

# Minutes of MAG Western Region Meeting

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## Mayors Arms

**Attending: Debbie Rose, Rep W&NS. Andy K, Clubs. Andy M, Committee Chair & Communications. Bill Pugsley, NC Liaison. Di Pugsley, Membership. Eddie Garnier, Rep NotAvon. Denny Powell, Rep Gloucester. Trace, Rep, Swindon. George (the Troll) Legg, MP/MEP, & other various hats. Kath Aldom, Regional Treasurer. Taff, Mid Wilts. Anne G, Admin.**

**AWOL:- Andy Derrett, Rep Bristol. Robbie, Forest of Dean.**

**APOLOGIES:- Steve Peake, Webmaster.**

Item No.	Discussion Point	Action
----------	------------------	--------

2/3	<b>Minutes of October Meeting – correctness and Matters Arising</b>	
-----	---	--

The Minutes were deemed as correct. No Matters Arising.

4	<b>Officers Reports</b>	
---	-------------------------	--

*George, the Troll,*

- a. Please get your MP to sign the Early Day Motion on Test Centres

*Di*

- a. Membership Database is being sorted at Central but we have to wait.
- b. Tony Cox, NW Rep, is trying to sort the Database remotely
- c. Bill passed round a report showing Membership Statistics. A discussion ensued and it was hoped these can be produced on a regular basis. It was also noted that the membership had reduced slightly.

*Andy K*

- a. Andy had emailed Fergus for an up to date list of Clubs contact details, however, Fergus had to find out where he stood regarding the DPA. Andy M assured us that the DPA did not apply.
- b. Andy has to complete a pink form. Once this procedure is completed he will phone round the Clubs to talk about the launch of the Clubs Page & ask permission for their details to appear on our Regional web-site.

*Kath*

- a. needs to receive **ALL Group Accounts** before the books can be

- audited in readiness for our Regional AGM.
- b. Has received a donation from Bristol
  - c. Glos MAG may give a donation but it depends on how much the new Marquees cost
  - d. **Mid-Wilts** gave a donation of £200
  - e. Regional balance stands at around £3234.
  - f. Kath to send email regarding accounts

### ***Andy M***

- a. Everything that had to be switched over is now on the MAG server at Central. The server is up and running having dealt with a few minor problems.
- b. Andy is encouraging more active members to have an email on the Server. Inside the MAG server there can be no traceable ISP enabling us to keep anything which is 'confidential' exactly that.
- c. Andy recommends using the facility of 'Thunderbird' to do this which can be downloaded onto your machine. Trace had done this and found it very simple.

## **5**

### **REPS REPORTS**

#### **NotAvon – Eddie:-**

- a. Had Group AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> December with George observing
- b. Group is not having the MAG Hatters but 'a Spring Surprise'
- c. Eddie is still Group Rep

#### **Swindon – Trace**

- a. Had AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at which 5 members turned up but there was no Regional Observer!!
- b. The Group has now folded and the Bank Account is being sorted & any proceeds will be passed to the Regional Treasurer.
- c. Andy M prompted a discussion wherein he proposed that we keep the Swindon mailing list going which will keep members informed and also that the Swindon MAG website is kept going. Reason is that it may be resurrected at any time in the future when someone else may wish to take on the Group. Denny nominated Steve Peake to keep an eye on the Swindon website. Though the Group is now disbanded, Trace agreed to stay on, in

name, as Group Rep.

Steve Peake

- d. Denny asked if there was anything coming up within the Swindon area concerning Unitary matters. Trace was not aware of any.

### **Mid-Wilts**

- a. Numbers are still down & have been as low as 3, however, last two weeks up to 8 attendees.
- b. Christmas Run saw 21 bikes in support & £115 raised for Bath Cats and Dogs Home plus the usual donations of food.
- c. Numbers were down for the evening party – possibly due to the bad weather. A profit of £121.11 was made.
- d. The Landlady of the Lysley is leaving in the Spring & Mid Wilts MAG thanks her for her support for MAG over the years and wish her & her family all the best for the future. Lets hope the new management are as biker friendly.

### **Bristol**

In the absence of Andy, 3 of us cobbled together as much of a report as we could:-

Group is either attending or organising support of one run/event each month beginning with the AGM & in February lunch at the Codrington.

Manhole covers & secure parking negotiations ongoing. Loads of secure parking appearing around the city. Some with CCTV & even lighting!

Looks Like we will soon be looking for a new venue which is most likely to be The Portcullis, Fishponds. Watch this space.

