



YORK GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS (4114)
(Registered Charity No: 1053044)
MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE GEORGE LOUNGE, PIKE HILLS GOLF CLUB, YORK.
15th MARCH 2022 AT 7.00PM

Present

19 members attended and voted at the meeting.

1 Apologies for absence

Stephen Cave, Denise Elliot, Lesley Ogle, Alison Holmes, Mary Griffiths, Helen Sykes, Geraldine Kay, Margaret Williamson, Neil Harrison, Joe Spavin, Keith Courtis, Ruth Cannon, John Farley and Ian Garbutt sent their apologies.

2 Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be approved as a true record. Proposed by Tim Clark, seconded by Andy Dougall and approved by members' vote without opposition.

3 Matters arising from the 2021 AGM

None raised.

4 Chairman's report on the past year, and prospects for next year.

Presented by John Buffoni

Ten years ago the IAM was essentially bankrupt and set plans in place to "get it's house in order"; expensive offices in Chiswick were sold and trustees set an agenda for improvement. Groups were failing and were not interested in change; I was appointed to an IAM "committee for change" and managed to succeed in helping to get our group to where it is now; the group are to be congratulated for accepting the changes and coming through a very difficult period. There was no doubt that the York Group was vulnerable to amalgamation but managed to survive and is now a trusted group within the IAMRS.

The charity arm of the group must be supported by a commercial arm; I congratulate Sue for driving the commercial aims of the group - attracting customers has proved difficult in recent years.

The IAMRS has succeeded in regaining it's No. 1 position as advisor to the government on road safety issues. Additionally observers are measured and tested.

Finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in office.

Sue thanked John for his efforts over the years, on behalf of the group.

Vice Chair Report

Presented by Sue Kemp

John – thank you for your guidance and support over the last 18months, it has been a pleasure to work with you.

So – how have we done in the 8 months since we last updated you?

Well – you will have noticed that we have found a new member's venue here at Pike Hills. We are also able to gather associates together here to welcome them onto the course. We do this on a Saturday morning. They meet each other, the training team, and have a brief introduction to Advanced Driving in general. These meetings have been very well received by recent clients. Thank you to Ian for the time and effort he puts into planning these for us. Committee has also established a new hub in Easingwold which is a central point for the current trustees. We are delighted to welcome back Graeme Gammack as our Minutes Secretary, and also our interim Group secretary Sheila Jefferson. We are looking for new trustees – so do come and talk to us if you have skills and time to give.

Our first ADT for 2021 was in June, and in the year, we had 20 passes – 8 of which were F1RSTs – so well done to our Observers! In 7 months, we achieved double the number of passes of any recent year – we will look further back later.....

In two months of 2022, we have achieved another 10 passes, including 2 F1RSTs.

Member EVENTS planned for 2022

We have lots of events planned which are relevant to advanced driving and road safety. If you have any ideas / requests please let us know and we will find the right people to come and talk with us. This is what we have so far...

- Member's refresher drives will continue – Ian will have details for you, so if you are just properly emerging after covid, please do book in on a Saturday morning.

- York Police Road Safety Officer John Parkhouse has confirmed his agreement to visit us on a regular basis.
- Visiting speaker: REG LOCAL confirmed for April
- Signpost Scatter - tbc
- Possible TYRE health forum / practical
- Drink Drive Rehab INFO evening planned for December
- We are talking to National Highways
- We will invite relevant people from IAM to cover specific topics

MEMBERSHIP – work ongoing

Our growth is continuing, in large part because we are building a network of local contacts to find new clients ourselves, but also because recent clients are recommending York Advanced Drivers. The funding from the NYPF&CC has given us added credibility in the community – it has been a good way to start lots of conversations.

Recent Comments

“I have enjoyed participating in the course. I feel I have been very well supported by everyone, from you, to Ian and of course my observer Simon.”

“Thank you for the photographs and the card (I liked the mini on it) and keyring. It was a lovely evening and it was a great honour to be presented with my certificate by the High Sheriff. Yourself, Rick and Ian have really made the course fun to do and I appreciate the time and effort you all put in to make this happen.”

“What lovely pictures. They are great. You must have had a lot to do setting up the presentation evening. Well done. It went very smoothly. An excellent quiz. Clever questions. All the best for future drivers. You do a marvellous job.”

Update

- We have 78 courses remaining within the AJ1 funded KEEP KIDS SAFE project – 11 done, 6 in process, 5 signed up for April 2022 start. Early signs are that this funding may extend beyond the initial 100.
- The WI groups within our area are now actively recommending York Advanced Drivers and the ADC
- We have trained 4 out of our first 7 NPG associates from IAM successfully – there are more to come later this year.
- Two associates from TMD Friction at Elvington passed with F1RSTs, also more to come.
- We have linked to the Two Ridings Community Foundation. This is a charity / philanthropist hub in York. Through talking to them we are going to connect with other charities whose volunteers drive in the community – people who seriously want to drive safer.
- We may also have an opportunity to bid for funds from Two Ridings to support road safety for other volunteer groups – discussions will start in the Autumn.
- York Rotary Club – we have a meeting scheduled with their members in June
- Our relationship with the Police has led to ideas regarding educating 17- & 18-year-olds in their schools / colleges – both about road safety, and also drink drive awareness. This could lead to ADCs for them, possibly their parents, and maybe U17 participants as well...

