

SDIA AGM Tuesday 27th May 2014



Secretary's Report – by Jane Holt

Membership

For our financial year, 1/3/13 – 28/2/14 SDIA received 76 membership subscriptions, many were renewals with a handful of new members. We have been able to advertise events in local test centres through posters that Frances organises with the DSA and we also have some business cards available to you all to give out to non-members when you are at these centres. My thanks to Martin Scott who now carries out the administration for SDIA memberships to help spread the workload more evenly amongst the committee members.

Events

I-pad group – we held group sessions at The Acorn Centre, Wecock Farm, during April and July 2013, where a few members got together to share ideas on how best to use this technology.

Collision Investigator Talk – Tony Johnson, Police Staff, Collision Investigator gave a talk on 18 April 2013 about his role and the role of his team after fatal road traffic collisions.

Summer BBQ – Frances organised a family summer BBQ at Queen Elizabeth Country park on Sunday 21st July. The sun shone and all those who attended enjoyed themselves with some great food cooked by Phil and John, games organised by Nigel including egg shell decorating followed by egg and spoon races and a Pinata for the kids, which they loved. The area we hired could have accommodated many more members and their families and was subsidised by SDIA funds.

Safe Drive Stay Alive - Frances and Nigel put a lot of work in behind the scenes organising coaches for this event that came to Winchester for the first time. We had a very disappointing response when it came to gaining commitment to attend this event, which was very educational and thought provoking and it did use some of your membership funds as we had to pay towards the coaches that were essentially empty. We hope to never repeat this scenario and are counting on your support with all events we organise that you've expressed an interest in.

CPD/Quarterly Meetings - We held 4 quarterly meetings, 3 were CPD and 1 was the AGM that we combined with a skittles evening at The Kings Head, Wickham Square. The attendance averaged around 40 people for each event, most of who were members or became members on the night, with a small percentage choosing to pay the £5 entrance fee and remaining non-members. We've listened to some very interesting speakers on a wide range of subjects including representatives from; Linked-in, the DIA, Safe Drive Stay Alive, the DSA and Rob Ward, who is an associate member through ASDI and spoke about Driver Awareness Courses. CPD certificates are now available through the SDIA website and Facebook page and can also be emailed on request.

Website

Caroline continues to work hard behind the scenes on the SDIA website, you can now advertise your driving school, renew your membership and keep up to date with the latest Association news.

Summary

To sum up, it was a quieter year for additional activities on top of our constitutional responsibilities, due to your committee being very busy people in other areas of our lives, however, our guest speakers were varied and we kept a focus on the changes within our industry by having two meetings dedicated to Standards Check etc.

So I'd like to conclude by thanking you all for your time and interest in what we're doing and we look forward to another successful year where we're hoping to put on a First Aid course and a Skid Pan in addition to our quarterly CPD events and a Xmas gathering of some sort.