

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders (SaPAR)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 19th October at 7pm by Zoom

Agenda Item	Minutes
Attendance	Robert Hall, Helen Parker, Alan Fowles, Simon Plevin, Bill Croxon, Kevin Fletcher, Ken Swinton, Jon Hepburn, Geoff Goode, David Rogers, Hugh Trevor-Jones, Tina Kelly, Robin Padgett, Rob Prince
Apologies	Charles Bridgman
Minutes of 2021 AGM and matters arising.	The minutes had been circulated and no matters had been raised. The minutes were therefore accepted by those present as a true record. These will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.
Chairman's Report	<p>Thank you everyone for attending this evening and making us quorate!!</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work and support throughout the past year.</p> <p>So, what have we done over the last year, the reality is not a huge amount. Due to the ending of lockdown and the ongoing uncertainty we really didn't plan that much.</p> <p>Firstly, we ensured all our senior tutors were still up to standard and then all our tutors were given a check run. Once they were completed, we started our core business of tutoring. We advertised to all members that we would be having an assessment day at the Honda Centre in Shrewsbury and members could book with us to go out and have a tutor follow them and give an assessment of their ride. In</p>

previous years this has proved popular, this year no one took us up on the offer, so the day was cancelled. This was disheartening and disappointing.

We had a stand at Bike4life at Cosford and as some of you are aware it was the last outing of our Gazebo due to it being blown away. We asked for volunteers to help set up and run the stand, once again no one came forward, but thanks must go to members of the committee for enabling us to run the stand. I am dismayed and disheartened at the lack of assistance to run the club events as this is a recurring theme throughout the past year. It always seems to be the same faces (i.e. the committee or ex-committee members) who support events.

The Ride outs have started again and we have struggled to get a Ride Leader and Tail End Charlie to run these events. These are a good opportunity to meet other members and potentially recruit new riders who want to improve their riding skills and work towards taking the advanced test. I would like to thank Charles Bridgeman for his efforts as Ride out Co-ordinator and a big thank you to Ken Swinton who has stepped in recently to cover for Charles. If members do not put themselves forward to help, then the ride outs will not happen.

We had a stand at the Forden Bike Show, and it gave us an opportunity to use our newly purchased gazebo. Another big thank you to Ken for all his hard work finding and organising the purchase/delivery of the gazebo there are pictures on the website. We had several enquiries and Kev will be following these up.

I would like to thank Robin Padgett who is standing down as Training Co-ordinator this year Robin has had worked hard to try to match tutors with associates and I am aware at times this has been very difficult so thank you Robin for all your hard work throughout this year and previous years. Kevin will be taking on the role merging it with being the Training Officer.

Congratulations to Martin Powell who most of you will know on passing his RoSPA Level 3 and Level 4 awards coaching and he will be joining us as a tutor for this coming year.

Lastly a thank you to all the committee who have worked so hard this year and still agreed to remain as committee members for the coming year. I look forward to working with you this coming year.

Hopefully more members will put themselves forward to help and it will not be so disheartening.

Training Officer	<p><u>Kevin Fletcher</u></p> <p>This is my first year as training officer after taking over the role from Stuart McMillan. Stuart has left us with an excellent benchmark to work with going forward and was presented with the 'Glyn Jones' award for his dedication and commitment to our group when he attended our first tutor meeting of 2022. Stuart has remained a SaPAR member and group tutor. The group's primary objective is to offer voluntary Advanced Motorcycle Training to new and current members, and continue to promote road safety. I am confident that we will continue to offer training of the highest possible standard. We currently have four senior tutors who together have the experience and the necessary credentials to advise and support our dedicated and conscientious group tutors.</p> <p>The year started with a senior tutors meeting in December, then a tutors meeting in February and followed by senior tutor and group tutor riding assessments during Feb/March, prior to resuming training. It was encouraging that we had an excellent turnout and positive feedback from both our senior and group tutors. Senior tutors will offer support to their newly allocated group tutors and will now offer pre-test assessments to associate members and full members.</p> <p>All tutors have been issued with two size option Hi-Viz vests and will encourage their associates to wear them during training sessions in order to increase safety and promote our group. Tutors were also issued with up to date Roadcraft/Highway Code books and a SaPAR Motorcycling Roadcraft Essential Reading index revised version.</p> <p>A sub-committee arranged a member's only assessment day at the Honda Centre in April but unfortunately this was cancelled due to lack of support from our members. We will hopefully arrange a similar event next year but will have to take a different marketing approach.</p> <p>Due to various reasons our tutor numbers have fallen over the past couple of years. However, we do have a new tutor training program in place and will endeavour to recruit and train potential tutors in the future. We currently have 9 active tutors which includes a welcome back to Martin Powell who has also taken on a senior tutor role. Martin is a RoSPA examiner and our regional RoSPA coordinator so he will be a great asset to our group. Howard has taken a rest from his senior tutor role but will remain a member of SaPAR and said he will join our ride outs from time to time.</p> <p>There was a slow start to associates in training this year but as the summer progressed we began to see a lot more activity on the tutor calendar. I myself have found it difficult to find a fully committed associate and will be looking at a new method of running the associate</p>
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waiting and holding lists. The senior tutors have kept proactive by carrying out 'try before you buy free assessments', 'pre-test assessments' and 'tutor refresher assessments. Our 'try before you buy free assessments' offer has become very popular and has helped us gain new members and I recommend we continue to promote this in the future.