Most of this growth is being generated locally, and it demonstrates to IAM and our neighbouring groups that York Advanced Drivers is a strong and sustainable IAM Group going forward – we will not be threatened by any talk of amalgamation whilst we stand this strong! We also support IAM well with our professionalism and positivity towards commercial clients backed up by our organisational and training skill across the whole team.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to this wonderful ROAD SAFETY charity!

5 Treasurer’s report and Accounts

A copy of the audited accounts, presented by Andrew Graham, for the year ending 31st December 2021 are shown in Appendix 1 at the end of these minutes. A small deficit of £456 will be carried forward.

Resolution 2: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31.12.21 be approved. Proposed by Ian Goring, seconded by Sheila Jefferson and approved by members' vote without opposition. Copy attached in Appendix 1 below.

6 Membership Secretary's Report - 1st August 2021 to 28th February 2022

Presented by Sue Kemp.

Membership at July 2021		Membership at February 2022	
Full (exc Fellows)	94	Full (exc Fellows)	117
Associate	19	Associate	20
Friends	5	Friends	5
Fellow	5	Fellow	6
Total	123	Total	148
		Plus 14 associates waiting to join	162

Subscription Update

York IAM Group committee has made the difficult decision to increase our membership annual subscription level from March 2022. If this had increased following inflation then your subscription would now be £22.20! The national average subscription is £11.85.

We have also forecasted all our local costs for 2022, and although we currently enjoy free banking, we are concerned that this may change within 2022/3 – so that also had to be considered. We have therefore set our 2022/23 subscription at £12pa which will be due for payment in March, following our AGM. The most economical way for us to collect subs is through direct and secure payments from your bank (BACS) – but cheques are also still acceptable.

Our mission is to promote ROAD SAFETY at every opportunity, ideally involving both our current and our new members. Your continued IAM & York Group support will mean that we can continue to enhance your heightened awareness of safe driving practice.

7 Training Officer's Report

Presented by Ian Goring

I have now been in post for almost a year, a year that has seen so many changes to the way we recruit associates and deliver the advanced driving course, and the way in which we train and check drive our observers to maintain the high standard already achieved.

We currently have: 19 Observers – 8 Local Observers

- 7 National Observers- including
- 2 Local Observer Assessors and
- 3 Master Drivers
- 4 In training or about to start training

The previous Chief Observer Gordon Smith had amassed a good selection of observers who delivered the course to associates in a certain way and one that had been the 'norm' in the national organisation for a good few years. With approx.12 associates a year this meant that there were some other potential associates were having to wait and also the expectations of IAMRS to increase membership was not being met.

With fresh thinking and the successful application of funding from the AJ1 sale we were able to target a specific area of the potential market, that being the people who had young children. With personal contacts being made to the target group areas W.I.s, schools, play groups etc the numbers immediately went up. We then developed (and are still doing so) a 3-month programme that would include all associates in a classroom-based meeting as their first introduction to the Advanced Driving Course. Our first classroom session took place in September 2021 with the attendance of 10 associates and their corresponding Observers. The session included an introduction of myself and Sue Kemp who had been instrumental in applying for the funding and had made all the initial necessary contacts, as well as all the observers in the room. We then went through what were the associate's expectations and their availability, how the course was proposed to run and our role and responsibilities to them throughout the course.

We then introduced a practical exercise for both the associates and their observers to undertake with their own cars known as the POWDERY CHECKS, this was for them to go to their cars and carry out the suggested regular checks that all advanced drivers would do to maintain their car in a suitable and safe condition. There was plenty of opportunity for them to ask questions and queries throughout the session and we completed the morning by 12.00. The process after that was to meet up with their observers on a regular basis and to complete the course in upto 12 sessions with the

possibility of an extension because of any unforeseen circumstances. All these associates were also invited to a 'Meet the Examiner' night when one of the examiners came along and explained what he would expect from the associate on the test. We have successfully held two of these meetings already with very positive feedback from the associates. Provisional dates were set for their test, so that they then had a target to aim for. Our success rate so far is

Our second course has a similar number of associates', and they are currently well into their guidance. Our next course which starts on the 2nd April already has 16 on board and we look forward to that being another success.

