

**Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders (SaPAR) – Minutes Annual General meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – (Snailbeach Village Hall, Snailbeach, Shrewsbury 4pm)**

Agenda item	Minutes
Attendance	26 members attended the meeting. The attendance sheet is held by the Secretary.
Apologies	Jon Hepburn, Denis Silverlock, Nigel Davies, Ian Morris, Bob Spendlove, Mike Kinna, Howard Hughes.
Welcome by Chairman	<p>Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to those present and thanked the members of the committee for their hard work.</p> <p>The 2017 AGM minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting with the accounts and nomination form for committee roles. No matters had been raised with the 2017 minutes so these were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Bill stated that the area rep for RoSPA, Richard Howes, had been invited to the meeting and whilst he had originally accepted he had had to withdraw due to family commitments.</p>
Chairman's report	<p>Bill stated that a lot of committee time had been taken up with the RoSPA accreditation scheme paperwork and thanks to all involved the group has now been accredited by RoSPA for a period of three years. Not all the RoSPA groups were accredited, some by choice and some as they did not meet the criteria. This process has been very time consuming for all concerned.</p> <p>The group had a presence at Bike4Life and our Meet and Greet with both events being successful resulting in a number of new members for the group. The group membership stands at around 100 with more joining than leaving, some take test and then leave. There is a limited involvement by the membership as a whole with the majority of events being supported by the same few.</p> <p>This year the committee decided not to conduct the parking at Meole Brace for Bike4Life. There were a number of concerns, the event has become too big, insurance issues and effort. It was felt that previously we had looked like the poor relations in the road safety section at Cosford it would be more beneficial to put our effort into one stand. This worked well and Bill thanked everyone who assisted.</p> <p>The Meet and Greet at Montford Bridge picnic area was held in partnership with IAM, BikeSafe and the West Mercia Road Safety Partnership. The representative from BikeSafe said he was very pleased and would like to come again as it covered three areas for them. Bill then said that all the participants at Montford were interested in Advanced riding and this had resulted in a joint folder that contains information leaflets for the various groups. This has been two years in the making and has been paid for by the West Mercia Road Safety Partnership. These folders are to be used by all parties at events they attend.</p> <p>Wistanstow and Forden shows were cancelled due to inclement weather. Thanks to Kevin for his hard work organising our presence. Other shows had been discussed during committee meetings but we have to see what benefit SaPAR would gain from attending any event. We have to try and manage our recruitment so that we can cope with new members in a timely manner. There is a waiting list that new</p>

	<p>Associates are added to when they join and these are dealt with in chronological order for allocation to a Tutor. The aim of SaPAR is to train new members to be Advanced Riders.</p> <p>Historically there was bad feeling between SaPAR and the local IAM group, however the relationship is now on a more positive and collaborative footing. As an indication of this Bill had this morning been giving a joint presentation with a member of the local IAM group on a Biker Down course at Telford. Other members may be called to cover these as Bill may not be available to cover them all. Someone on the group this morning had made positive comments on the training they had received from our group. It is always nice to get positive comments.</p> <p>Marion asked, how does the training make a difference? Bill said it works if we make the roads safer and there are less road traffic collisions, injuries and deaths. No one can say for sure but training must help. Weather can make a difference, being bike fit, doing bike checks. Anything we can do to raise awareness and improve road safety is a benefit. There is a map which shows the locations of road traffic collisions, statistics show that they have gone up. This could be due to the good weather we have had. David Rogers stated some people have said after an incident that their training helped them to deal with it better.</p> <p>The West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership donate £500.00 to SaPAR annually which we have used for our 'Young Rider' initiatives, and this year they have funded the folders mentioned previously.</p> <p>SaPAR is affiliated to the BMF which provides us with cover under their group insurance scheme as well as other benefits for us as a group and our members. We found that the RoSPA insurance did not cover everything we do and the people who help us. We pay this January to December, since we took this out RoSPA has changed their insurance cover but we have opted to stay with the BMF as we feel it still offers better cover. This insurance does give SaPAR members benefits as well, see the members page of our web site.</p> <p>We have not done any of the Powys Ride on Days for two years now as they were being cancelled at the last moment which meant that the Tutors time was being wasted. We have told Powys that if required we would conduct sessions on a one to one basis but so far there have been no requests. The funding from the Powys Ride on Days paid for the cameras on the Tutors bikes.</p> <p>Bill also said that David has not let us spend too much money, a good treasurer.</p> <p>Bill referred to the fact that there is no RoSPA logo on the joint folder, this is because RoSPA would not sanction their logo being on the same page as the other logos.</p> <p>RoSPA has said that regional meetings are going to be held.</p> <p>Bill said that he had attended the RoSPA centennial celebrations at Buckingham Palace to represent the group. However, no group logos or badges were allowed to be worn by group members. Head Office staff on the other hand did so.</p> <p>Bill thanked all the committee members for their hard work during the year.</p>
Training Officer	<p>Stuart said that there had been 13 tests taken in the year (charts were available at the meeting with details). There were more Gold and less Silver and Bronze pass than the previous year. Stuart then made the</p>

