



Southern Motorcycle Advanced Rider Training

Minutes of an

Annual General Meeting

of

RoSPA Southern Motorcycle Advanced Rider Training
(RoSPA SMART)

at

Southgate West Community Centre
Ditchling Hill
Southgate
Crawley
West Sussex
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on

Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7.45 pm

Agenda.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Agree the minutes of last AGM.
3. Report by the Chairman.
4. Report by the Treasurer and presentation of the accounts.
5. Report by the Membership Secretary.
6. Report by the Chief Instructor.
7. Election of officers.
8. Any other business.
9. Close of meeting.

Meeting opened by the Secretary at 7.35 pm.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Bill Mulholland, Tim Benions, Dave Pascoe, Luke Bartlett, Rob Wilkie, Godfrey Town, Tony Gillingwater, Hugh Curran, Dani Neat, Jan Westhead, John McGreggor, Greer Avery, Ted Etherington and Howard Cooper.

Nineteen members were in attendance on the evening.

Minutes of last AGM agreed

The minutes of the last AGM were read and agreed (Proposed by Owen Evans and seconded by Roger Manning).

Report by the Chairman (Mark Kennedy)

Mark started by thanking the committee for their support, Paul Ingleton for allocations, Marion Barnes for ride-out coordinator, Luke Bartlett for Social organiser and ride-out coordinator and Hugh Curran for Ride School.

Mark pointed out a few areas that hope to be addressed and plans including pin badges for Gold passes and clothing.

Talking about the past year he thanked Tim and Owen for setting up Group Spaces and Robin, Trevor and Tony for the Trainee Instructor programme.

Mark mentioned that investment had been made in instructor jackets and the web site will be migrated over soon to make it easier to use.

Mark mentioned that consideration for the social side was needed. Luke had stepped down and evening talks were not well represented. We will hold off these social nights until a decision has been made and a new organiser found.

Full copy of speech attached.

Report by the Treasurer (Owen Evans) and presentation of the accounts

Owen issued printed handouts showing the accounts and annual report for the year ended 31st September 2011 and gave a report on the accounts.

Peter Hayes asked with reserves that high, what is happening about radios for instructors. Mark Kennedy and Roger Manning said that this has been put to bed for now – extensive testing found no practical answer and there are many complications.

Given the size of the funds, instructors and all other eligible members were advised to claim their expenses when they are due.

Sue Manning proposed the adoption of the accounts and these were seconded by Paul Reynolds.

Report by the Membership Secretary (Tim Bird)

Tim started by explaining what group spaces was and can do for us.

Current membership is 281 people, 64 of which joined via GroupSpaces electronic online form.

Tim explained the way forward with merging GroupSpaces with the yahoo groups and the rospasmart.com web site. Andrew Adams had kindly agreed to assist with migrating of the old systems.

Report by the Chief Instructor (Roger Manning)

Roger started by stating that one of the areas I wanted to improve was the allocations of all trainees to instructors and went on to explain the system that has been set up.

Roger mentioned that we currently have 88 Trainees that are allocated to 34 Instructors and that only 4 Trainees are currently waiting to be allocated. There had been three periods this year where we were at full allocation and he thanked all the instructors that have been willing to assist in this.

In the year there have been 17 Test Passes and Roger confirmed the quality of instruction I am pleased to say that we have had 9 silver test passes, one of which then re-took the test and achieved Gold and 8 Gold passes. This does not include a number of re-tests many of which were at Gold level.

Looking to the future we have 10 Trainee instructors and thanks to the team of Senior Instructors especially Robin, Max, Trevor, Peter, Tim and all, we will be able to continue the development of our allocations.

xcAnyone who is not currently allocated, that would like to be put on the list, then just go onto allocations@rospasmart.com and you will be allocate you as soon as possible.

Election of Committee Members

The following committee positions were the only people standing for each of the positions, there was no need for any vote and the committee remained:

- Mark Kennedy as Chairman (re-appointed)
- Roger Manning as Group Chief Tutor (re-appointed)
- Paul Reynolds as Secretary (re-appointed)
- Owen Evans as Group Treasurer (re-appointed)
- Tim Bird as Membership Secretary (re-appointed)

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Karen O’Gorman pointed out that the social side appeared to be dying and nobody to take over committee position and asked where the motivation was coming from? Tim Bird said that we were discussing options, including bi-monthly meetings and social rideouts.

Geoff Berry said that the bacon sarnies at Southgate on a Sunday morning was a good idea. Roger Manning pointed out the hassles with getting the shopping, cooking done and still going training. Max and Ria had given a lot of time to this and then Adrian Russel and he had taken it on, but it was too much. Roger said if anyone wanted to run these mornings again then let the committee know.

Sue Manning volunteered to put together a newsletter, which was warmly welcomed. It was agreed that the newsletter should go out in paper format.

There was then a discussion about the recent bad language on the e-groups. It was agreed that Tim Bird would reissue the policy on emails and Paul Ingleton volunteered to monitor the situation and send emails to those that abused the system.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes adopted by:

Seconded by: