

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting



Held on Tuesday 21st January 2025

Present: 43 members

1	Welcome, Apologies and Minutes
	<p>Jon Taylor commenced the meeting at 8:22pm Apologies were received from a few members. AGM agenda had been emailed prior and detail (ref _4) was available in print today</p>
2	2024 Chairman's Address
	<p>Jon reflected that this is his 3rd year as chairman- he felt the year had flown by. It has been good to have been able to run monthly group meetings and have a varied selection of speakers all from different aspects of road safety. Those speakers for 2025 are outlined on the web site and include some of our own members. Recent committee activities have included work on GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) and membership processes. Jon wished to personally thank committee members for their commitment and valuable contributions through the year. Especial thanks given to Martin for his work on Torque (our quarterly magazine). We must not forget Training officers, deputies and tutors who give up their time to make West Yorkshire's roads safer. 4 test certificates were presented to members.</p>
3	Treasurer's Report
	<p>Ellen (as our new Treasurer) outlined the figures provided in the handout after thanking her predecessor Peter Stirk and his handover of figures and processes. Interest had not been anticipated to be as high as it was. Books and expenses were reduced from last year. Accounts have been audited- David Springer The accounts were agreed by show of hands</p>
4	Secretary's Report
	<p>Nigel pointed out that Jon had bravely taken up the challenge of the GDPR topic. We had also moved hosting of our web site and this had gone smoothly- we thank John Skilleter. He always finds it interesting on being cold contacted by those wishing to learn more of our group as to how they learnt of our organisation. The web site is a key link in these contacts. AGM minutes for 2023 were agreed by show of hands</p>
5	Car Training Officer's Report
	<p>Mike gave thanks to his co workers and especially Martin for being his invaluable right hand as deputy and producing a 'pretty mean' Torque magazine. Thanks included by name Jon and Nigel but then especially the tutors or whom there are 17 working to currently give tuition to 22. This year's results were 14 golds (a record), 3 silver and 0 Bronze Mike appreciated the work done by all members who support the group in participation and a willingness to improve driving. He reflected that as he drives around (including his ambulance) he witnesses many examples of bad driving which fills him with despair knowing he might have to deal with the aftermath of collisions caused by 'bad' driving. He is happy to be the lead for cars to promote advanced driver training in and around West Yorkshire- training to a very high standard- all on a voluntary basis. All should be proud to be associated with our group- a group noted to be one of the largest and most successful groups nationally. Mike pointed out he has been a member of the group for over 30- years and car training officer for 15</p>
6	Motorcycle Training Officer's Report

	<p>Dave gave thanks to the tutors of the motorcycle section who have delivered training through the year- also to Pete Fenlon as deputy.</p> <p>It has been a good year- an improvement from 2023 by building upon initiatives from 2023. A total of 22 tutors have worked with 17 new members and those existing members seeking to maintain their grade, or better it. Results of 7 Gold, 8 Silver and 2 Bronze</p> <p>Open training now uses 3 venues. Other courses (e.g. slow riding) have proved popular- likewise social events numbering 10. Appreciation to Andy (Richardson) for organisation of some activities</p> <p>Steve Annakin has provided administration support, and a WhatsApp group is working well.</p> <p>All the above would not be possible without the help, support and dedication of the tutors and trainees.</p>														
7	Vote of thanks for 2024 Committee														
	<p>Jon passed appreciation of the support given to him by the committee and pointing out there are vacancies for next year.</p> <p>Some members are stepping down leading to vacancies on the committee</p>														
8	President's Address and Dissolution of the 2024 Committee														
	<p>Kevin gave thanks to the committee and the work they have done over the past year. He favourably compared our group with IAM and pointed out that the good results this year result from skills gathered over the year.</p> <p>He referenced Keith Bamford's past contributions to the group from 1983.</p> <p>In response to Mike's question "why does he do it?", the answer is that we do not know how many accidents we have prevented.</p> <p>In assessing drivers, he contends he does not give too many Gold grades- all the work results in benefits and individuals can count themselves lucky in having good trainers.</p> <p>Kevin has supports our application for Kings Award for Voluntary Service and hopes we will be successful.</p> <p>The 2024 committee was disbanded prior to new elections.</p>														
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11	Address by the 2025 Chairman														
	<p>Jon gave thanks to all attending and reminded members of the next group meeting (18th Feb).</p> <p>All are invited to refreshments (thanks Andy)</p>														
12	Any Other Business														
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm</p>														

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