

# HIGH WYCOMBE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HIGH WYCOMBE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7.30PM  
LISTON HALL, CHAPEL STREET, MARLOW SL7 1DD

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT

*Committee:* Keith Chanter (KC) Chairman, Peter Gunn (PG), Valerie Brickell (VB), Jan Caddie (JC), Sean Pearce (SP), Viv Silverman (VS), Andrew True (AT), Matti Alderson (MA)

*Attendees:* Teji Barnes, Colin Brickell, John Catton, Belinda Catton, Roy Craig, Robert Frost, James Gledhill, Steve Gledhill, Mark Hall, Ray Hall, Eric Hambling, Stephen Lowry, Janet Marchant, Nigel Mason, Shirley McKiernon, Tim Nicholson, Norman Reeve, Peter Woolley

Keith Chanter welcomed members and guests at 7.30pm and set out the programme for the evening: after the AGM a short break for refreshment would be followed by a talk by Gary Baldwin, Senior Forensic Collision Investigator attached to Thames Valley Police.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*Committee:* None

*Other:* Abi Nelson, Alan Baker, Judith Bradford, Ian Brown Ruth Dobson, Robert Frost, Rodney Garrood, Tony Harrison, Verna Lipinski, John Norris, Karen Petersen, Robert Williams, Stuart Haythorne

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by PG as Acting Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's REPORT

KC circulated his fifth Annual Chairman's Report in advance of the meeting, and thanked PC for stepping in as Acting Chairman at last year's meeting. He extended the Group's thanks to Paddy Hopkirk, IAM Mature Driver Ambassador

and Hon. President of the High Wycombe Group for his continued generosity in welcoming Group meetings gratis at his barn. KC also expressed particular thanks to the Committee and its National and Local Observers who had guided Associates successfully throughout 2018.

Echoing last year's request for increased participation, KC sought further volunteers as Observers as well as encouraging the involvement of full members who would like to join the Committee.

KC commended VB on her continued support of AT's Chief Observer role, and in her efficient organization of the AGM location and catering for a second year.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS

PG reported that the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 had been circulated with the AGM Notice of Meeting. The closing cash balance at that date was £14,195.75.

In response to a question from the floor PG confirmed that efforts were underway to use the Group's accumulated income to increase skills-related driving opportunities for members, including encouraging the participation of young drivers.

PG confirmed that, for a second year, the rental of premises for Group meetings had been superseded by the generous provision of free accommodation by Paddy Hopkirk at his barn.

SP proposed that the Accounts be accepted, and this was seconded by JC.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND SECRETARY)

KC offered to stand again as Chairman, PG as Vice Chairman and Treasurer and MA as Secretary: their continued roles as officers were confirmed by a show of hands by members present.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE (ONE THIRD MUST RETIRE)

VB retired and was proposed by Eric Hambling and seconded by Norman Reeve  
JC retired and was proposed by Peter Wooley and seconded by Norman Reeve

All other members of the Committee were prepared to stand again. The election of AT, SP and VS was proposed by Tim Nicholson and seconded by Eric Hambling.

The Committee comprises:

Chairman	Keith Chanter
Secretary	Matti Alderson

Treasurer	Peter Gunn
Chief Observer	Andrew True
Membership Secretary	Jan Caddie
Webmaster	Sean Pearce
Events & Assistant	
Observer Administration	Valerie Brickell
Without Portfolio	Viv Silverman

KC reiterated the need for additional Committee members, inviting anyone who felt able to contribute to make contact.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KC confirmed that the Group was compliant under the General Data Protection Regulations and thanked JC for her work to ensure fulfilment of the Group's obligations.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd March 2020

The formal business of the AGM concluded at 7.45pm.

**PRESENTATION:**

The AGM was followed by a break for refreshments after which **Gary Baldwin**, Senior Forensic Collision Investigator attached to the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit of Thames Valley Police was scheduled to speak about his role and the Unit's activities.

Gary Baldwin was called to an incident while on his way to the AGM venue and was therefore prevented from attending.

KC initiated a Q & A session instead, encouraging attendees to pose questions to himself, PC and AT and to share their views and experiences.

This proved a popular opportunity for a broad discussion of driving practice. The ensuing questions and observations were wide-ranging, covering current road safety issues and the use of new technology now frequently available in vehicles.