

Minutes of Western Regional Committee Meeting

11th April 2009 - Slippit Inn Rally

Attending:

Deb Rose, W&NS Rep; Robbie Harris, FoD Rep; George (the Troll) Legg, Political et al; Steve Bradford, Officer w/o Portfolio; Bill Pugsley, NC Liaison; Kath Aldom, Regional Treasurer; Di Pugsley, Membership Sec; Denny Powell, Glos Rep; Andy Meredith, Committee Chairman; Anne Gale, Admin.

Apologies:

Andy Kerr, Clubs. Steve Peake, Webmaster. Taff Jones, Mid-Wilts. Trace, vice NCL. This was a shortened meeting due to the venue. February Minutes to be ratified at the June meeting.

1. MAG Annual Group Conference Report - Bill

MAG (UK) Ltd Report

Finance

Year 2007/2008 loss of 50k

Questions and comments on when to board were aware of this. Re-enforcing the need to not rely on fighting fund donations. Debate on membership fees requested by the floor, held over until later in the meeting.

Board resignation Gerard Livett

Board Elections Paul Turner, Dianne Pugsley, Justine Travis

MAG Annual Group Conference

1. Officers Elections:

Nat. Chairman - Paul Turner

Nat. Treasurer - Justine Travis NOTE this is the last year.

Nat. Clubs - Fergus O'Connell

Delegates then participated in giving some feedback and guidance on position statements for central/NC to work on.

Lunch Break

Proposals to Conference

FREE AFFILIATION FOR NABD

To continue the free affiliation of NABD, the National Association for Bikers with a Disability.
Proposed: Jane Chisholm [106527]

Seconded: Ian Mutch [003]
Passed unanimous

EASTERN REGION DIVISION

I propose that the Eastern Region is geographically split in to two separate regions;
i) Bedford, Cambridge and Northamptonshire
ii) Lincolnshire

Proposed: Andy Gledhill [93954]
Seconded: Sally Gledhill [114485]

Motion was defeated by constitution two-thirds rule. Simple majority were in favour of splitting region. Way forward suggested by Nich that NC looks at regional boundaries rather than having a new region.

ROADS POLICING (NB: this is a late proposal received after 31st December 2008)

East Yorkshire MAG propose (after a unanimous vote) that MAG(UK) prepare and implement a national campaign, to protect the liberty and freedom of motorcyclists, travelling on the public highways from overzealous and discriminatory policing.

Proposed: Jol Lawson [97448]
Seconded: John Metcalfe [117378]

Debate on the details of the campaign and the perception that MAG did nothing last year. Passed

Presidents Address

Usual but even more humorous banter

Awards

[the most important, in our opinion of course, being an Hon Life Membership awarded to Andy Meredith for his work on 'saving the MAG website from collapse']

Donations:- About 20k

DEBATE ON MEMBERSHIP FEES

Suggestions were proposed from the floor to raise annual subscription to 22 or 25. More debate, members agreed it was not the right climate to be raising membership but must be reviewed next AGC.

AGC 2010:- possibly East Anglia.

2. Events within the Region - April to June, cover/support/stand - Anne

Bikesafe South West, Haynes Museum, Sparkford. 25/26 April = Regional MAG stand required. Andy K. to transport to Sparkford and Bill/Di to collect. Support wanted from anyone who'll come along and give Troll a hand.

RBL Biker Nights - these begin May 7th and Troll would like the Regional MAG stand at each 1st one in the month

The Welsh Rep would like to borrow our MAG Stand plus bodies - no decision on this was reached (mainly because we were all too tired!)

3. Event/Group Support - Steve B

Steve suggested that communication between the Groups could be better. Maybe a monthly meeting/ride-out of local groups. We all agreed and suggested, as he was Officer without Portfolio & it was his suggestion, that he had talked himself into a job. He will work on this and report back to next Regional Meeting.

4. Confidential Minute - Den

5. Public Liability Insurance (PLI) - Den

On applying for the PLI for the Rally, Den had been told that there was no charge for MAG Groups arranging events providing there was a donation to MAG from that event. Anne recalled this used to be the case.

Anyway, in a nutshell, if you are a MAG Group organising a fund raising event you don't have to pay for PLI - though, of course, you have to apply for this in the usual manner.

NB - Network will carry an important notice regarding 'silly games' at events. This had already been circulated to Western Region by Anne prior to the Easter event.

Meeting closed @ 18.50.

Next Meeting:- Sunday June 14th - venue to be decided.