

South Eastern Group of Advanced Motorists

60th Annual General Meeting

11 April 2023

The Chair opened the evening by welcoming everyone to the belated 60th AGM and thanked the 30 members for making the effort on a wet and windy evening.

Apologies for Absence

We had received 5 apologies as follows: Chris Deering, Sean Richings, Sheila Lilly and Julian and Chris Brockies

Minutes of 59th AGM

The Chair referred to the minutes of the 59th AGM which had been issued on entry to the meeting and asked if there were any matters arising. There were not; and he called for a proposer and seconder from those gathered to accept the minutes. Steve Ewing proposed and was seconded by Jean Biggs.

The Chair's Report

He reported that 4 Group Nights had been arranged during the year: the AGM in March, a Summer Quiz in June, a presentation by George Chandler on "Pot Holes and Road Surfaces" in September and the usual Christmas Quiz in December.

There were also 2 Outside Meets in Hall Place and Danson Park.

There was also a stand at Petts Wood Fair and the Sidcup Fire Station Open Day.

6 issues of the magazine SEGMENT were issued.

Secretary's note: the Chair was also the Editor of the magazine and is thanked for the work he had put in.

The Chair thanked:

- The outgoing Committee; Steve Ewing, Peter Gray, Philip Grohmann, Duncan Garrett and Jonathan Eaton.
- Welcome Session Team: Jonathan Eaton and his team of Carole Flowerday, Tony Clarke and Pam Collinson for organising and running these important sessions and making the new Associates feel at ease during their introduction to the Group.
- Observers and Associates: Steve Ewing for organising and running the Associate scheme.
- All the Observers who have given up both Sunday mornings and their own private time to prepare Associates for the test.
- Paul and Sally Hinkley for organising the refreshments at Group Nights and Peter Blake for organising the parking at Pratts Bottom on Drive Mornings.
- Jean Biggs for arranging the use of the GEA Hall
- Finally the Members for their continued support without which the Group could not survive.

On a sad note, the Chair reported the passing of John Metcalf and Paul Phillips. John was one of the Group's National Observers for many years who had also passed his Masters' Assessment with distinction. Paul served on both the Events and Main Committee and was also Chairman. They will be sadly missed.

The Treasurer's report

The Treasurer referred to the accounts which were attached to the minutes of the last AGM. He pointed out that there had been a loss of £1369 in 2022 as a result of which the Committee had approved a reduction of the issuing of SEGMENT to 4 rather than 6 copies a year thus saving over £1000.

The accounts were accepted after a proposal by Jean Biggs and seconded by Steve Ewing.

Centre Manager's Report.

The Chair reported that during the year the Group continued moving back to the more regular monthly Drives from the One to One training adopted following the easing of the Covid restrictions. This latter training, with a couple of exceptions, is now complete.

The Drive Centre has now moved from Orpington to the Village Hall at Pratts Bottom to take advantage of the significantly reduced hire costs.

The total number of Associates recruited in 2022 was 30; and we had 18 test passes.

Election of New Committee

The Secretary has received the following proposals and seconders for Committee membership:

Chair: John Biggs proposed by Steve Ewing and seconded by Phil Grohmann. Denise Atkins proposed acceptance and this was confirmed by a show of hands

Secretary: Peter Gray proposed by Phil Grohmann and seconded by Duncan Garrett. Paul Hinkley proposed acceptance and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

Treasurer: Philip Grohmann proposed by John Biggs and seconded by Steve Ewing. Jean Biggs proposed acceptance and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

Committee Posts: Steve Ewing, Jonathan Eaton and Duncan Garrett proposed by Peter Gray and seconded by John Biggs. Vince Taylor proposed acceptance and this was confirmed by a show of hands

The Chair mentioned that the Committee was looking for an Events Co-Ordinator and said that if anyone was interested they should approach a Committee member during the tea break. *Note; No-one did*

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There was no other business and the meeting closed at 0756hrs.

After the break the ASDM Katrina Lowe was introduced to the members and spoke about her role and responsibilities. She then answered questions from the floor.

Peter Gray

Secretary

15 April 2023