

MINUTES OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

10TH FEBRUARY 2008

MAYORS ARMS, BRISTOL

Attending: Denny Powell, co-Rep Glos MAG. George (The Troll) Legg, MP/MEP, Events. Andy Kerr, Clubs Liaison. Andy Meredith, Committee Chair & Communications. Trace, Swindon Rep. Taff, Deputy Rep Mid Wilts and Products. Di Pugsley, Memberships & MAG Stand co-ordinator. Bill Pugsley, Regional NC Liaison. Anne Gale, Admin.

| Item No | Discussion Point | Action |
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| 1 | Apologies: Steve Peake, website. Kath Aldom, Treasurer. Eddie Garnier, NotAvon Rep. Robbie, Forest of Dean Rep. Bev Hearn, co-Rep, Glos. | |
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AWOL: Andy Derrett, Bristol Rep.

2/3 **Minutes of the December meeting & matters arising**

3 (6) Andy M had contacted Trevor regarding the pink forms issue. 8 National Motorcycle Strategy – Denny had studied this and reported back at the Regional AGM.

11 Trace hadn't yet spoken to the Bristol IAM Group due to a bit of a lapse in communication but was pursuing this.

The Minutes were perused and ratified by the Committee and will be sent to the website officer for publication.

4 **Feedback on the Regional AGM**

Generally felt to have gone well. Anne had text & then emailed The Campaigns Manager to thank him for attending and introducing himself to the Region. Feedback had been good and he felt we had a 'good, keen bunch'.

Andy M had also liaised with him & the feedback seemed to have been that David felt we were getting at him despite Andy's reiteration of his and Anne's words on the day to the contrary.

So there is a bit of confusion here.

5 **Officers Reports**

Andy K, Clubs.

Nationally there are 143 clubs with another 3 possibles. The Blue Knights, who Troll & Anne had a lengthy discussion with at the Freewheelers event last year and who seemed keen to pursue joining MAG, now don't appear interested in joining. Fergus and David Short couldn't get an invite to their AGM. It would appear that

decisions of whether to affiliate etc., might be down to one person.

No visit to Harley Riders GB yet – Andy to visit and ask if they want a page in The Road.

Andy asked if we can put details of clubs on our web-site but it was clarified that permission must be sought before this can happen.

Troll, MP/MEP, events etc.

Re-elected at AGM. Not much political happening. Below his report on his post & W&NS Group sent electronically:

Weston & north Somerset MAG are averaging about 15 regulars, some times more sometimes less at our regular Wednesday meetings.

Lately we have had some new faces turn up and we hope they become regulars.

Nobody wants to step forward as our Rep, so it seems we will run as a Committee.

Plans for the GWR are going forward, we are looking at two possible bands at the present with one more or less confirmed.

We have someone who has stepped forward to manage the bar, which we are hoping to build ourselves as well as the behind the bar gear, this is to try and cut down on the amount of kit we will need to transport down from Glos.

This year the raffle will be split 50/50 twixt a Charity and MAG.

Plans for Fred's run 2 are going forward also, it had been hoped that roger would have had the fliers ready but unfortunately they had to be reprinted due to some of the detail being unreadable!

The idea at the present time is that everyone involved in the planning/marshalling of the event will be able to go to Rogers on the Saturday where a briefing will take place and a run through of the route in the afternoon.

There will be camping for the marshals and a small party on the Saturday Evening, STRICTLY for those marshalling. (Not to be made public)!

Taff - Products

Has priced up T-shirts. Steve P to set up to sell on-line & he/Taff liaising on this.

Varied discussion on where/who to get T's from ensued.

Di – Memberships & MAG-Stand co-ordinator

Nothing on memberships.

Re the MAG Stand – Everyone has to let Di know diary dates for when this is required otherwise you may miss your slot.

We will need the stand for the Harley do at Mangotsfield.

ALL

Holy Joes on 17th May – Anne to contact Ed re stand at their show.

Anne

6 **Reps Reports**

Swindon – Numbers are down. A discussion ensued re the difficulty of getting people along to meetings. Trace has 90 members in Swindon area. He is planning a mail out towards the end of the year calling at AGM and informing them that the Group will close if nothing can be worked out.

Bristol – Andy Derrett has been elected Group Rep. They have an elected committee rivalling the size of the NC and those jobs not taken up officially are being done by members who don't wish to sit on the committee.

The question was asked why Andy wasn't present at this meeting. Den had told him of it the Thursday previous.

Mid-Wilts – had their AGM but because this wasn't advertised it did not fall within the constraints of the MAG UK Constitution.

Paul McCullough was re-elected as Rep; Taff Deputy Rep; Alan Yandell, Political and events; Andy Whale, Treasurer, Louisa King, Sec.

Accounts were presented. Group making donation of £200 to Regional Account.

