

Introduction

The Annual General Meeting, of RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders, took place at the Sarisbury Green Community Centre, Southampton on the 25th November 2016, starting at 7:00 PM.

The agenda for the AGM agenda was:-

- Summary of current membership, tests and training during the last year
- Presentation of Annual Accounts
- Election of officers:
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Membership Secretary
- Talk by Rob Heard, Road Safety Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations Unit

The Chair of the Group, Daphne Slawson, was unable to attend on the night so the Chair, for the evening, was taken by Eirwyn John. Additionally, the group Secretary, Bill Warburton, was also unable to attend owing to illness.

All current members were emailed about the AGM. 34 Replies were received and 22 Members attended on the evening. Attending members were recorded in a register.

As both Membership Secretary and Treasurer, the first 2 items on the Agenda were presented by Eirwyn John. The reports are included in the Appendix of this document.

As part of the email communication, Members were asked to submit themselves forward if they wished to take on any of the Officer roles within the Group; there were no submissions. The current Committee informed the Membership that they were all prepared to stay in office for a further year. This proposal was put before the meeting and was unanimously accepted. Therefore, the current committee stays in place.

The formal AGM was closed.

After a short coffee break, Sgt. Rob Heard gave his talk. A synopsis of his talk, kindly supplied by Barbara Parker, is given in the Appendix.

At the end of the talk, a vote of thanks was proposed, by Lilian Hobbs, who thanked Rob for an interesting and informative session. This was echoed by the whole group.

The meeting closed at around 8:30 PM

APPENDIX

Financial Summary for Year

Bank Details

Barclays Bank

Opening Balance

Balance at 3rd November 2015 **£3,157.43**

Receipts and Payments

Receipts (Subscriptions)

New Members	£910.00
Renewals	£150.00

Expenses

Type	Description	Cost
Assets	Radio Sets for Motorcycle Training Communications	£167.93
Web	Annual Web Hosting, Email and Domain Registration	£144.58
Petrol	Motorcycle Check Test Rides	£45.00
Refund	Overpayment of Membership	£10.00
Refresh	Refreshments Supplied for Meetings and Events	£13.16
Misc	Miscellaneous Payments	£20.00
Total		£400.67

Note: All the above expenses were ratified by the committee during the year.

Closing Balance

Balance at 3rd November 2016 **£3,816.76**

Membership Statistics for Year

Current Membership

Motorcyclists	48
Drivers	62
Dual Members	9
Total	119

Note: The above figures include expired memberships. For the next year, all recently expired members will be emailed to determine whether they wish to renew. Expired members, previously canvassed, with regard to renewal and who did not respond will be removed from the membership list after a 6 month period of grace.

New Associates

Motorcyclists	11
Drivers	13

Renewals

Motorcyclists	1
Drivers	3

Test Results

Grade	Motorcyclists	Drivers
Gold	7	8
Silver	5	10
Bronze	0	1

Currently Under Training

Activity Analysis		
Vehicle Type	Activity Status	Total
Bike	Training	5
	Tutor Training	1
	Training Actv.	12
Car	Retest	1
	Training	14
	Awaiting Test	1
Grand Total		34

Synopsys of Talk by Sgt. Rob Heard

Background

Rob Heard is Joint Operations Unit Road Safety Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations. He has been a National Leader within the Police Force for 28 years, and a Senior Investigation Officer for Road Traffic Crashes. Rob has also served 20 years as a VIP Motorcycle Escort.

Talk Title: Driving Safely for Life for the Older Driver

In 2013 Rob was instrumental in forming The Older Driver Forum for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The aim, to help the older person in life, to stay driving safely for as long as possible.

Interesting points mentioned:

- Demography has revealed that:
 - Young 35% male drivers are involved in crashes.
 - 85 year old + drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a crash.
 - 65 year old + drivers take 22% longer to identify a hazard and respond to it.
 - Moving from manual to auto in later years can cause pedal confusion.
 - T junctions can see more accidents.
 - Only driving 2,000 miles in a year can see a risk of a collision.
- Eyesight:
 - Temporary blindness from headlights;
 - A fifteen year old eyes take two seconds to recover.
 - 65 years and over, the recovery time is nine seconds.
 - 60 years and over. It is important to include the Field Vision Test when having the eye test.
- The DVLA list 150 notable medical conditions that need to be mentioned.
- There is a possible change to move replacing the driving licence age from 70 to 75 years of age.

Rob is passionate in helping the older driver to stay safe and keep driving. There are possible moves to bring in clearer road signs and perhaps more traffic lights at difficult junctions.

Rob pointed out that there is a high suicide rate from older men if forced to give up driving.

The Older Driver Forum is there to help, assist, advise and hopefully prevent that from happening.

Rob mentioned that a few years ago Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Police had 375 serving Traffic Officers. Today there are only 110!

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Further information can be found at www.olderdriversforum.com

(Thanks to Barbara Parker for the above)