

**Minutes of 15th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 16th March 2019 at 2:00pm
Radnor YFC Centre, Llandrindod Wells**

Present (13)

Members (12): Phil Jones (Chairman), Geoff Smith (Secretary), Colin Barnett, Chris Brown, Mandy Giordano, Ann Jones, Humphrey Morgan, John Oliver, Des Parkinson, Dave Tompsett, Christine Tuffery and Paul Wilson.

Associates (1): Mick Espley

Apologies (11)

Members (9): Mike Price (Treasurer), Paul Gurnett, Edgar Jones, Elizabeth Stringer, Penry Thomas, Martin Toon, David Street, Caroline White, and Don Williams

IAM (3): Rob Downing (Region 4 Area Service Delivery Manager), Clive Rees (Examiner) and Sean Westlake (IAM Examiner)

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 17th March 2018

The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the 2018 14th AGM be approved as a true record.

Proposed by Dave Tompsett, seconded by Chris Brown and unanimously accepted. These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

2. Matters Arising from 14th AGM None.

3. Chairman's Report

The report was based around a PowerPoint presentation jointly produced by Philip Jones our Chairman and Geoff Smith our Secretary.

Phil gave his report based upon his 6 months as our Acting Chairman. Group recruitment in 2018 was identical to the previous year at thirteen new associates. Again, we achieved a perfect pass rate of 100% which is mainly due to the excellence of our Observers both bike and car. With the resignation of Martyn Davidson, on personal grounds, committee member Mandy Giordano has taken on the role of Facebook Editor, we thank her for taking on this role which we see as a very good source of future associates. Our Website continues to be managed by Geoff Smith as Webmaster, one of his three roles in the group his others being Secretary and car Observer. Mike Price our Treasurer and Car Observer has had a very successful year in managing our finances with us having an increase in our surplus up from £206.72 in 2017 to £903.61 in 2018. Our total net current assets are a healthy £7,650. Mike has also seen success with car associates passing with either a Pass or a F1rst. Members of our committee continue to give up their time to help in the efficient operation of the Charity for which I thank them. I would also like to thank members who helped in assisting with the Gazebo at Events held during 2018. A lot of effort went into increasing awareness of the existence of MWAM during 2018 and continues this year. We hope that this will see an increase in the number of associates taking either course passing the IAM advanced test and then becoming active members of the group. We would like to like to have more of our existing members being involved in promoting the group, we have no better sales force than our 91 members, if every member persuaded 1 person to take the IAM RoadSmart road safety course we could double our membership!

4. Secretary's Report

Geoff thanked Phil sincerely for his hard work as our Events & Publicity Secretary and his dedication since taking on the additional role as our Chairman. He has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of our group and we owe him a great deal.

Geoff Smith reported that the group membership currently stood at 91 comprising 72 full members, 12 Associates, and 7 Group friends. A map of the region was produced showing the location of our members and the extent of the large area we cover. In 2018 we recruited 11 associates of whom 7 have now passed their IAM Test. We had no failures and one dropped out. The remainder are completing their on-road guidance or awaiting a test date. Since the group started in 2003 until the end of 2018, we have recruited 256 associates of whom 162 have passed their IAM Test. Ten have failed and a total of 78 have withdrawn which is an overall dropout rate of 30.5%. At the end of 2018, we had 6 associates undergoing training or waiting to commence training. This represents a very creditable 94.2% pass rate.

The age profile of our associates, when recruited, ranges from the youngest at 17 to the oldest at 82, with an average age now of 58. By way of contrast, our group membership profile ranges from the youngest aged 18 to the oldest 92 with an average age of 66. The average length of membership time is 8% years.

Our observers are the lifeblood of the group and without their efforts, there would be no group. We thank them sincerely for the gift of their time and expertise. We currently have 11 active observers; of these 3 are Locally Qualified and 5 Nationally Qualified. We have lost two observers due to retirement and relocation so we are looking to recruit trainee observers from within our membership. One of our Observers Paul Gurnett has completed their Local Observer qualification. This qualification is accredited by the independent awards body Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI). This entails being evaluated by a group Local Observer Assessor and being recommended to IMI. We offer Paul our congratulations on achieving this status.