Numbers attending are down. Organised ride-outs are being arranged. 5th April = MAG Awareness Day at the Shires, Trowbridge.

W&NS – as per Troll's report above.

Glos – 150 pre-books for the Rally. 4/5 bands over the weekend. 16th Feb = party.

Denny approached by guy from the Weston Daily Press for news of motorcycle events. Discussion ensued whereby Group Press Officers

should be emailing out Press Releases to local papers.

First Aid Course = Biker First Aid Course = £41. Valid for 3 years.
So far members from Glos, Bristol & Severn Freewheelers are attending. Anyone interested – contact Denny.

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NC/Board Report

[CONFIDENTIAL Minute for Now: The committee received the bad news that Trevor was leaving his employment with MAG UK. Anne said she knew this might be on the cards for a while and had been dreading that it might actually happen. CONFIDENTIAL]

1. Vote of thanks to Trace as our NCL – Trace also had a nice email from Jane Chisholm.
2. 147 clubs and heading for our biggest target.
3. Financial report - £126k
4. Roy Hills, ex South West Rep, wants to start a Group in Bridport.
5. **General Sec's Report** sent separately by BP
6. **New Noise Regs** – Bill to send to Denny
7. **FEMA** now working on various working groups
8. **UN work** on motorcycling – now the FEMA President is filling in on meetings rather than the US negotiator

Board Report

Bill P

GMex show stand is free

New employee – Clare at Central Office.

Janet who was working 50/50 for MAG UK & The Foundation – the Foundation is now to be charged for the work. However, there may be some conflicts with the Charity Commission so this has to be finalised.

Thanks have come to Western Region for our £3k donation.

Stormin the Castle has a new venue – Barnard Castle. This is a green field site and so there may not be so much of a donation to MAG UK as in previous years due to the logistics of setting everything up from scratch.

Apology from Central Office for any slowness in responding to stuff, this is due to staff training.

International Motorcycle Touring Club (IMTC) to present a proposal at their AGM to affiliate to MAG.

NC Report

AGC Minutes for 2007 have been corrected. Anne had contacted Central Office because the wording on Anti-Skid manhole covers

was wrong. Now corrected.

Fuel Tax – MAG’s stance on scraping VED and putting the tax onto petrol is that we are against that.

Brum Demo – this is the National Demo which will this year be demonstrating against congestion charging. Date 12th July – all please make an effort to go if possible. Last year the organisers were very disappointed that only two NC officers attended.

National Awards – any suggestions. Anne wanted to propose Trevor Baird for the Freedom Award but that had already been done.

PLI – Trevor had now produced the document he had been liaising with Anne over on what she called the ‘Idiots guide to PLI for MAG stands at events as per the proposal to AGC 2007 which was voted in.

AOB

SIA approved door staff. The NC had been non-committal on this. A discussion ensued at our meeting re the necessity for SIA approved door staff at our events in the Region. Denny is the expert on this legislation and it appears volunteers do not have to be SIA trained – only if it is a paid job.

Re-launch question from Western Region AGM to the Chair – Bill had liaised with the Chair to try to get her to understand ‘why’ the question had been asked in the first place which was that the way this whole re-launch was handled must never be allowed to happen again and that protocol regarding proper agenda’s, minutes, consultation with membership must be provided. JC had intimated to Bill that the email to NC members re a meeting for 28th April 2007 was where it all seemed to have gone ‘tits’ up. Those of us who had read the paperwork agreed.

Bill asked if the committee would allow him to sort out with JC one a 1-2-1 basis. Unanimous.

Memberships – lists of renewals and Di will cross-check with her letters to see how many she has contacted have renewed. A discussion ensued for an automated service to provide this information.

8 April & October Committee Meeting Dates

After a discussion it was agreed that we did need a meeting in April as a 4 month gap was too long. April 27th is the agreed date. October is still to be confirmed given the events happening during that month.

Re the weights and sides for the MAG stand which need to be collected from Bill & Di’s place. Andy Kerr will do this in time for the April events. Anne suggested he avail himself of the provision

made to claim his petrol. This option is open to anyone who wants to avail themselves of this provision, however, receipts must be provided and it should be cleared by the Regional Committee prior.

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Any Other Business

- a. **Western Region Banner** this was buried with Donna. Denny suggested we replace it. Committee gave unanimous go ahead up to an amount of £50 to be spent.
- b. **Lights for the Rally Marquees** Denny had investigated rope lights to fit all three marquees. Committee agreed a budget of £300 for the 97 metres required – unanimous. These would be held as Regional assets along with the three marquees.
- c. **Concerning comments re last years Ded Duk** on the Black Country website. Denny to send out to committee list for feedback/thoughts.
- d. **Troll's Printer** – had gone tits up and he had purchased a new one. Anne proposed to the committee that he be reimbursed. Cost £60.48 including a couple of cartridges. Unanimous.

Denny

Meeting closed at 5.20