

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders (SaPAR)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16th November 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Agenda Item	Minutes
Attendance	Robert Hall, Helen Parker, Alan Fowles, Simon Plevin, Bill Croxon, Stuart Wall, Kevin Fletcher, Ken Swinton, Martin Powell, Howard Hughes, Robin Padgett, Jon Hepburn
Apologies	David Hunt, David Rogers, Stuart MacMillan
Minutes of 2020 AGM and matters arising.	The minutes had been circulated and no matters had been raised. The minutes were therefore accepted by those present as a true record. These will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.
Chairman's Report	<p>So, what has been achieved over the past year?</p> <p>This year once again has been an interesting time. After the last AGM we went back into various lockdowns through the winter which obviously curtailed our activities and socialising and meeting in person.</p> <p>In the spring things started to change and ease and once again we could begin to conduct our core activity of preparing our members for their advanced test. It was decided that again we would check all our tutors again to ensure they were still at the standard required. I would like to thank Stuart McMILLAN our training officer and the Advanced tutors for their hard work in conducting checks on each other and then checking all the Tutors to ensure that everyone was up to standard prior to beginning tutoring again. On that note I would also like to thank all the tutors for participating in the process without complaint.</p>

An invitation was offered to all members to come along to the Honda Centre in Shrewsbury for a ride out with a tutor just to check themselves at the start of the rules relaxing. This proved very successful and Steve from Honda would like us to run something similar in April next year and again he will have all the new Honda models available for people to take out for test rides, should the incoming committee wish to progress the offer!!

We continue to work with Shropshire Advanced motorcyclists albeit once again not a lot has happened as social gathering has still proved difficult. Hopefully as things move forward with booster jabs and the relaxation of social distancing and the ambiguous guidelines the incoming committee will be able to organise and hold events to continue this partnership working.

As most of you will be aware the head of ROADAR Amy BRANT has left RoSPA, she has not been replaced as such, Andy NIXON has taken over some of her duties and hopefully things will improve in the coordination between RoSPA and the local groups. I'm sure Martin Powell, as a member of the group and RoSPA regional co-ordinator, will keep us up to date with changes.

I would like to congratulate Kevin FLETCHER on gaining his RoSPA Level 3 Motorcycle Instructors Qualification, having done the course myself, I know how much effort and hard work he has put in.

I would also like to thank the committee for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Finally, as many of you know Stuart MacMILLAN has decided to step down as the groups Training Officer. I would like to thank Stuart for his friendship, guidance, support and hard work as the groups Training Officer and Tutor, a role he has been performing for somewhere in the region of 10 years. He has set up a robust process to ensure all our tutors are trained to the highest standard and I believe as a result of his expertise our tutors are some of the best trained in the country. I'm pleased to say that he is staying in the group. Thank you Stuart.

There really isn't anything else to say except despite everything the group continues to thrive and achieve it's purpose to promote safe better riding.

