

Western Region MAG Meeting, Sun Aug 15th, Wagon and Horses, Much later than 1:30 start

Present:

Donna, Paul, Mark: Glos
Julian: Swindon
Fenella, Aine: Bristol
Paul Mc, Andrew Meredith: Mid Wilts
Eddie: North Avon
Bill Pugsley, Geoff Mills, Kath Aldon: W.S.M.
Wendy Goodchild, Brian Weekes: Bristol

Appologies

Gail, Cath, Ian Moore

Chair:

Eddie

Notes from last meeting:

I think they all agreed.

Actions from last notes:

Wendy accepted appologies from Donna

NC Meeting

Mark and Eddie attended National Committee meeting and were quite impressed with the way it was held and its duration.

Have you sent your money to the fair pool?

If individual groups dont pay it falls on the region to pay. What about the forrest group? Are they not an active group any more? Is there any money?

Street Biker Editorial.

Discuss this with Mark and Eddie. Its all to do with the fact that we do such a good job with such limited sources and other magazines aren't as good. Due mainly to Ian Mutch who works so hard. It is going to get more adverts in, but this seems the only viable way to finance it.

Reps Training Weekend:

Oct 7+8 Mallory Park.

Try and get people to go from your groups. It is very worthwhile. If you have any ideas for motivation or

help, contact central. They are normally held 6 monthly but there has not been one for 18 months. How do we pay for them .. a pool, personally, what?

MAG's Money

If a MAG group splits up, disowns each other, whatever, what happens to any money in the account, if nobody has access to it? Central has said they will undertake to say to the bank they will be responsible for it and sign over to a new group.

N.M.U.

national motorcycle union IS TO BE WRITTEN IN LOWER CASE LETTERS.

Gary Barnes

.. has been voted in as Events Manager

The Welsh Motorcycle Show.

The idea that there was any trouble from outside Backpatch clubs was not true. A misunderstanding. Gary treated everyone same and some people thought that the stands were too expensive. Sat night on was profit ... 27,000 .. well done Gary and team.

Insurance

Henry Marks is still trying to get them to sort out their paperwork. Still very good deals though.

Stands

The national stands need to be looked after better.

Reps

A Regional Reps' job description is still to be sorted out.

MAG Sport

Need more info.

Sunglasses

They must be B.S.I. stamped otherwise you are breaking the law.

N.C. Meeting change of date

The N.C. meeting at Easter is to be changed from the 7th & 8th of April to the 3rd Sat in April. What date is the Duk Dik Rally?

Neil's Exams

Nich Brown is going to be acting chairman for three months while Neil does some exams. Good luck both of them.

March 1st Mass Lobby

To be held in London. The organising must start now. It is on this date due to the fact that it takes a minimum of three weeks to set up and election. We need to be seen by Parliament ... and heard.

Bill Wilson

... Is the official Products Officer.

Joey Wilson

It has been decided that we are going to have a Joey Dunlop award. How are we going to do it? Cash? Trophy? Certificate?

Delegates for AGM

People need to understand how the fare pool works and why it is there. Forms for delegates, e-mail Nicky Myakicheff.

Dispute

A Dutch clothing company, going under the name of MAG and having labels in yellow and black, is in some dispute with us over names, advertising etc.

Claims Lines

Being looked into. Like the adverts on TV. The "Have you had an accident in the last 3 years and not claimed yet" kind of thing.

MAG Advert

A MAG member has made an advert about the dangers of a car pulling out in front of a m/c. Evidently it is fairly gruesome. Is it going to be shown to the general public. Roy made it on his own ... helped by a proper cameraman.

T.A.G.

Theft Action Group. It is still active and the HMSO have printed a booklet about theft and safety. MAG has got a mention in it. If you have any information about theft you can phone Henry Marks anonymously and he will action it.

Noise

We need a strategy on noise. A decent proposal to put forward. We need to talk with the industry, the law and the motorcyclists, including our local ones. This is not going to make us friends.

