



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 2022/2023
held at The Hunting Lodge Ivybridge on Monday 17th April
2023.**

1. Convening

The meeting was opened by Jerry Rogers (Chair) at 19:35

2. Apologies for absence

Rich Murley
Steve Moir
John Tomlinson
Graham Willson

3. Receipt of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Proposed by Bob Phillimore
Seconded by Dave Sewell

- that the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record and approved.

Resolution: Carried

4. Matters Arising from those Minutes

AOB item 8 - Phil Stevens has since emailed any members not using slack to encourage its use.

5. Chairman's Report

Jerry Rogers reported that since the club's start in 2005 it has continued to grow with additional membership last year being attributed in part to the Vision South West funding scheme which was very successful.

The club has a nearly 100% pass rate for the ARC and our events are always well attended. This year we are introducing red club Tail End Charlie Vests and potentially red arm bands to further increase our profile when out on social rides.

He thanked the Committee and commented that there was a good mix of skills currently represented. Club members were invited to any Committee meeting should they wish to see how their club is run.

He went on to introduce the club's president Stuart Elford.

He recognised both the club Observers in mentoring and bringing new riders into the club and also the Ride Leaders for their efforts on the Sunday social rides as without these volunteers the club would not flourish.

Recognition was also given to Graham Willson the Associate Co-ordinator and Steve Moir who updates the FB page for the club.

6. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Moorey introduced himself and gave a short precis of his role within the club as Treasurer. A question was raised regarding whether we actively promote Gift Aid and Kevin's reply was that whenever a member registers who has not gift aided we send a form for them to sign up for it should they wish to. We don't as a club follow this up however as it is a decision related to their personal tax situation.

Kevin also called for any interested parties who would like to be a trainee treasurer to work alongside him over the coming year so that his retirement from the position next year transitions smoothly.

A presentation of the accounts for year ending February 28th 2023 and membership was then shown.

(Presentation attached).



Proposed by: Polly Jackson
Seconded by: Jerry Rogers

- that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February 2023 be approved (subject to audit).

Resolution: Carried

7. Secretary's Report

Polly Jackson outlined her role as Group Secretary and also what the Trustee positions in the club involve. In addition, as the Rides Coordinator she presented a summary of how rides are allocated and called for potential ride leaders whether experienced or to come forward to pilot.

(Presentation attached).



8. Chief Observer's Report

Mark Marshall echoed the thanks from JR.

He reported that the club had a good standing of quality assessed observers.

A training team has also been approved by the Committee so that this will further enhance the opportunities to develop within the club. He called for interested parties to join the team and highlighted that the skill set did not have to include an observer qualification.

Mark went on to say that the club needed a succession plan for the next CHOB and he would be looking within the club for a suitable candidate. Again, if anyone has a desire to develop into this role to get in touch with him.

A change to training within iAM is that the Local Observer level has now been phased out and all LOs will need to be assessed and become National Observers by April 2025. This is to remove the perceived hierarchy and standardise the qualification.

Mark also informed the club that an Observer Weekend was being formulated.

9. Marketing/Media Team Leader Report

Phil Stevens outlined his role within the club as being responsible for most of the marketing/media coverage and promotion for the club. He informed us where events and information were currently being advertised; Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Slack and the PAM website.

Phil has recently taken over the website upkeep from Mark Marshall.

He reported that Slack had 117 members and encouraged anyone not currently using it to join.

Some of the activity he has been involved in over the year has been providing advertising materials to the local bike dealerships and also applying for research funding, although this was not forthcoming due to the university not having a suitable project manager available for our proposed topic (Investigate the perception of advanced motorcycle groups within the female biking population and whether the numbers can be improved).

10. Events Team Leader Report

Andy Potter reminded everyone that the regular social events slot for the club is the 2nd Monday of the month.

During the Spring-Autumn months this involves a Fish and Chip run and over the winter guest speakers are invited to the social evening at the Hunting Lodge.

The first event this year following the last FNC run in September will be a presentation/activity by Protyre in October.

11. President's Address

Stuart Elford introduced himself and thanked the support of the Committee especially Jerry Rogers. He said that without volunteers the club would not be so successful and paid tribute to the observers in particular for their time in training. Their input assisted in

accident avoidance and the club wanted to extend this success and become more diverse reaching other parts of the population rather than "pale, male and stale".

12. Election of Group Officers

Chairman

Proposed by: Trevor Wilson
Seconded by: Rob Batten

- that Jeremy Rogers continue as Chairman.

Resolution: Carried

Secretary

Proposed by: Keith Bowden
Seconded by: Alison Cooper

- that Polly Jackson continue as Secretary.

Resolution: Carried

Treasurer

Proposed by: Tim Johansen
Seconded by: Kevin Baumbach

- that Kevin Moorey continue as Treasurer.

Resolution: Carried

13. Election of Committee Members

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

Marketing/Media

Proposed by: Dave Pickles
Seconded by: Barry Hines

- that Phil Stevens continue as Marketing/Media Team Leader.

Resolution: Carried

Events

Proposed by: Barry Hines
Seconded by: Vince Wills

- that Andy Potter continue as Events Team Leader.

Resolution: Carried

14. Any Other Business

None

15. Conclusion.

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

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