

Western Region Committee Meeting

12 June 2005

Attending: Eddie – NotAvon Rep; Andy M - IT; George – Goat Eater; Kath - Treasurer; Geoff (observing); Robbie – Forest of Dean Rep; Paul S – Regional Events; Alan Jones – Mid Wilts; Les (observing); Donna – Glos Rep; Bill – Regional Committee Chairman; Di – without portfolio; Trace – Swindon Rep; Derwen – Regional Officer to NC; Anne – Admin.

Apologies: Sheila – Products; Andy – Weston & Nth Somerset Rep; Paul – mid Wilts; Brian – Clubs Liaison.

AWOL: Spider – website.

2/3 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

ACTION
COLUMN

Item 7 – did not happen and a suitable marquee was purchased at a cheaper price. More cost effective.

Item 8 – George & Broadband – a suitable mechanism was discussed and accepted.

4. Officers Reports

Di – nothing to report.

Andy M – Business as usual.

Paul S – Paul receives a list of ‘expired’ members periodically.

Anne to draft letter he can use/modify for his own use to send to the ‘ex’ members to encourage renewal.

Anne

Trace to send Paul a copy of the post code analysis.

Trace

A discussions ensued on the shortfalls of MAG’s database used by Central Office and the list sent to Regions of expired members.

Derwen to pass onto Ian Churchlow who is dealing with the matter for MAG nationally.

Derwen

George – sent letters to candidates prior to election. Now to send letters to newly elected MPs.

George

Brian – in Brians absence George gave an update – Brian now has clubs packs and has started negotiations with various clubs.

Kath – now has signatory form for Di to be additional signatory on the Regional Account as previously agreed at a regional committee meeting.

Bill – apologies to Derwen for not sending NC report

5. Reps Reports

Swindon (Trace) – *New venue*: The Brown Jack, Wroughton. AGM is 6th July. *The group 'trike project'* met a swift demise when it blew up! *Numbers* attending growing – 17 at last meeting.

NotAvon (Ed) – *next meeting*: Salutation at Gib near Castle Combe – 1st Tuesday of July.

Bristol (Ed) – *Suspension bridge* negotiations to remove bike toll are still on-going with the Trustees. The present status quo is that people who operate the barriers are not able to or are unwilling to adapt. *Slidey tarmac* – on the bend at Blackboy Hill tarmac has been laid which has grip in the wet but which has been proven to be slippery in the dry. This condition lasts for about 2 years after surface is laid. This tarmac has already been banned by Ireland [post meeting note: this tarmac was the subject of a 30 minute programme on the BBC where examples were given of both bike and car drivers who have been killed due to this tarmac]. *Non-Slip manhole covers (Rich Stiling's baby)* - Bristol City Council are interested in pursuing this and non-slip coverings is now moving onto the European agenda.

Venue is now back at the Mayors Arms. *Boat Inn Run* is 2nd July in Forest of Dean. *Local events* well attended. *AGM* date to be arranged [post meeting note – 22nd September at the Mayors Arms].

Forest of Dean (Robbie) Couple of new faces at the group. Robbie worked a bit on the MAG stand at the Welsh Show where 40 new members were signed up, 600 raffle tickets sold, 50 FYP tickets and 12 renewals. Throttle and Bottle = 24/26 June.

A discussion ensued about the MAG logo being used by the organisers of the Welsh Show. Derwen reported back that Pete Walker had been asked to negotiate a price for use of the MAG logo on behalf of MAG. An agreement was ultimately reach with MAG National Chairman. The question was asked if this agreement was just for this year or whatever time limit.

Donna asked Derwen to go back to the Board/NC to see why such a low cost was agreed and how long the organisers of the show can use our logo for.

Bill suggested that an Observer volunteer to go along to the next NC as support for Derwen. Derwen

Mid-Wilts (Alan in Paul's absence) Group now has a good turn out. (9th July is their Pet Food Run and Party. Meet Lysley Arms @ 12.00 for run. 16th July – Calne motorcycle and Family Day – stand space 3x3. All

Glos MAG (Donna) – have been asked to put on a stand at the *Blackwood Motorcycle Show* (just north of Newport) on 9th July. Having a *MAG stand at M&P* was discussed, however, it was decided, that as the Region has so many commitments within its own borders, not to do this. *Classic Bike Run – MAG stand at Upper Rissington* on 3rd July. It was agreed to buy a 3x3 tent suitable for these

events [post meeting note: Paul managed to get a good deal and this was 'christened @ Upper Rissington].

It was noted that we need some *banners* made up.

It was suggested there should be an *audit of regional MAG property* carried out and all officers/ reps were asked to bring details along to the next meeting.

Glos MAG AGM – 30th June at Pig in the City.

Cotswold Bike Nights are a big success. Donna introduced Les, a member who joined at the Bikesafe weekend.

All

Glos *PTW Forum* successful. Glos c.c. –distributing *diesel stickers*. Booklet produced on *motorcycle rider education*. *Ride to Work* – planned mass meeting of riders who will then go to their individual places of work.

Bikesafe – a letter of thanks had been received by Derwen. 2006 date is confirmed as 1&2 April at Cheltenham Racecourse.

Weston & North Somerset (Bill/George) – 19 had attended The Bell the previous week for the meeting. *Bikefest 6th August* – Marshalls required. *GWR* – 10/12 September, arrangements going well. Have been asked by RSPCA for help with the kennels and a pig roast scheduled to take place at Scallys on August Bank Holiday Sunday.

5A NC Report

Jane Chisholm & John Mitchell are now Directors of MAG.

Streetbiker in A4 format was discussed

Streetbiker may be re-launched with Network to become MAG News & going to members.

Streetbikers not available at meeting as copy not sent to printers in time.

Brum Demo to be on August Bank Holiday and 'theme' to be "state of the roads". Run going Bromsgrove to Worcester.

West Mids MAG putting in Bid for AGC 2006.

Politic Report from Director will be electronically circulated.

Driving Licence Directive – countries not able to agree.

Couriering of Streetbikers – John Mitchell has sourced a company who will deliver 3 bundles of SB's for the price of £15. from MAG Central. It was ascertained that this Region regularly requires 3 bundles but that more are required when we have events at which we set up the MAG stand.

Possible new MAG Insurance Scheme.

Foundation to employ staff sharing cost 50% to MAG.

The membership exclusion clause to be possibly reworded.

Reps Training to be re-vamped.

Membership database to be re-vamped.

The cost of getting the MAG Stand to Bikesafe for the weekend was £500 – a short discussion ensued at the regional meeting.

8. Bristol Bike Show – 10th anniversary – fancy dress if wish. Theme for Marshalls is Pirates.

10. Any Other Business

JAM Busters – Bristol. Letters had gone out from many members objecting to the exclusion of bikes without a pillion. Replies had been received and were circulated. Geoff mentioned that the ‘pro motorcycle’ stance of BCC was extremely fragile at the moment.

Shaun – Life Member who was sadly killed a few weeks prior to the meeting – Donna to ensure a piece goes into SB.

MOT computer system - problems