<p>Training Officer</p>	<p><u>Robin Padgett</u></p> <p>Robin reported the Stats for the last year</p> <p>Stats Oct 20 to Oct 21</p> <p>Test passes – 13 (19 last report)</p> <p>Of which:</p> <p>5 Gold (10)</p> <p>6 Silver (8)</p> <p>2 Level 3 (1 diploma last year – replaced by level 3)</p> <p>6 retests - all grades (10)</p> <p>Tests overdue – 17 (of which 4 are pre Covid)</p> <p>Tutors working – 8 out of 13</p> <p>Associates currently in training – 8</p> <p>Associates currently waiting – 5</p> <p>Associates on hold (sometimes due to their own choice, sometimes due to loss of contact) – 14</p> <p>Slower start after the winter lockdown, principally due to lack of availability of both tutors and associates. Picking up now but winter slow down beckons.</p>
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<p>Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts</p>	<p>David was not present but had sent in the following report read out by Rob Hall:</p> <p>The accounts presented today are for the year ended 30 April 2021 and cover a period when the group was greatly affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic.</p> <p>During this period the activities of the group were very much reduced and the group therefore extended the membership period of members. This resulted in fewer renewals and lower income. However members continued to support the group by renewing which meant that membership subscriptions were only £429 lower than the previous year.</p> <p>At the same time marketing and other activities and therefore costs were reduced by £1,006 over the previous year</p> <p>The result of both of these is that the surplus for the year increased from £1,210 the previous year to £1,704 this year.</p> <p>Equipment owned by the group had been depreciated down to only £30 at 30th April. Other assets comprising bank balances, stocks etc amounted to £9,074.</p> <p>The group therefore continued to have a very healthy financial position at 30th April, which I can confirm has continued to be strong since that date. They have been approved by the Committee and reviewed by an external accountant and all that remains is for the membership to vote to adopt the accounts.</p> <p>The members voted to adopt the accounts: Proposed Rob Hall, Seconded Helen Parker</p>
<p>Glyn Jones Award</p>	<p>The Glyn Jones award was discussed, it was agreed to put this out to membership to remind them that they can nominate someone. It was also agreed to give the Glyn Jones award to Stuart MacMillan, Nominated by Robert Hall, seconded by Kevin Fletcher and agreed by members present.</p>

<p>Election of Officers /Committee Members</p>	<p>The current committee stood down. The following were proposed and seconded:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="452 231 1579 694"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Proposed by</u></th> <th><u>Seconded by</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Robert Hall</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Ken Swinton</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Helen Parker</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Kevin Fletcher</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>David Rogers</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Bill Croxon</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Officer</td> <td>Kevin Fletcher</td> <td><i>Kevin Fletcher</i></td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Co-Ordinator</td> <td>Robin Padgett</td> <td><i>Robin Padgett</i></td> <td><i>Ken Swinton</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Tina Kelly</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Simon Plevin</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Relations Officer</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clothing</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Robin Padgett</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Simon Plevin</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rideout Co-ordinator</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facebook</td> <td>Simon Plevin</td> <td><i>Robert Hall</i></td> <td><i>Kevin Fletcher</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All the above were proposed, seconded and voted in individually by the members present and the nomination form completed and held by the Secretary.</p>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	Chairman	Robert Hall	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Ken Swinton</i>	Secretary	Helen Parker	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Kevin Fletcher</i>	Treasurer	David Rogers	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Bill Croxon</i>	Training Officer	Kevin Fletcher	<i>Kevin Fletcher</i>	<i>Robert Hall</i>	Training Co-Ordinator	Robin Padgett	<i>Robin Padgett</i>	<i>Ken Swinton</i>	Membership Secretary	Tina Kelly	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Simon Plevin</i>	Social Secretary	Position Vacant			Public Relations Officer	Position Vacant			Clothing	Ken Swinton	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Robin Padgett</i>	Website	Ken Swinton	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Simon Plevin</i>	Rideout Co-ordinator	Position Vacant			Facebook	Simon Plevin	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Kevin Fletcher</i>
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<p>AOB</p>	<p>Rob said that every year we change back to virtually the same committee so he proposed that we do this on a three year basis unless one decides to leave or someone wants to join and that will be dealt with at the time. Rob believes that there may be change coming from RoSPA on constitutions. The AGM would take place every year but with nominations every three years. Proposed by Rob, seconded by Robin and agreed by members present.</p> <p>Robin proposed to change that Honorary membership for members is not limited to those over 70, proposed a change for the committee to award this to other members.</p> <p>Kevin said we could end up with a lot of honorary members. Robin said its for members over ten years who have significantly contributed to the group.</p> <p>Rob agreed we should have an option to give memberships if we can but maybe limit this. He also suggested we can use this at discretion to award in certain circumstances and have the discretion to limit the time as an honorary member. This was discussed and agreed that this needs more thought and</p>																																																				

	debate. Permission was given to the committee to discuss this at a later date and then come back and send out to the group.
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Meeting closed at 20.30 hours

Signed.....

Date:

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