



Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclists

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 21st February 2024

The AGM was held at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave

The meeting commenced at 19.30hrs with 47members present.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Glyn Hill, welcomed everyone to the AGM/Group Night meeting.

A Brief synopsis of the SAM year 2023 was given by Glyn.

Membership

- The SAM membership on 31/12/23 stood at 296 (In 2022 it was at 250). The peak membership during the year was 305.
- There were 51 new Associates during the year and 6 Full members.

Group Nights

- There continued to be monthly Group Nights and Theory Nights throughout the year with 3 meetings at dealerships.
- After the concerns expressed in 2022 the attendance at Group Nights during 2023 had increased with an average attendance 50. A major part of this was due to the efforts of Bob Rhodes searching for interesting speakers, from far and wide, using contacts at dealerships and elsewhere. Members were asked to inform Bob of any potential speakers. There are several gaps in the calendar for 2024 still to be filled.

Training

- During this year there were 40 Test passes (including 9 first passes) which is a credit to our dedicated Observer Team. At year end there were 11 National Members and 8 Local Observers within the club.
- In addition to active training the Observer Team also arranged Theory Nights for members each month and Dexterity Slow riding skill days during the summer.
- In addition, there were now 4 members who have passed the IAM Masters and 3 of these with distinction.
- Glyn Thanked both Geoff Scott and Paul Ballard who are both stepping down from their roles after five years. Paul, who has led the Observer Team and Geoff is handing the Associate Coordinator role to Bob Rhodes but will continue with his training role.
- Geoff Scott had arranged 8 continuous assessment rides during the year to encourage riders to maintain/improve their riding skill and this opportunity will continue to be available in the future by contacting Geoff Scott.
- Two training sessions for Ride Leaders had been organised followed by regular well attended Social Rides arranged by Trevor Read. In 2023 we had excellent new routes and venues provided by Vini Evans and in 2024 there are even more new venues to try. There were now 15 Ride leaders and there is always room for more. Our RL training will take place in April & May 24.

Website

- The SAM website continues to be administered by Les Smith with Dave Franklin to assist when Les is away. Any issues with the website or communications were resolved by Les as soon as they were identified. Any ideas from the membership to improve the website would be welcomed by Les.
- All social rides, theory nights and Dexterity Days can be booked via the website using Eventbrite with invitations for each ride and event sent out to all members by Les Smith.

The Publicity Team

- The team led by Glyn and Dean was supported by a band of helpers during 2023.
- The Publicity Team had undertaken demo days and attended shows throughout the year to promote the club.
- The computer enabled the Team to enroll new members on the day and at the Copdock Show alone we had enrolled 9 new members on the day.
- Unfortunately, due to his health issues Dean has decided to leave SAM and his Committee roles for the immediate future.

SAM Magazine

Having campaigned for several years we now have two Editors for the magazine, Leanda and Tony, who have revamped the presentation and given the magazine a facelift. They will always welcome new ideas and articles from the membership.

Glyn reminded the membership that there is a SAM Flask Challenge awarded in June and December for photos printed throughout the year taken at unusual locations (including the flask). Please send the photos to the Editors.

Other

- Nigel Chittock had once more successfully arranged the SAM Challenge sponsored by Orwell's with routes and destinations around East Anglia with 71 entries and 38 completed entries. The SAM Calendar Challenge for 2024 sponsored by Suffolk Triumph is already live. This will be the last SAM Challenge organised by Nigel. Any member wishing to arrange Challenge 2025 please ask a Committee member for details.
- As usual SAM supported CCMC on two fun runs this year and at their Copdock Show providing marshalls for Bike Parking. CCMC have donated £3000 to SAM so any volunteers, when requested, from the membership, will be welcome when the events are advertised in 2024.
- SAM had held one charity ride during the year for the MND Charity.
- Sadly, David Rudland, had passed away in 2023. He was an active member of SAM as Secretary on the Committee and an enthusiastic Observer for many years.
- The Committee continues to have a few vacancies and there is always space for enthusiastic members who are willing to give their time to help the running of the club.

