposed by: Trevor Wilson

Seconded by: Andy Potter

- that Paul Fennessy be appointed as Events Lead.

Resolution: Carried

Phil Stevens and Mark Marshall wish to continue with their respective roles on the Committee. One third retired and were re-elected as follows:

Membership Secretary

Proposed by: Tony Turpin
Seconded by: Dave Sewell

- that John Tomlinson continue as Membership Secretary.

Resolution: Carried

14. Any Other Business

CAM have invited PAM to an event they are running on 14th May "Crash Course" where acclaimed motorcyclist and columnist Kevin Williams will discuss accident causes and tips on how to avoid them. It will be held at Ladock Hall @19:30 and all are welcome.

15. Conclusion.

Chairman Jeremy Rogers thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:25

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