

Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting

10th October 2010 – The Lamb, Iron Acton.

Attending: Bill Pugsley. Di Pugsley. Deb Rose – W&NS. Mo Green – Bristol. Kath Aldom – Treasurer. Geoff Mills – observing. Eddie Garnier – OWP. Steve Bradford – Products/Events. Andy Kerr – Clubs. George (the Troll) Legg – Political. Den Powell – Glos MAG. Steve Peake – Webmaster. Andy Meredith – Comms/Committee Chair. Anne Gale – Admin.

AWOL: Taff – mid-Wilts

As Andy M was late to the meeting it was suggested another Chairman for the meeting be elected until Andy M's arrival. Proposed: Ed Garnier. Accepted.

Item	Discussion Point	Action
1	Apologies – Trace – NCL. Robbie – Forest of Dean. Hugh – NotAvon	
2	<p>Minutes of August Meeting – correctness. Agreed as correct record.</p> <p>Matters Arising – 2(4) Mo had emailed Nich for MAG's official stance on 20mphs – so far no reply. Mo had been told by John Stacey that no Consultation was to take place on 20mph zones – however, Geoff Mills corrected this – consultation has to take place. 6 Region's Model Rules – Anne had not had time to look at these as they are on her old 'steam driven' machine. Will look at and report back to December meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Loaning of Marquees (item 10(4) Aug Mins revisited) Bill responded on behalf of his Group to the 3 items suggested by Andy M (email 23/08/10) as follows:-</p> <p>1 - How much would the PLI cost us to cover W&NS against the potential for the tent collapsing and the people underneath suing the living entrails out them. <i>Had rung Louisa at Central Office – normal PLI applies with Risk Assessment for erecting a marquee + PLI for Clubs affiliated to MAG.</i> <i>Query – if it is not a MAG event, then PLI is not free.</i> <i>Query – if PLI applies in the case that 'erection' may have been faulty.</i> <i>Bill to further pursue with Louisa/Castlemead, preferably to get things in writing.</i></p> <p>2 - What would the replacement value be if the tent was to be destroyed. <i>TBD by the Regional Committee if relevant.</i></p> <p>3 - How much are the club willing to pay for this and would they be willing to lodge a bond with us for the replacement of the tent, or more practically fund an insurance policy to this value. <i>Terms and Conditions would be applied to the loan of marquees.</i> <i>Insistence would be made that the Club holds full PLI. Plant Insurance etc.</i></p> <p><i>Query – Health and Safety – Bill to pursue this on suggestion of Denny.</i></p> <p>Further discussion ensued during which the following items were mentioned:-</p> <p>a) People using the marquee/s must be aware of their responsibilities. b) This is only an enquiry from a MAG affiliated Club at the moment and so the criteria for such a venture has to be look at. c) The point was, once again, made that this Club had helped W&NS out many time by supporting their events, in particular the party that was hosted to raise some money to pay for the washed out rally. d) MAG (W&NS in this instance) – must have sight of the RA; H&S; Insurances & PLI. e) How much donation would be made by the Club? f) HSE have an Event Guide on their website which would give T&Cs.</p>	

	<p>Before the discussion point was concluded Anne asked Debs (W&NS Rep)/Bill if they were happy that this subject had been covered to the best so far as we could go at this meeting? Affirmative. It was agreed to re-visit this item in December at the next Regional meeting</p>	
4	<p>Officers Reports Di – nothing to report on Memberships</p> <p>Kath – Regional Account stands at £1452.98p. Kath to send an email to all Group Treasurers that their Accounts should be signed off and sent to Kath by end October. Group Reps – please pass this on soonest.</p> <p>Steve B – Events have been updated with the dates/details of all Group AGMs. Products – all up to date. Had taken delivery of 1st order. £100 handed to Kath. Bit of problem with the 2 sweatshirts where dye had bled into the design. Steve P requested a size chart. Steve B to email. Steve P also suggested we have ordering on-line; profit is very minimal on products; only small charge made by paypal. Steve B will send an email on stock held etc. He came up with a new design which included ‘what has MAG done for you?’ on the back. This was generally well received although some discussion ensued as to whether this should be on the front or back of the shirt.</p> <p>Andy K – Has not heard if Somerset Motorcycle Club have affiliated or not and will ring Louisa to confirm. Unlike when Ferg was the Clubs Officer, never hears anything from anyone regarding Club News. List are meant to be coming out to Regions from Central office. Riders for Charity (R4C) have affiliated to MAG.</p> <p>George, the Troll – not much on the Political front. Brace yourself, George, its all about to kick-off mate. George feels it is essential that Central Office should have a list of all Political Officers. Anne feels that, with this biggie that is about to hit us which will require much effort, Group Reps should ensure details of the Groups Political Officers should be sent to George so it is easy for him to disseminate information down.</p> <p>Steve P – (thanks for sending by email, A) Most of my recent MAG-webby time has been experimenting with the soon-to-be revamped Glos MAG site. I should hopefully have a preliminary design to show you soon (i.e. before the next meeting) - your comments will be welcomed, as the regional site will be based on the work done for Glos MAG.</p> <p>I am aware this is taking some time, but I'm trying to implement the correct CMS (Content Management System) to make it easier to keep the sites "alive" - hopefully it will allow non-techie (or at least "less-techie") people to contribute to the sites.</p> <p>Also, I hope W&NS MAG are happy with the online ticket sales - any feedback/criticism is welcome.</p> <p>Andy M – Nothing to report</p> <p>Ann G – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Broke for lunch at 2.15 Resumed Meeting at 2.35</p>	Kath Group Reps
5	<p>Reps/Group Reports NotAvon – Apologies from Hugh who was working Sundays. AGM is on 1st Tuesday in November (2nd). Den to Observe for Region. Vice-Rep for NotAvon standing in the wings ready to take over as Rep after the 1 year term that Hugh agreed to hold the post for after Ed resigned in 2009.</p> <p>Weston & North Somerset – made a profit of £1396 on the 2010 GWR. Round of applause. Anne thanked W&NS for ‘sticking with it over the last 5 years’. Cheque for £1k will be handed to Kath for Regional Account. Group have agreed to hold a Rally in 2011 on 2nd weekend of September. Group AGM 17th November – Mo to Observe.</p> <p>Glos MAG – Really quiet at the moment and attendance seems to be dying a death. Slippit Inn Rally next year will be 22-24 April. Group AGM 25th November. Robbie is Observing on behalf</p>	