Please see Robin's report for associates in training and test results etc.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill, Rob, Howard, Martin, Robin, Group Tutors and the Committee for their support and look forward to continue working with them.

Robin Padgett

Robin reported the Stats for the last year

Stats Oct 21 to 22

Test passes – 12 (13 last report)

Of which:

4 Gold (5)

4 Silver (6)

2 Fail

4 Level 3 (2)

Tutors working – 9 out of 11

Associates currently in training – 11

Associates currently waiting – 6

Associates on hold (sometimes due to their own choice, sometimes due to loss of contact) – 11.

<p>Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts</p>	<p>David</p> <p>The accounts have been done for the year to 30 April 22. The surplus is lower than last year due to last year having a high surplus due to Covid when membership stayed the same but outgoings were lower. This year the surplus was £437 which was also affected by some memberships being extended to 18 months due to the Covid wait.</p> <p>We normally have a sponsorship of £500 from West Midlands Police but we did not get that which further reduced the surplus.</p> <p>Assets stand at £9500 which is mainly bank account, most assets now being fully depreciated.</p> <p>Since the year end we have purchased the new gazebo at around £1000.</p> <p>The accounts were adopted by the members present at the AGM.</p>																						
<p>Glyn Jones Award</p>	<p>The Glyn Jones award was discussed, it was agreed to give the award this year to Robin Padgett, this was nominated by Ken Swinton and seconded by Rob Hall</p>																						
<p>Election of Officers /Committee Members</p>	<p>As agreed at last year's AGM the committee now stand for three years. Therefore, the committee remains the same with the exception of Robin Padgett who has stepped down.</p> <table data-bbox="450 970 1064 1362"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Name</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Robert Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Helen Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>David Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Officer</td> <td>Kevin Fletcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Co-Ordinator</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Tina Kelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Relations Officer</td> <td>Position Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clothing</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website</td> <td>Ken Swinton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	Chairman	Robert Hall	Secretary	Helen Parker	Treasurer	David Rogers	Training Officer	Kevin Fletcher	Training Co-Ordinator	Position Vacant	Membership Secretary	Tina Kelly	Social Secretary	Position Vacant	Public Relations Officer	Position Vacant	Clothing	Ken Swinton	Website	Ken Swinton
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	<p>Rideout Co-ordinator Facebook</p> <p>Position Vacant Simon Plevin</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>John Hepburn asked if we thought that the inactivity of members is due to Covid, Rob said that he didn't think that was the case. It has always been mostly committee members that do things and Covid had not made much difference. Bill agreed with this</p> <p>Geoff said Rospa are not notifying about retests. Bill said that if so then people are paying their subscription to Rospa which should go towards the retest. Robin said that people have little incentive to retake the test as Blood Bikes and insurers do not ask for evidence of a retest.</p> <p>Of the members at the AGM some had been informed of a retest by Rospa and some had not.</p> <p>Rob will contact Rospa about this to find out why.</p> <p>Rob plans to make himself more accessible to members this year and will advertise smaller rideouts and meet and greets where members can speak to him about any concerns and if applicable he can speak to Rospa.</p> <p>Hugh said that he was happy to help with rideouts, this was gratefully accepted. Rob will speak to Hugh to see how we go forward with that.</p>

Meeting closed at 20.18 hours

Signed.....

Date:

Chairman`