

## Bournemouth and Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists

AGM Minutes April 19<sup>th</sup>. 2010

**Present:** Chris Green (Chairman)  
Andy Mansfield (Treasurer)  
Mark Bezzant (Chief Observer)  
Martin Saunders (Secretary)  
Peter Wills (Membership Secretary)  
Claire Saunders (Associate Co-ordinator)  
Tony Summers (Webmaster)  
Approx 55 Club Members  
Chris Smith (Examiner)  
Tim Soper (Region 1)

**Apologies:** All the current committee members attended with the exception of John Topping (Vice Chairman) who had resigned earlier in the year due to health and work commitments. A number of club members had contacted Peter Wills and Martin Saunders to apologise for not being able to attend.

**Chairman's Report:** Chris Green opened the meeting thanking the club members together with **Tony Soper** and **Chris Smith** for attending, a copy of last years minutes were available to be passed round and were approved. The fact the meeting co-incided with the start of the better weather and the fact the last two club events had been well supported was a good sign of another good year for BWAM.

**The Steve Strong Trophy** was presented to Tony Summers for his excellent work in sorting out the web-site and maintaining the high standard he had set. Tony thanked Chris, reminding the meeting that Matt Timmins had also spent much time on web-site improvements.

**Treasurers Report:** Andy stated the overall financial picture was better than this time last year, Skill for Life from the IAM accounted for some income (£516), this years main boost was due mainly to the contribution of Dorset County Council for our participation in the Ride-safe events and the IAM observer contribution (£1073).

As these were both created by the hard work of our observing team the forthcoming observer training weekend was being subsidised by £1100. Andy pointed out the training claims from senior observers was approximately one third of last years claims and thanked the team for their generosity. The clubs other expenses came from room hire (£307), web host costs (£172), and training expenses accounted for a total of (£235). Due to the re-scheduling of this AGM the annual audited accounts were available for any other queries. Total assets of the club were in excess of £4k

**Training Report:** Mark thanked the observers for their efforts this last year resulting in 13 test passes to date with a number of associates approaching test standard in the next few months.

Particular thanks to John Topping and Steve Hines, for their hard work over the years, both standing down as Senior Observers.

We had gained an observer, Hilary Hardman, from a neighbouring group and had six trainee observers currently supervised by Senior Observers, who should qualify this year. Highlighted were Paul Gardiner and Claire Saunders unallocated associate rides which were about to recommenc. Mark expressed thanks for their efforts in introducing new associates to the club.

Dave Orvin's Group Training rides will continue as a staged introduction to advanced riding for those associates on the waiting list.

A welcome back to Alec and Pearl James together with Ian Newey who were returning to observing after a break and will add to our observing strength.

Mark also thanked Chris Smith and Martin Sheppard for their valuable input to the club and their future involvement with the Observers training weekend to be held at the end of April in Wales.

Dave Orvin, who had recently passed his Senior Observer test, was awarded the Observer of the Year Award for his additional work with Members ride Clinic and Group Training rides

**Membership Secretary Report:** Peter Wills had finalised the changes to combine the membership renewal date as March each year and two thirds of our current membership of 132 paid into the club account directly. There were still a number of members with outstanding subs.

At present we had 102 Members and 30 Associates that had or will join via the Skill for Life scheme.

**Webmaster:** Tony stated the progress on the website was also due to Matt Timmins working in the background. He asked to be kept informed so that all club events and news could be updated on the site. The Forum proving useful for more spontaneous events whereas the Events section would be able to publicise the regular club organised events well in advance throughout the coming year.

#### **Election of 2010 Committee:**

		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Chris Green	Martin Saunders	Mark Bezzant
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Vacant	Vacant	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Andy Mansfield	Chris Green	Doug Grimes
<b>Secretary</b>	Martin Saunders	Andy Mansfield	Peter Wills
<b>Chief Observer</b>	Mark Bezzant	Observer Nominated	
<b>Membership Sec.</b>	Peter Wills	Andy Mansfield	Tony Summers
<b>Social Sec.</b>	Justine Brett	Andy Mansfield	John Pearson
<b>Webmaster</b>	Tony Summers	Chris Green	Roger Braithwaite
<b>Associate Co-ordinator</b>	Claire Saunders	Chris Green	Harvey Ringrose

#### **AOB**

Roy Arnold proposed a vote of thanks to John Spinks for his work in producing the newsletter, and Chris seconded, hoping John could continue this valuable service in promoting the club.

**Chris Green** closed the meeting at 8:45, thanking all for attending.