

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders (SaPAR)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 18th October 2023 at 7pm by Zoom

Agenda Item	Minutes
Attendance	Robert Hall, Helen Parker, Simon Plevin, Bill Croxon, Kevin Fletcher, Jon Hepburn, David Rogers, Tina Kelly, Robin Padgett, Barry
Apologies	Charles Bridgman, Ken Swinton, Brian, Trevor Hugh-Jones
Minutes of 2022 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>Well, what can I say about the last year.</p> <p>We have tried but unfortunately not managed to do as much this year.</p> <p>A day was arranged with at the Honda Centre as an opportunity for members to brush up on their skills if they chose to. However, when advertised there were no takers, so the event was cancelled which was disheartening.</p> <p>We had a stand at the Bike 4 Life at Cosford again this year, an event which is well attended by motorcyclists from all over the region and beyond. This year we were in collaboration with the RoSPA West Midlands group on the stand. A good day was had by all and we had numerous enquiries regarding our training and these were all followed up by Kev Fletcher our training officer. Working in collaboration with West Midlands is something we hope to continue to do promoting post-test training. We also tried</p>

	<p>to organise an event in collaboration with Shropshire IAM but unfortunately the date we decided on with the venue proved a non-starter as we did not have enough tutors available to make it worthwhile. Over the coming year it is hoped that we can all work in partnership to run more events.</p> <p>We did not attend any of the bike shows that we would normally have done due to a lack of people willing to help with setting up and manning the stand, unfortunately the committee could not do it all on their own, so we had to cancel our attendance.</p> <p>We have had a good year for training which Kev will fill us in on.</p> <p>It has been noticeable this year that the Ride Outs have struggled to get volunteers to lead them and also act as tail end charlie. I would like to thank those that have selflessly fulfilled these roles often at the last minute. My understanding from the co-ordinator is that the numbers of riders has dropped off as well which is something we need to address as the ride outs have been a good source of recruitment and promoting safer riding.</p> <p>There is nothing else that I have to say at this time apart from I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the past year and agreeing to remain in post for the next year.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions, I am happy to take them.</p>
Training Officer	<p><u>Kevin Fletcher</u></p> <p>I am pleased to report that our tutors have been very busy over the past twelve months, training their associates, carrying out pre-test assessments and try before you buy assessments. Although the stats only show six test passes to date, I am confident that this will improve over the next few months as associates currently being trained get ready for their tests and there are already two associates waiting for a test date.</p>

Our training campaign of 2023 started with a senior tutors meeting held on 15th February 2023. Our first objective was to ensure that all tutors skills and knowledge were up to scratch after the winter period. The following assessments were arranged and carried out:

- Senior tutor riding/knowledge assessments held on 18th and 27th February 2023.
- Tutor meeting combined with tutor riding/knowledge assessments held on 12th March 2023.

It was again encouraging that we had an excellent turnout and positive feedback from both our senior tutors and group tutors.

As our tutor numbers have fallen over the past couple of years I am also pleased to report that our tutor training program is now in progress and we currently have three group members in training. We will of course endeavour to recruit and train potential tutors to ensure that our group complies with RoSPA guidelines and conditions.

We recently ran out of Observed Ride report books that were printed some ten years ago. As these hard copy books are still popular with our tutors we assigned a local printer to supply 500 new books at a cost of £419.94 (inclusive of VAT).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob, Bill, Martin, all group tutors and the committee for their support and look forward to continue working with them in the future.

Training Statistics

Test Passes:	6 (12 last year's report)
Of Which:	5 Gold
	1 Silver
Tutors Active:	6 Out Of 9
Tutor Training Program:	3 Members In Training
Associates Currently Waiting:	7 (3 Of Which Own Choice For Various Reasons)
Associates On Hold:	15 (Own Choice, Loss of Contact – Needs Refreshing)

<p>Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts</p>	<p>David</p> <p>The accounts have been done for the year to 30 April 23. There was a small surplus of £600 and we are back to a normal year following Covid. We are in a strong financial position and have £10,000 in assets of which £9,000 is the bank.</p> <p>There is nothing unusual or extraordinary to report.</p> <p>We purchased a new gazebo for £1000 last year.</p> <p>The accounts were approved by the Committee on 16th August 2023.</p> <p>The accounts were adopted by the members present at the AGM.</p>																										
<p>Glyn Jones Award</p>	<p>The Glyn Jones award was discussed, it was agreed to give the award this year to Bill Croxon</p>																										
<p>Election of Officers /Committee Members</p>	<p>As agreed at the 2021 AGM the committee now stand for three years. Therefore, the committee remains the same.</p> <table data-bbox="450 751 1064 1214"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Name</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Robert Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Helen Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>David Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Officer</td> <td>Kevin Fletcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Co-Ordinator</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Tina Kelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Relations Officer</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clothing</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rideout Co-ordinator</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facebook</td> <td>Simon Plevin</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	Chairman	Robert Hall	Secretary	Helen Parker	Treasurer	David Rogers	Training Officer	Kevin Fletcher	Training Co-Ordinator	Position Vacant	Membership Secretary	Tina Kelly	Social Secretary	Position Vacant	Public Relations Officer	Position Vacant	Clothing	Ken Swinton	Website	Ken Swinton	Rideout Co-ordinator	Position Vacant	Facebook	Simon Plevin
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AOB	<p>During the Chairmans report Barry asked why so few people volunteer, Rob said that it was apathy form members and it is only ever committee members who volunteer. There was then a general discussion on events and members.</p> <p>Barry said that a person is coming on the rideouts but has no intention of becoming a member. This was discussed and it was agreed to remove the rule that non members have limited numbers of rides. This was agreed by the Committee.</p>
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Meeting closed at 19.38 hours

Signed.....

Date:

Chairman`