

# HIGH WYCOMBE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm  
at Liston Hall, Marlow.**

### **Present**

*Committee* - Peter Gunn (PG) Chairman, Valerie Brickell (VB), Bob Hill (BH) Nigel Mason (NM), Tim Nicholson (TN), Sean Pearce (SP), Andrew True (AT).

*Members* – John Bennett, Julie Briggs, Martin Carpenter, Ruth Dobson, Maria Gledhill, Suzanne Gledhill, Josh Goddard, Robert Grieg, Mark Hall, Ray Hall, Eric Hambling, Shirley Mckeirnon, John Penty, Norman Reeve, Tara Ridgeway, Graham Smith, Andrew Standford, Stuart Whiteman, Peter Woolley.

Peter Gunn welcomed the members adding that he was pleased that our President, Paddy Hopkirk, Stuart Donald, IAM Chair, Tony Kildare, IAM CEO and Stuart Haythorn, our IAM Area Service Delivery Manager were able to join us.

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies had been received from Alan Baker, Teji Barnes, Ian Brown, Keith Chanter, Louise Child, Robert Frost, James Gledhill, Steve Gledhill, Tony Hatton, Stephen Lowry, Joseph Nichol, David Pinnock, Sue Pulsford, Carol Shufflebotham, David Shufflebotham, Guy Stroud and David Youens.

### **2. Minutes of the Last AGM.**

The minutes, which had been circulated with the AGM notice, were accepted by all as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report.**

PG had circulated his Chairman's Report, with the AGM notice, in advance of the meeting. Covid -19 had disrupted our activities during 2021 but thanks to the hard work of the Observers and Trustees the Group had made progress. PG referred to the sad and sudden death of Jan Caddie. Jan had been our Membership Secretary for many years. The Group had made a donation of £100.00 to the Marlow Society in her memory.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts.**

TN had circulated his Treasurer's Report, together with the 2021 Income and Expenditure statement, with the AGM notice in advance of the meeting. TN advised that our assets of £11k were £374 more than at the end of 2020. In 2020 we paid £3k for The Ultimate Car Control Driving Day This event has now been postponed twice due to Covid-19 restrictions. 2021 expenditure includes the printing costs of a number of guides and documents. At the end of 2021 our current bank account balance is £3311.26 and our deposit account balance was £7837.73.

The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Peter Woolley and seconded by Bob Hill. All voted in favour.

## **6. Election of Officers ( All Officers must retire annually)**

Chairman – PG advised that he was willing to stand again. All present voted in favour.

Treasurer – TN advised that he was willing to stand again. All present voted in favour.

Secretary – VB advised that she was willing to stand again. All present voted in favour.

## **7. Election of Committee (1/3rd must retire annually).**

At present the Committee comprises PG, TN, VB, AT, SP, NM and BH.

In accordance with Group Rules NM and BH will stand down but are both willing to stand again.

All present voted in favour.

PG advised that new committee members would be most welcome in particular someone who would take on the role of Secretary.

## **8. AOB.**

There was no AOB.

The formal business of the AGM concluded at 19.42 hrs.

PG invited IAM Roadsmart Chair, Stuart Donald to say a few words and to introduce Tony Kildare, the new CEO, whose job it will be to encourage young people to become involved.

Stuart advised that he was a former police chief and had been involved with IAM since 1980. Whilst serving with the police he had been involved with ANPR and speed cameras. He had gone on to work in Saudi Arabia advising on procedures that would reduce road deaths. He feels that we should focus on road safety and saving lives.

Stuart was appointed IAM Roadsmart Chair in April 2021. He feels that IAM are at a crossroads.

Tony addressed the meeting. He had only been in post a few weeks and his background was economics. There was, he said, a great deal to be done including growing and retaining the membership. Tony is planning to visit groups to establish a way of achieving this objective. IAM members are, however, renowned for their loyalty.

Stuart Donald took the floor again and pointed out that the past two years had been a challenging period for the IAM. Groups have maintained their strengths and IAM has stayed in contact. Since the start of the pandemic 2702 Associates have passed the Advanced Test. He went on to thank PG and other members of the group for their hard work.

Stuart aims, in the future, to make IAM outstanding but changes will be necessary. Overall IAM have reserves of £8m and it is Tony's job to make this happen.

AT gave a brief overview of our group. He referred to Shirley Mckiernon – a full member who started as an Associate in a petrol driven car and now not only drives an electric vehicle but retakes the Advanced Test every three years. We have a young Observer, Mark Hall. James Gledhill, aged twenty four, is training to be an Observer and his sister Maria is soon to take her test. In 2019 we had three young Associates pass with Firsts. AT then mentioned our most experienced Observer, Peter Woolley, had more passes to his credit than any other Observer.

## **9. Date of Next Annual General Meeting.**

Tuesday 7th March 2023.

### **Presentation by Andrew True**

AT gave the meeting a presentation detailing some of the recent changes to the Highway Code that particularly affect motorists. This was followed by questions and debate amongst members.

The changes have been ratified by Parliament although physical copies of the revised Highway Code will not be available for purchase until April 2022. A hierarchy of road users has been introduced. The most vulnerable are pedestrians followed by cyclists, horse riders, motor cyclists, cars, vans and

HGVs. Drivers of large vehicles have a responsibility to look out for more vulnerable road users.

One significant change is that drivers, when turning into or out of a junction, are now required to give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the road, whether or not they are at a formal pedestrian crossing, rather than giving way when a pedestrian is in the process of crossing. In addition car drivers should not cut across more vulnerable road users when turning into a junction. These points raised a few questions from members. Was a driver required to wait until a pedestrian had completely crossed the road? In waiting for a cyclist to pass a junction before turning left would this indicate to a driver travelling in the opposite direction, and turning right, that you were giving them priority thereby endangering the pedestrian.

Another significant addition is the recommendation of the Dutch Reach when leaving a vehicle. This entails drivers opening the door using their left hand thereby ensuring that the driver looks over his or her shoulder.

Other points of note are that cyclists are now advised to ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads and in slower moving traffic and that horses can stay in the left hand lane on roundabouts even when turning right.