



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 2025 held at The Hunting Lodge Ivybridge on Monday 7th April 2025

1. Convening

The meeting was opened by Jerry Rogers (Chair) at 20:00

2. Apologies for absence

Steve Lewis
Bob Phillimore
Paul Fennessy
Richard Harris
Sarah Harris

3. Receipt of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Proposed by Jerry Rogers
Seconded by Guy Mayhew

- that the Minutes of the 2024 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 welcomed Stuart Elford who has remained as the club's President despite having to have a break from motorcycling and thanked him for his continuing support. He said it was invaluable to have him as a resource for the club and the club appreciated his input and attendance at the AGM. He was also pleased to report that Stuart may soon be riding again and wished him well in his recovery.

He thanked the Committee for their hard work and commitment and said that the club had benefited from this as can be shown by the changes and improvements which had occurred over the past year.

The Observers were also thanked for their crucial role in mentoring and bringing new riders into the club as without their input the main purpose of the club would not be fulfilled.

In addition, Ride Leaders, TECs and club members attending events and social rides were thanked for their attendance and continued support to the club.

Recognition was given to Mark Marshall and Paul Fennessey who would be standing down this year and not offering themselves for re-election. He reported that there were two members who had come forward as nominees for these positions; Tim Johansen (Chief Observer) and Neil Gardner (Events Lead). All three Officers would be standing down as per the constitution but would be standing for re-election.

However, if anyone else was interested in any of the Committee positions then they should come forward before the voting takes place.

Looking to the future Jerry updated the members that the club was in the process of creating a new website and developing the Committee roles to further improve the club processes and activities.

Finally, he announced that it was his intention to step down at the next AGM as the club Chair as he felt that club deserved a regular replacement of Chair who would bring different ideas and approaches.

6. Treasurer's Report

Guy Mayhew gave a presentation (attached) of the accounts for year ending February 28th 2025 with the following questions answered:

- a. What is the value of the missing Gift Aid contribution if everyone did it?
It amounts to an additional £5/member/year
- b. How would we know if we had already applied for Gift Aid?
Guy holds this information so can let members know if they are unsure. He called for any member to consider a Gift Aid as this was a benefit to the club.

Guy also reported that the accounts had been audited and signed off by the auditor Alan Knight FCCA and signed off by two of the trustees.

The club opened up a 95 day reserve account in order to maximise interest payments on held monies and this had produced interest though the year as is shown in the accounts. The club now had a policy of having a working level of funds in the current account as monies can easily be transferred over.

Observer expenses are in credit by way of charging Associates an up from petrol fee of £50 so the level of remuneration to Observers (£10/observed ride) is currently suitable but should this show to e falling into deficit the level would be readdressed.

The VZSW scheme grant had been sent for payment and any money left over would be topped up and used for purchasing ARC vouchers x4.



Proposed by: Barry Hine
Seconded by: Keith Taylor

- that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February 2025 be approved.

Resolution: Carried

7. Secretary's Report

Polly Jackson did not have a Secretary's report but in her current role of Associate Co-ordinator thought it would be interesting to present some of the 2024-5 figures (presentation attached).

She called for a volunteer to take on the Associate Co-ordinator role going forward as she was just filling in until someone could be identified.



Associate
Co-ordinator-Present:

8. Chief Observer's Report

Mark Marshall thanked the club members for their support over the past few years and reported that there was an IGTT event soon if members would like to apply.

9. Marketing/Media Team Leader Report

Phil Stevens reported that at last years AGM the uptake on slack was fairly low but now this had increased to 145 members making up 85% of the membership using the platform. He requested that Observers take a photo of their Associates with consent and forward it to him for publicising once they had passed their ARC test.

There had been a request from one of the members to create a who's who in the club so that recognition and connections could be easier. He reminded everyone that Slack had a peoples section where photos can be uploaded into a profile which would be the platform of choice for this purpose and called for all members to update their picture so they were easily recognised from their slack profile.

He updated the club on the new website domain and called for members ideas about what they would like to see on the new website. When it was ready it would be published and members informed.

Committee emails were now "position"@iampam.org which would give a more professional image and also be easily transferable when Committee personnel changed.

Phil also informed the club that it was his intention to step down at the next AGM.

10. Events Team Leader Report

In the absence of Paul Fennessey, Jerry Rogers presented the Events Leads report (presentation attached). He called for the last few remaining slots for ride leading to be filled.



Events

PresentationAGM2025

He also informed the club that a new initiative led by Polly Jackson called the Eezie-Breezie-Brunch Rides would be taking place on the 4th Saturday of the month over the summer. These would be shorter rides of about an hour out to a brunch stop and an hour back and would be aimed at A&B road avoiding goat tracks. All members are welcome to attend and they would also be suitable for Associates and returners.

11. President's Address

Stuart thanked Jerry for his excellent leadership of the club. He recognised the Committee members standing down and welcomed the new Committee members standing for election. He praised the good work of the current Committee paying tribute to each individual's contribution. 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. This was evidenced in the 0% test fails which undoubtedly had saved lives over the past year.

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: Steve Puckering

- that Polly Jackson continue as Secretary.

Resolution: Carried

Treasurer

Proposed by: Phil Stevens

Seconded by: Rob Battern

- that Guy Mayhew continue as Treasurer.

Resolution: Carried

13. Election of Committee Members

Mark Marshall and Paul Fennessey retired from the Committee and did not offer themselves up for re-election. Phil Stevens and John Tomlinson wish to continue with their respective roles on the Committee and offered themselves up for re-election.

There were two nominations for Committee members; Tim Johansen as Chief Observer and Neil Gardner as Events Lead.

Membership Secretary

Proposed by: Rob Battern
Seconded by: Guy Mayhew

- that John Tomlinson continue as Membership Secretary.

Resolution: Carried

Chief Observer

Proposed by: Barry Hine
Seconded by: Mark Marshall

- that Tim Johansen be appointed as Chief Observer.

Resolution: Carried

Marketing/Media Lead

Proposed by: Andy Potter
Seconded by: Adrian Bourne

- that Phil Stevens continue as Marketing/Media Lead.

Resolution: Carried

Events Lead

Proposed by: Dave Pickles
Seconded by: John Tomlinson

- that Neil Gardner be appointed as Events Lead.

Resolution: Carried

14. Any Other Business

John Tomlinson called for member to set up SO for their membership fees as this makes life a lot easier at renewal dates. He informed the members that he was now sending out reminders at the beginning of the month it was due so that members had time to set this up.

Mark led a ride to the retirement event celebrating Robbie Downing's retirement from his iAM ASDM role and presented him with a card and vouchers from PAM.

Keith Bowden asked about business cards for the Observers as this had been suggested previously. Phil sign-posted him to the iAM website where he can complete his details and receive a small number free. Jerry was currently designing an Observer badge to

put in the Urban Glow vest pocket so that members can recognise the club's Observers on social rides in case their assistance is required for example shadowing an Associate.

Awards were made to Mark Marshall (Certificate of Appreciation for ChOb 2021-2025), John Challenor (Lifetime Membership), Stuart Riley (Lifetime Membership) and Rob and Sue Battern (Lifetime Membership).

15. Conclusion.

Chairman Jeremy Rogers thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:05

Received as a true record:

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