We reintroduced Members Check Drives last year, where members can have an hour's guidance with an observer to check that they still are operating to the advanced standard. We had 13 attending in October and 9 in November last year. This year we started on the 12th March with the following dates available for members who wish to take part - 9th April, 14th May, 10th September, 8th October and the last one for the year being on the 12th November. Please contact me to book a place on any of the dates. WE meet at Dobbie's Garden Centre A59 Upper Poppleton on Saturday mornings

On top of all that we also have run the Advanced Course for commercial enterprises ie TMD, a local firm who specialise in brake pads and brake disc development and NPG, Northern Power Grid who had sent 6/7 of their managers to undertake the course and we understand there are more to follow.

So on reflection we have had a very busy time since the last AGM. With the two courses that have run and the third one round the corner, we have potentially created over 36 safer drivers for the York area.

This is due in no small way to the enthusiasm, determination, and willingness of Sue Kemp. She has brought a professional approach to all that we do which is reflected in the numbers of associates coming through, and the increase in the levels of communications that has helped us get to where we are today. My thanks also goes to all the observers who have been willing to adapt to the new structure and helped us to create a course that is manageable and is producing an increase in safer drivers in the York and North Yorkshire areas. So on your behalf and that of the committee A VERY GRATEFUL THANKS TO YOU SUE KEMP.

8 Presentation of Awards

PRESIDENT'S SHIELD of MERIT (for a committed and hard-working committee member).

Awarded to Ian Goring

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY (for outstanding service to the Group's training activities).

Awarded to Rick Illingworth

YORK GROUP ANNUAL QUIZ SHIELD

Presented to Mark Rounding on behalf of the Quattro Quiz Team

The BEN FORD TROPHY (for success in the IAMRS MASTER's TEST)

No award

JOHN BUFFONI

John was presented with an engraved glass in recognition of his service as a committee member and Chairman.

SHEILA JEFFERSON

Sheila was presented with a certificate in recognition of achieving a Fellowship in 2022 having originally passed the Advanced Driving Course in 1973.

9 Election of Officers

Nominations have been received for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the membership.

Chair: Sue Kemp – nominated by Andrew Graham; seconded by Peter West.

Secretary: Sheila Jefferson – nominated by Graeme Gammack; seconded by Andrew Graham.

Treasurer: Andrew Graham – nominated by Peter West; seconded by John Wilkinson.

Resolution 3: That the 3 members nominated as officers for 2022 be elected. Elected by members' vote without opposition.

10 Election of committee

Members having retired by rotation (as listed on the notice for this AGM).

John Wilkinson – nominated by Peter West; seconded by Graeme Gammack.

11 Additional committee members

Ian Goring, Chief Observer - nominated by Andrew Graham; seconded by Peter West

Resolution 4: That the 2 members nominated for the 2022 committee be elected. Elected by members' vote without opposition.

12 Address of new Chair

Presented by Sue Kemp

This is the fortieth York Group of Advanced Motorists AGM; the York Group, with the help of the Sheffield Group, was formed in early 1982. It was not unusual for 30 associates to attend for driver training in the early days of the group. We had hoped that 99 year old founder member - Doug Petty - who passed his advanced driving test in April 1982 would be able to attend this evening. Unfortunately, Doug is not well enough to attend but Jim Boam will present him with an IAMRS Certificate marking his remarkable achievement in the near future.

Member Events

April - Reg Local

June - National Highways

Any suggestions for future speakers are welcome

Activities

The 'Keep Kids Safe' initiative, sponsored by North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has led to activities involving the WI, the Rotary Club of York, Askham Bryan College, TMD Friction, Northern Power Grid and Portakabin. We now have a waiting list for new associates to start driver training.

13 Any other business

None raised

14 Date of next AGM

Provisionally announced as Tuesday 21st March, 2023

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Approved by the members as a true record.

Signed (Chair)

Date

Appendix 1 - Copy of the Audited Accounts

York Group of Advanced Motorists

Year Ended 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
NYPF&CC	0		8940
Subscriptions	558		0
IAM New Members	621		496
Donations	36		30
Interest	1		6
	<u>1216</u>		<u>9472</u>
Observers Expenses	570		66
Rent	525		120
Postage & Stationery	16		22
Insurance	156		301
Training	85		41
Gifts and Awards	40		85
New Member Costs	70		0
Keep Kids Safe (6)	82		0
Publicity & Advertising	128		0
Incidentals	0	1672	200
			<u>835</u>
Deficit / Surplus CF		<u>-456</u>	<u>8637</u>
Deficit / Surplus BF	456		8637
Closing Balances			
TSB Current	0		2963
TSB Deposit	0		1310
IAM	0		9135
COOP	12152		
Creditors		92	480
KKS (94)	<u>8528</u>	3624	
Opening Balances		<u>3988</u>	<u>4291</u>
	<u>4080</u>	<u>4080</u>	<u>13408</u>
			<u>13408</u>
<u>Keep Kids Safe</u>			
AJI FUND		8940	
IAM HQ		310	
Repaid	722		
In Hand	<u>8528</u>		
	<u>9250</u>	<u>9250</u>	

Audited and found to be correct.
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