

Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting

February 2009

England's Glory, Gloucester.

Item	Discussion Point	Action
1	Apologies from Ed Garnier, NotAvon; Taff, Mid-Wilts; Kath Aldom, Treasurer.	
2/3	Minutes of December Meeting were agreed and ratified with no Matters Arising	
4	Officers Reports Andy Kerr, Clubs. Info from Fergus has shown that Whiteliners of Bristol and Ruffuns have not renewed their affiliation. Spoke to Whiteliners representative and renewal may have been overlooked – now in had. Denny to check out the Ruffuns. There are now 5 clubs on the Clubs Page of the website. Andy has spoken to the Van Diemans re a link tot heir website on our page. Denny will check with the 5 Valleys, Stroud and the A38rs regarding links. Andy is looking at expanding the links to National Clubs which have a branch/group in our Region. Fergus has confirmed there are now 154 Clubs affiliated to MAG. Trace – Vice-Rep. It was recognised that we failed to elect Trace as vice-Rep for the Region at the AGM. Apologies for the oversight. Anne suggested we co-opt him into post. Proposed: Andy M; seconded:- Bill Pugsley. Unanimous. Di – Membership. Nothing to report on membership. Now part of Ian Mutch's proof reading team for The Road. Steve B, Officer without Portfolio. Steve asked for the definition of his role. We all looked blankly back at him but all agreed he is to carry forward the post as he sees fit. [Post meeting note:- we have always said, also, such a post is to encourage new blood and also that any job which requires doing then any OWP might be asked to step in.] George, The Troll, Political Hat – quiet at the moment but hopes that will change with the resurrection of Network. Events Hat – Information on runs/events doesn't seem to be getting through to George. Can all Groups filter through information to him	

soonest so he can co-ordinate the regional calendar.

Mid-Wilts AGM is on 26th February.

Andy M, Communications. Been doing quite a bit of National work on IT etc. Discussion with Denny on her email.

Kath, Treasurer – by letter. Regional balance is £1261.66p

Steve P – Webmaster. Has tidied the Regional website. Taking care of Swindon website as agreed at last meeting. Has inherited Glos MAG website for the time being.

5 **Group Reps**

Robbie, Forest of Dean. Group AGM pending within 6 weeks.

Trace, Swindon caretaker Rep. Possibly visiting Swindon area clubs.

Debs, W&NS. Focusing on the GWR. Van Diemens have party on 28th February support wanted from other MAG groups for attendance. Biker Nights start on 7th May. 15-20 attending club nights.

Denny, Glos MAG. Glos MAG had their AGM. Full Committee. Also Rally Committee. Some Ride-Outs planned throughout the year. Rally preparations for Easter in full swing.

Andy K, Mid-Wilts. Having a re-launch to encourage new members to come along.

6 **NC/Board Report**

Anthony (Nev) Chamberlain has resigned as Rep for Eastern Region

Finance

Report circulated during last week. Justine is keeping a very tight rein on spending. Thanks were minuted to all the groups who have made donations.

Clubs

We now have 154 clubs

Network

Selina requested that historic articles be included in network, manhole covers for example.

Agreed that a basic events list is included, Ian Mutch to supply.

Posting list to be reviewed to reduce postal costs where possible.

Rep's Reports.

I brought up the issue of Facebook. There was a short discussion, many MAG groups and half of the NC are on facebook. This is likely to be an agenda item

for June NC.

General Sec. Report.

Affiliated clubs/PLI – Nich has done some investigation and comparison with BMF.

To set up a similar system to the BMF would require quite a financial outlay as you have to be approved by the FSA. The BMF have this.

The PLI is part of the membership of the BMF, there is no choice, some clubs have come over to MAG because they do not want the PLI and the cost involved.

Basically, MAG cannot compete with BMF on the subject of PLI.

Office and Gen Sec workload – In one day Nich received 128 e-mails. 57 were spam etc but the others all needed dealing with, he was only able to respond to 18 in the day, this shows the level of workload there is in the office. Temp taken on to replace Claire

Membership – Review of data supplied

Board Report

Gerard Livett standing down as company secretary and director, Steve Wykes now company secretary. At AGC, if Paul Turner is accepted as a director, this will leave two vacancies on the board.

Corporate Members – Details of Standard & Premium rates proposed, agreed at NC. Membership will restart on 1st April but from then on will be rolling.

Finance – We are in a position to meet our obligations. On line banking is almost ready.

Feedback from Contractors – see report from Ian Mutch

Sharing the workload.

Major discussion on sharing the work took place, there were a number of offers from NC members to take on tasks. There was serious debate on the options available to engage a campaigns manager.

FEMA Report.

Gerard Livett (uncle sol) is now president, there is still some tension with the Nordic countries.

MAG now need to find a representative.

AGC 2009.

General discussion checking details. There will be the opportunity for delegates to give some direction on campaigns.

Campaigns & Consultations

DSA – Long debate on campaign plans and options.

Other issues - Nich provided a document for NC members to take away and provide feedback.

Any Other Business

MAGsport sponsorship. Trevor has resigned from his voluntary post of contact with riders. Sponsorship will be provided to those riders that have provided MAG with information on their progress.

7 **Events**

Slippit Inn – Denny requested bar staff as all usual bar staff are at various stages of pregnancy. Discussion ensued between Debs & Denny with an agreement on who would work what nights. It was pointed out by Den that bar staff and marshals don't drink at the Slippit when on duty.

Bikesafe, Haynes Museum, Sparkford – George will need the Regional stand delivered on Saturday morning and collected on Sunday evening. At present the stand is with mid-Wilts.

8 **Electronic Ticket Sales**

Steve P explained how the system for booking on-line works. There is a small fee involved. Steve can help with the technical set-up or he is willing to take on the whole thing and pass on the money etc.

A discussion ensued between Steve P & W&NS members re getting this set-up in time for the GWR.

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12 **April Meeting** it was agreed will be held on the Saturday afternoon at the Slippit Inn

13 **BMW Presentation on 8th March.** As arranged last year Steve P will give a presentation to the BMW Club at Easter Compton on 8th March and he will email out the time and place to the Regional Committee.

George is also going along and other support by Committee Members from the Region is required.

"The Flying Squad" – the team who volunteered to get together a polished act for presentations, it was hoped would attend. Ed, Bill,

14 **Any Other Business**

Denny –

- a. visiting clubs
- b. Bikes in Bus Lanes