Local Stuff

When Mark and Eddie attended the NC meeting they had to go to central to pick up S/B magazines. They thought it looked professional but stark. Impressed with the young man up there working in the office, who was very helpful. This is a fairly standard thing .. to pick up Mags.

Accounts

Gail wants someone to caretake the accounts for Western Region for 6 months (Jan 2001 on). If you think that you can help, please contact Gail or Donna.

Regional Rep

Evidently someone at NC had a dig about Western not having a Regional Rep.

AGC Pool Funds

Region to send a cheque for £50 for Swindon fair pool fund (they have money but it needs sorting out). Cheque for £30 for Mid Wilts for pool fund.

Weston Super Mare Demo

Ian Moore talked to the councillors who turned up very quickly when told that motorcyclists were parking in all the car spaces on the sea front. They asked the riders to park by the tourist board where there is a sign saying no motorcycle parking, clamping in operation. Ian told them, only when you have removed the sign. These things take time to go into action as they have to change local traffic law, take the kerb stones out etc etc. So talk to Ian and see how things are going. They have a 300 name petition from local M/C. Well done W.S.M. Especially Ian.

We need a list of MAG Stuff held by Local Groups

Eddie will compile a list of Bibs, signs etc.

Events

When planning your next event, please check with Bill before finalising the date.

AGC 2001

How is the business case for AGC 2001 going?

Chipping Sodbury

There is now going to be two bike shows in Chipping Sodbury. The United Bikers are putting one on, on the 19th Sept. This is the same date as the AGC.

E-Mail & Web

Andy Meredith is going to explain how the email list system works [**ADM: Completed**]. Contact information on the web to be changed. Addresses will be removed, email, and phone numbers to remain [**ADM: Completed**]. A warning is to be added to the bottom of the minutes. Contentious items not allowed on the web. Contact Andy Meredith to get anything you feel to be unsuitable, removed from the web site.

Local Leaflets

Suggest getting leaflets done not only with MAG information on, but local dealer discounts, track days, runs, events etc to hand out at local meetings. For example Avebury Wednesdays, Carparks, Bike shops etc.

Fe

We have a letter from Fe about her stepping down from being Bristol Rep. She is doing a college course in Worcester and it falls on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you very much for all that you have done Fe.

Aine Gail

Aine Gail is going to be the new Bristol Rep and once again thank you Fe and Cath (who is going to Uni) for organising and setting up various events to go on after they have gone to College/Uni. Cath is still going to do the WRAG Mag, so keep sending stuff .. letters, reports, photos, Jokes, fiction, facts ... whatever .. please.

Mid Wales

Some residents are getting really fed up with M/C riders who are invading every weekend with a death or very serious injury every week. It seems that sports bikes are mainly to blame.

Swindon MAG Status

Julian is trying to get information on local transport plans, bikes in bus lanes etc. They have got a petition for Wiltshire people to sign and are going to get a demo set up.

Bristol MAG Status

Very active ... various issues.

GlosMAG Status

Mark got Sandwell Council's paper Gloucester Council. They say they are going to use it.

Mark got stopped by the Police in Wales for having a number plate that was too small. They fined him a fixed penalty and told him that if it happened twice they would inform DVLC who would take his M/C registration from him and he would get a Q plate. That will take a considerable amount off the value off your bike.

Paul went to his local Esso garage and found that they would not serve him petrol until he had removed his helmet. The cashier told him it was a police idea, which it was not. The manager says it was Esso's idea and that he would get back to Paul when he had contacted central office. Nobody has got back to him as yet.

Transport Plans

We need to compare all our transport plans. Jeff is to be at the head of this so please send him yours. More info at the next meeting.

Next NC Meeting

Aine and Eddie to attend the next NC meeting on 14th September (*). The next regional meeting is to be on the 15th September at the Wagon and Horses for a very prompt 1:30 start ... Thank you.

If you don't agree on anything let me know as soon as possible.

(*) This is very confusing as we are waiting to hear if the date of the NC meet is to be changed. It is meant to be 7th Sept and our meet is to be the 8th ... but that's the same weekend as the Reps training weekend. We will confirm with everyone concerned what date it will be held at the Wagon and Horses.