Anne Chaired Bristol's AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> November – all committee posts were filled – very big committee.

### **Weston & North Somerset**

Mixed year with the disappointment of the cancellation of the GWR.

Group has full committee.

With the money from Beach Race and WTF party there is now no loss over the cancellation of GWR.

### **GWR Committee**

Events in the Groups area begin with Fred's Run the weekend after Easter.

1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting for the GWR has been held.

Tickets will be pre-sold only and not pre-book

Date – 18-20 September.

## **Gloucester**

Good attendance with around 20-25 people

Account is looking good but most of that will be spent putting on The Slippitt Rally and buying new marquees for said event

Rally is 10-12 April. Tickets are £8. Possibly a coffee mug with rally logo on & free coffee after purchase. Possibly an Indian on the Sat night. A discussion ensued about the complaints of catering & how Munchies seems to have declined in recent years.

Steve Peake is now Products Officer.

Deb Peake is a possible future Treasurer.

Denny is now on the Glos Road Safety Forum.

**6**

## **NC REPORT**

### **Items from regional reports.**

Hampshire County Council will be adopting Anti Slip Manhole covers

Welsh MP Mark Williams will be re-tabling the two EDM's, one commending MAG on the work it has done on motorcycling the other on the test centres. We need to get as many MP's to sign as possible, Nich is going to circulate how to go about it on the activists list.

I offered our support to Rory (Wales) with the regional stand for events in South/West Wales, he has asked to come along to some of the events where we run the full regional stand to see how we do it.

Bikes in bus lanes are to be trailed on TfL red routes.

### **Finances**

Bank balance £57962 MAP have just been invoiced. Looking at a break even for the end of year.

### **General Secretary**

Staffing.

Staff levels are now back to normal, Nich is now the most senior with regard to time in position.

Kalpna Panchal. Part time but wants permanent, for finances. VAT and accounts auditors are pleased with the changes and improvements that have been made.

Claire Brindley. Permanent, for membership and ticket sales.

Laynie Osbourne. Contractor 3 days a week. Assisted with the database and capable of assisting with any trouble shooting.

Feedback, positive as well as negative needed on how central is working.

### Membership

119 memberships taken at the NEC, 89 new, 30 renewals.

Nich/Claire have done some work on a Membership Monitor that can be circulated to NC each month. Other analysis shows the average MAG member is 5-10 years older than the average motorcyclist.

Corporate members.

Draft Proposal for corporate members.

Vote of thanks given to Nich for keeping MAG running over what has been a very difficult time

### **FEMA Report**

Discussion and concern over the power of the Nordic countries. An e-mail to be sent highlighting MAG's discomfort.

### **Board Report.**

Almost all items from board came to NC.

### **Campaign Strategy**

Handout. Need to prioritise campaigns/position statements.

### **New Test/Test centres. Consultation by DSA.**

This will be first major campaign of 2009. See Nich's e-mail/request for views is attached in another email.

### **National Products**

Feedback needed on what members want from national products

### **Training Weekend**

Aiming for March/April in Leeds, suggested local groups/regions finance delegates.

### **AGC 2009**

Reminder that proposals & nominations to be in by end of year. Don't

forget awards.

Meeting closed 5pm

This report was discussed within Western Region Committee resulting in a Confidential Minute.

Bill reminded us all that **any Motions to Annual Group Conference must be with Central Office by 31 December 2008.**

**7 Regional Events for 2009 – so far**

Slippitt Inn Rally is 10-12 April

Calne Bike Show is 25<sup>th</sup> July

Bristol After Bike Show Party is 15<sup>th</sup> August

GWR is 18-20 September

**8 Mailing Lists**

Plea from Andy M to get as many email addresses from members as possible for your Group.

**9 Regional AGM**

**Regional Annual Group Meeting**

Venue is now changed due to change of landlord at Englands Glory from around mid January.

Anne expressed her concern about the possible lateness of the mail-out for the Regional AGM. Constitutionally, the mail-out should be sent 4 weeks in advance which is 25<sup>th</sup> December. Central office have yet to send us the addresses etc.

**10 Any Other Business**

- a. Anne suggested that the Region propose to AGM that we include the post of Vice-Rep/NC Liaison. Anne to word and email out. All agreed.

There was no time for any other dialogue as the Landlady wanted to shut the pub – so we all went home but not until we had watched Ed's attempts to start the Harley which made him very warm indeed.