

SAM AGM, 9 May 2006

Graham Bailey

25 full, 7 associates and 7-social/guest approx, excellent turn out for what might be considered a possible 'dull evening'! Heaven forbid.



SAM strictly enforces "five pints each before AGM business" rule

Nevertheless, this evening was far from dull or boring as so many AGMs can be, although the 'cheese n pickles' was obviously the star attraction. It was great to see so many members actually interested in the club's future.

AGM summary

For those who were unable to attend here are some brief facts:

Previous minutes accepted.

Chairman's report consisted of a brief on your committee's achievements/duties, with a general thanks to all for continued growth on the participation front, especially partner attendance, and member assistance at Bike Safe and dealer

events etc. as well as making all previous club nights/ride outs etc a resounding success.

Particular reference was made to the following: -

3 officers were standing down from the current committee, these being Steve McDonald, Eric Bush and Chris Williams. Thanks for their services to date were conveyed.

Alastair Lord our meteoric editorial genius has been largely responsible for our leap forward with regards to the journal quality, his creative abilities are boundless. **[I just do formatting – you SAMmers provide all the scrumptious content – Ed]**



Dave indicates the expected benefit from attaining Charity Status

Plus a general reference to your committee for being excellent ambassadors for the club.

Secretary's report

Andy Downs/Andy Woodward have made substantial inroads with regards to observer/associate progress, with them both representing the club at regional meetings.



St Dave seeks guidance from a Higher Authority when questions about accounts get tough

28 test passes have been recorded for the year, with an unusual number of failures (4) clearly indicating that the IAM has 'raised the stakes' through our local examiner Martyn Hiller.

The club now boasts 4 senior observers, with a target of 6 well on its way.

Future improvements will revolve around increased associate/observer

workshops, the possible use of radios, and the necessity for future observers.

Treasurer's report

Dave acknowledged that funds were healthy with a slow growth, although there were marginal concerns for the inevitable increasing costs of the journal, which led to a further appeal for members to receive their copy via electronic means.

Motions carried forward

1. Application for club charity status.
2. Increase in subscriptions to help accommodate journal costs (yet to be revealed) capped at £15.00 this year for full members. ♦

Swerve to avoid...

Rod Shepard, the senior collision investigator in Devon and Cornwall, is conducting PhD research into whether and how riders swerve to avoid a collision. You can participate in the survey at

<http://www.slightlydifferent.co.uk/swerve/>.