Previous AGM Minutes for 15th February 2023

The minutes of the previous AGM on 15th February 2023 had been published in the SAM Observer December 2023 magazine and the meeting was asked if there were any objections to the minutes. There were none and their approval proposed by Geoff Scott and seconded by Les Smith and approval was confirmed with a show of hands by the members,

Treasurer's Report By: Bryan Duncan

The accounts had been published in the SAM January magazine together with the treasurer's report and slides indicating the income and expenditure were shown to the membership. The treasurer gave a brief resume of the report. There was £1200 excess partly due to early payments by members of their 2025 subscription, new Associates joining fees and receipt of Gift Aid. However, Bryan added we cannot be complacent as these new Associates, for instance, would not be required to pay for their membership again until 2025 as the majority joined after July 2023. A more in depth report is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or objections to the accounts.

There were no objections, and the accounts were formally proposed for acceptance by Trevor Read, seconded by David Woods and approved by a show of hands from the members.

Election of Officers

The formal election process then took place.

Glyn Hill handed the chair to Trevor Read who continued to Chair the initial section of the AGM.

The Officers:

Chairman,	Glyn Hill
Treasurer,	Bryan Duncan
Secretary,	Eric Aldridge

The following were unopposed officer nominations:

Glyn Hill for post of Chairman

Glyn was previously on the Committee as Chairman

Proposed by John Rudland and Seconded by ‘Sonnie’ Arthur Westley with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Glyn continued the election process as Chairman

Trevor Read for Post Vice Chairman

Proposed by Paul Ballard and seconded by ‘Sonnie’ Arthur Westley with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Bryan Duncan for post of Treasurer

Proposed by Robert Rhodes and Seconded by Nigel Chittock with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Eric Aldridge for post of Secretary

Proposed by Bryan Duncan and Seconded by David Porch with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Annually one third of the Committee have to stand for re-election.

On a rolling cycle the following Committee members stood for re election

Trevor Read -Member’s Social Ride Coordinator

Proposed by Bryan Duncan and Seconded by Geoff Scott with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

The following were elected by the Committee during 2023 to Committee roles but now stood for election by the membership.

Leanda Hoyland-Linch- Co Editor

Proposed by Nigel Chittock and Seconded by David Porch with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Tony Chyc- Co Editor

Proposed by Trevor Read and Seconded by Brian Ellis with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Geoff Scott read a statement from Paul Ballard thanking various Committee members and the Observers for their hard work. This is attached to these minutes.

Michael Roberts for post of Chief Observer

Proposed by Graham Parker and Seconded by Shaun Stapleton with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

Robert Rhodes for posts of Associate Training Officer & Events Organiser

Proposed by Bryan Duncan and Seconded by Graham Parker with no objections and approved by a show of hands.

The Committee election was completed.

The AGM closed at 20.20hours

After a short Break.....

The SAM Awards for 2023 were presented.

The David Arbon Ride Leader of the Year Award. Presented by Trevor Read to Eric Aldridge

Chosen by the Ride Leader Team secret ballot.

Gosden Trophy – Presented by Geoff Scott to Leanda Hoyland Linch

Awarded to the Associate who has shown sparkle and enthusiasm during their training.

(Bob Gosden is a retired IAM examiner and member since 1979 and could not attend to present the trophy.)

The Maddock Trophy – Presented by Glyn Hill to Nigel Chittock

(John and Jenny Maddock founded SAM in 1989. Sadly, John passed away in 2015.)

Awarded to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the running of the group.

Rob Day Trophy Presented by Rob Day to Tony Shearman

Awarded to the outstanding Observer who has qualified during the latest Observer training programme.

Chosen by Observer team.

Trophy was constructed and donated by Rob a former Chief Observer and founder member.

The Chairman's Trophy –Presented by Glyn Hill to Eric Aldridge

Awarded at the discretion of the Chairman in recognition of an outstanding contribution by a member to the running of the SAM group.

That concluded the Award Ceremony