	<p>point that all passes at whatever grade are an advanced pass. We have 14 working Tutors who each have one Associate in training at the time of the meeting and 7 Associates who are not undertaking training for various reasons. Stuart welcomed 1 new Tutor, Rob Hall, and said that there are 4 other people who wish to become Tutors. Stuart said that it is a fine balancing act when considering the number of Tutors the group has as it is not appropriate to have Tutors without Associates as they can become disenchanted and also suffer from skill fade. At the same time, it is not good to keep members waiting for training.</p> <p>It has been found that some Associates do not seem to commit to training, these will be dealt with more robustly in the future as there is generally a waiting list and it is not fair to allow someone to take a place when they are not active and therefore deny another member the opportunity to start training.</p> <p>The Tutors are the working public face of the group and the committee is there to steer the group. The Sunday ride outs are one of the main ways the public get to see our group and this should be considered by all who attend to ensure that the group is shown in a positive manner.</p> <p>Stuart expressed his thanks to Bill for all the hard work and time he has put into the group and also to Howard for the support he has given.</p>
Treasurer	<p>David said that we try to make a small profit each year to cover the running of the group. Last year there was a loss of income to the degree £1300.00. This was as a result of some members leaving due to the introduction of the GoCardless system, membership reduced to the region of 80 members and there was no income from the Powys Ride on Days.</p> <p>David went through the figures and explained it had been agreed by the committee that the group will no longer pay for social events as we do not have the income to cover these.</p> <p>Our financial position is currently healthy but we need to monitor what we are purchasing.</p> <p>Bill then added that as the position with RoSPA re the accreditation is now sorted we will need to budget for new marketing material due to the new RoSPA logo.</p> <p>The committee have approved the accounts which have been signed by the Treasurer and Chairman. The members were asked to approve the accounts and all voted in favour.</p>

<p>Election of officers / committee members</p>	<p>Bill stated that all places on the committee were open to any member who wished to stand for them.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position</th> <th>Nominee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Bill Croxon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chairman</td> <td>Robin Padgett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Sally McMillan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Helen Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td>Tina Kelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training</td> <td>Stuart McMillan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publicity</td> <td>Kevin Fletcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clothing</td> <td>Mike Kinna</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Web site</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facebook</td> <td>Glyn Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social</td> <td>Charles Bridgeman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday ride outs</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee member</td> <td>David Rogers Bryan Murphy Stuart Edwards</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All the above were proposed, seconded and voted in individually by the members present.</p>	Position	Nominee	Chairman	Bill Croxon	Vice Chairman	Robin Padgett	Secretary	Sally McMillan	Treasurer	Helen Parker	Membership	Tina Kelly	Training	Stuart McMillan	Publicity	Kevin Fletcher	Clothing	Mike Kinna	Web site	Ken Swinton	Facebook	Glyn Jones	Social	Charles Bridgeman	Sunday ride outs	Ken Swinton	Committee member	David Rogers Bryan Murphy Stuart Edwards
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<p>Address by new /old Chairman!</p>	<p>Bill said it was nice to see three new faces on the committee so welcome to them. Any ideas or help is greatly appreciated by the committee members.</p> <p>On behalf of the membership secretary Bill read out the membership figures:</p> <p>53 Full members 28 Associate members 5 Honorary members 11 Pillion members</p> <p>There are no payments pending.</p> <p>Bill gave thanks to David and Tina for their work on the GoCardless scheme which has helped with the running of the group. We have 97 members in total (at the time of the meeting), during the year we had 10 leavers and 13 joiners.</p> <p>Bill thanked the committee members for their support as that is the reason he has stood again and said the membership is healthy. He felt the newsletter that goes out monthly is a way of keeping the members in the loop and any feedback is beneficial to the running of the group.</p> <p>Bill's view is that we are an advanced training group, not a social event group but, if members wish to arrange a social event for the group then they should contact the committee. He feels that our monthly ride outs are shop window which is why we do them. They take time and effort to arrange and run successfully, new leaders are always required. Any member wishing to lead a ride is encouraged to</p>																												

	<p>speak to Ken who can give guidance with the planning. It is a matter of give and take.</p> <p>Bill then thanked Sarah (McMillan) for making the tea and coffee and supplying the biscuits.</p>
AOB	None.

Meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman SaPAR

Signed..... Date.....  
Secretary SaPAR

Date of 2019 AGM is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019, venue to be ascertained.

Date minutes circulated to members – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018.