

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2018



Present: 37 members and associates plus 3 guests

1.	Welcome and Apologies
	<p>Mike Suggitt, 2017 Chairman of the Group Committee, opened the meeting at 8:15pm, welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. A warm welcome was extended to 3 members of South Yorkshire Group, attending as guests of the Chairman.</p> <p>Apologies: Pete Fenlon, David Hiron, Jennifer Caddy, Stephen Muirhead, Colin Haytack, Alf Garnett, Nicola Jenkinson, Ian Jenkinson, Mike Bell, Ken Sykes.</p> <p>Kevin Sharp, Group President, presented the Advanced Motorcycle Tutor certificate to Derek Thornton who recently passed his triennial retest.</p>
2.	2017 Chairman's Address
	<p>Mike Suggitt reviewed Group activity through 2017, singling out the efforts of Group tutors and committee members for particular praise. He thanked the members of the 2017 committee for their support and their hard work in delivering a varied programme.</p>
3.	Treasurer's Report
	<p>Peter Stirk presented the accounts for 2017, highlighting the deficit for the year. This was largely the result of increases in printing, copying, stationery and training expenses – some attributable to the general cost of living and some to increased activity in the Group.</p> <p>Proposed by Anne Rhodes and seconded by Cynthia Thresh that the accounts be approved. Carried.</p>
4.	Secretary's Report
	<p>Allan Wragg informed the meeting of current membership statistics, which have risen slightly since January 2017. He informed the meeting of the new RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders Group Accreditation Scheme and inadvertently gave incorrect information by stating that applications can be submitted from 1st April 2018. Applications must be submitted by 1st April 2018 and it is anticipated that the Group will meet this deadline without difficulty.</p>
5.	Car Training Officer's Report
	<p>Mike Bell was unable to attend the meeting because of an injury but subsequently provided a report.</p> <p>2017 was another busy year for the car section with increasing member numbers, some of whom travel a considerable distance to attend Group meetings and training. 23 associates and members took the advanced test, with results at Gold, Silver, Bronze and Diploma. West Yorkshire boasts 15 car members with the diploma – more than any other Group.</p> <p>Mike made particular mention of partnership and social activities. Car members having participated in providing the Group stand at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service events and continuing to support the monthly car social drives. He also stressed his gratitude to his Assistant Training Office, Ken Sykes, and one particular car tutor, Glyn Jones, for their invaluable assistance to him and to the Group.</p>

6.	Motorcycle Training Officer's Report	
	<p>Mike Suggitt delivered the report on behalf of Pete Fenlon who was on holiday in New Zealand.</p> <p>The motorcycle section saw a healthy increase in overall numbers and in tutors during 2017. As well as recruiting 10 new associates 3 members were appointed Group Approved Tutor and 2 achieved the Advanced Tutor qualification. Tutor training will continue in 2018.</p> <p>Open training days were very well attended as were the day social rides and the two 3-day social weekends. Similar activity is planned for 2018.</p>	
7.	President's Address and Dissolution of the 2017 Committee	
	<p>Kevin Sharp spoke about some of the technological and legislative changes seen over the last year. He then added his praise for the efforts of tutors and members enabling the Group to continue achieving its aims. He thanked the outgoing Committee for their service and formally dissolved the 2017 Committee.</p>	
8.	Nomination and Election of the Chairman and Officers for the 2018 Committee	
	<p>Kevin Sharp announced the nominations and gave details of proposers and seconders:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman – Mike Suggitt; Secretary – Allan Wragg; Treasurer – Peter Stirk; Car Training Officer – Mike Bell; Motorcycle Training Officer – Pete Fenlon.</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p>	
9.	Nomination and Election of Members for the 2018 Committee	
	<p>Mike Suggitt informed the meeting that David Hemingway was standing down from the committed because of other commitments. He invited last minute nominations from the floor – none were forthcoming. He read the nominations for members and gave details of proposers and seconders:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Andy Twaites; Dave Green; David Falkingham; Geoff Blackburn; Jon Taylor; Ken Sykes; Nigel Storey; Rob Hall.</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p>	
10.	Address by the 2018 Chairman	
	<p>Mike Suggitt outlined the speaker programme for Group Nights during 2018 and confirmed the Committee's intention to build upon the partnerships started during 2017.</p> <p>Mike invited those present to enjoy the buffet, tea and coffee whilst socializing.</p>	
11.	Date of next meeting	
	<p>Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.30pm – <i>Road Safety Research</i>, Dr Daryl Hibberd, Institute for Transport Studies, Leeds University.</p>	

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:00pm