

**South Eastern Group of Advanced Motorists**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**In the Chair: Stuart Dey**

The Chairman announced that Sarah Fisk had sent her apologies. In her place Andy Burton would be talking about D Day.

The following people had sent their apologies: John and Jeanette Biggs, Paul and Denise Atkins, Michaela Halse, Geoff May, Phyl Denton, Marie Shallcross, Rick Pears, Allister Cheale, Chris Ramdhan, Saby Ghosh, Mark Beer, Ruth Phipps, John Paschoud, Jim Kelly, and Chris and Julian Brockies.

The Chairman welcomed new members, Observers, and Associates. He introduced those on the platform (the Treasurer and Secretary).

He thanked all members of the Committee, our Training Officers John Biggs and Paul Atkins, and the Demo Drivers, Peter Gray, Barry Geeves and Tony Shilling. He thanked John Biggs for editing our magazine Segment.

He offered his thanks to all the Observers who gave their time to assist Associates, to the Centre Manager Steve Ewing who, with Pamela Collinson, works tirelessly to keep the Sunday Drives “on the road” and to the Welcome Team of Jonathan Eaton, Saby Ghosh, Carol Flowerday, Chris Ramdhan and Jeanette Biggs.

Last but not least he thanked Peter and Joy Vinnels and Helen Greenaway for providing refreshments at our Group Nights.

## **Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> AGM**

There was a question about Segment which is now online on our website in colour. The Chairman said that there was no intention to stop providing hard copies of the magazine (which we were providing at the Sunday Drives to save on postage); but that if any member wished only to “go digital” then they could opt to do so.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

There were some questions about the accounts. It was pointed out that the year was wrong for both the Income and the Balance Sheet and that the income total for 2018 was wrong. The Treasurer offered his apologies.

There was a question about the reduction in income which was due to fewer members and Associates. And there was a request for clarification about the increase in payments under the “Observer Scheme”. The Chairman reminded the audience that Observers were all unpaid and none submitted any expense claims. It was noted that in the last year the Committee had approved the purchase of updated badges and IAM bags for all Observers.

The minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> AGM were then approved by a show of hands.

## **Chairman's Report**

He reported that we had successful recruitment appearances at the Petts Wood Fair, the Alcock and Brown Festival and Bluewater Shopping Centre.

The new CEO of Roadsmart, Mike Quinton, spoke at our last AGM. We had 2 successful Group Night meetings (Paddy Hopkirk and David Gallagher, the Young Driver Ambassador in June and Andy Burton in September) plus our usual well-attended Christmas Quiz night.

We had a successful at the Kelvedon Skid Pan and at the Road Safety Experience at Rochester.

During 2019 we undertook 357 Drives. There were 26 test passes, seven of which were Firsts.

We currently have 47 Associates in training with 35 trained Observers. There are currently 2 Trainee Observers. Of those coming for the "Taster Sessions", 70% subsequently decided to buy the full package.

## **Elections**

There were no new nominations for the Committee. All present Committee members offered themselves for re-election. The Chairman invited the audience to vote by a show of hands individually for the Chairman, Stuart Dey, Treasurer, John Boreham, and Secretary, Peter Gray. All three were elected with no objections. He then invited the audience to vote enbloc for the remaining members, Steve Ewing, Jonathan Eaton, Michaela Halse, Saby

Ghosh and Duncan Garrett. All were returned with no objections.

## **AOB**

There was no other business.

There was then a short break for refreshments after which Andy Burton gave a fascinating talk on D Day. After a number of questions and observations, The Chairman thanked him for a most interesting presentation.

The meeting then closed at 2140 hours.

Peter Gray  
Group Secretary

13 March 2020