5. Treasurer's Report & adoption of accounts

Mike Price had produced the Group's Audited Balance Sheet for 2018 a copy of which was available on the website before the AGM and copies were available at the AGM. Summaries were displayed for scrutiny. This had been audited by one of our members, Pauline Page-Jones, and was presented by so Geoff Smith as Mike was unable to attend due to family celebrations. Geoff asked for any queries or questions on these accounts.

Mike was thanked by Geoff Smith for his work over the last year as our Treasurer and the clarity of the group's accounts. This was unanimously supported by the meeting.

The following resolutions were then put before the meeting:

Resolution: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 be approved.

Proposed by Des Parkinson, seconded by Mandy Giordano and unanimously accepted.

Resolution:

That the Committee be authorized to change the subscription rate for 2020 if it is deemed necessary but subject to the increase not exceeding £2 per annum.

Proposed by Humphrey Morgan, seconded by Ann Jones and unanimously accepted.

6. Election of Officers

Phil Jones handed over the meeting to the Secretary to conduct the election for Chairman.

Chairman

Phil Jones our current acting Chairman has offered to stand for re-election and no other nominations had been received. On a show of hands, **Phil Jones** was unanimously elected as Chairman and was welcomed into the role by the Secretary and thanked for his tenure as acting Chairman for the group since August 2018. The meeting was then handed back to Phil who chaired the rest of the AGM.

Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman role was vacant and no nominations had been received.

Secretary

Geoff Smith has offered to stand for re-election as Secretary and no other nominations had been received.

On a show of hands, **Geoff Smith** was unanimously re-elected as Secretary.

Treasurer

Mike Price has offered to stand for re-election as Treasurer and no other nominations had been received.

On a show of hands, **Mike Price** was unanimously elected as our Treasurer to serve for another year and was thanked for his hard work on maintaining the group's finances over the last year.

7. Election of Committee

Under group rules, one-third of our committee, excluding the 4 officers, stands down each year. As two committee members resigned during 2018 only one member needs to stand down. However, two have stood down although they have only served for two years. This year **Humphrey Morgan** and **Paul Wilson** are offering to stand for re-election for a further three years.

On a show of hands, **Humphrey Morgan** was unanimously elected to our committee for a further three years. On a show of hands, **Paul Wilson** was unanimously elected to our committee for a further three years.

This leaves vacancies for three more persons on the current committee which includes the four officers and eight other places.

I have received a nomination before the meeting for **Paul Gurnett**, nominated by Geoff Smith and seconded by Mike Price.

On a show of hands, **Paul Gurnett** was unanimously elected to our committee for a further three years.

We had received no other nominations before the AGM and following an appeal to the meeting **Colin Barnett** volunteered to serve on our committee.

On a show of hands, **Colin Barnett** was unanimously elected to our committee for three years. Consequently, we currently have two committee vacancy which is available to any member who wishes to offer their services. Anyone interested should initially make contact with Geoff Smith.

Committee Member List 2019

	Name	Elected	Until	Years Left
1	Humphrey Morgan	2019	2022	3
2	Paul Wilson	2019	2022	3
3	Paul Gurnett	2019	2022	3
4	Colin Barnett	2019	2022	3
5	Mandy Giordano	2018	2021	2
6	Des Parkinson	2018	2021	3
7	Vacant			
8	Vacant			

8. Any other Business

PJ announced that the group had a 21" TV/DVD Player that was no longer required by the group and was initially being offered to group members. If no one wished to purchase this it would be sold. The suggested price was a modest £40 and this was purchased by a group member.

As there was no other business Phil thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 2:45 pm.

Attendees were then able to socialize and enjoyed refreshments and cakes provided by Humphrey Morgan and Phil Jones.