	<p>Region.</p> <p>Bristol – MAG Awareness Day at Riders (9th Oct) a success. Pat Healey doing a great job as Political Officer. New venue – The Railway Tavern, Station Road Fishponds, BS16 3SG proving successful. Soup Run (for the Homeless) Sunday 24th October – meeting at Burrington Combe, details on flyers/website etc. Xmas meal planned – Mo to talk to Landlady. AGM 18th November – two Observers, Trace & Troll.</p> <p>Mid-Wilts – Andy K – Group is ticking over. Has no idea when AGM will be or that Accounts can be got to Kath by end of October.</p> <p>Swindon – Trace has spoken to a couple of people to try and track down the Accounts</p>	
6	<p>Board Report <u>MAG Board Meeting Friday 8th October 2010</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1 Present</u></p> <p>Tony Cox, Paul Turner, Pat Van Aalst, Den Powell, Di Pugsley, Ian Mutch, Nich Brown, Louisa Smith, Steve Wykes.</p> <p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Jane Chisholm, Sheila McFarlane, Justine Travis,</p> <p>3 Appointments and Resignations</p> <p>None</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>4 Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></p> <p>No corrections or omissions</p> <p>5 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Right to Ride – Trevor offered to run MAG in NI – Trevor issued negative Press release relating to meeting held by Paddy. Commercial implications for MAG, if Trevor/Elaine run NI, could be a conflict of interest. We need to know what Trevor wants, we know he doesn't want to be regional rep. Can't have access to Database without being regional rep. Mail-shots can be done from central.</p> <p>We can test the water by providing Network MAG press releases etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6 Central Office</u></p> <p><u>Premises</u> – Unit 4 we had to get boiler sorted on unit 4 this has now been done and we no longer have any interest in unit 4. Oakslade alternative heating being investigated,</p> <p>Staff - Kalpna left on 6th October. 5 CV's received for replacement Financial administrators post. Interviews to be held with Pat and Louisa on Tuesday. Fairly promising applicants. Louisa to provide update to Board.</p> <p>Paddy away till 15th November, organising mass lobby, framework regulation has surfaced and DSA still needs to be kept in check and minister needs to be kept informed. RAV still requires input for next year's local elections.</p> <p>Den to produce person/job spec for Paddy. David Short was remote from groups. Guidance and direction for existing groups as well as new groups is required. Trying to provide guidance through Network and the Road.</p> <p>Contracts need to be produced taking account of changes in legislation. Check Board minutes. Copies of NC minutes to Den.</p> <p><u>Contractors – Neil Stevenson looking for cover of up to £1575 for MCN Excel show in London.</u></p>	

Hang on for better deal, but we do need to be there to cover London and the South of England. Explore counter deal for adverts in the Road.

Membership – Doing better on recruitment than on retention, losing about 5% net per year over last two years. Year to date we have lost 316 members. On the clubs front The Triumph Owners club (4,000 members) and Honda Owners club (2,600 members) have affiliated.

Database – presentations look at different packages on offer to be put on CD's to enable Tony and Justine to review. Not just a database but enables us to communicate with members and analyse trends. Integrated system, stops double handling of data that takes place at the moment. Have saved £4,000 on temporary staff this year new database would save about £10k per annum. Can also record campaign contacts.

Existing database flaky and contains information we no longer need. We also have severe problems accessing server problems being looked at. With any new system we need to specify brief. Den to speak to Nich and Andy regarding problems and possible solutions.

Local server died in March and we have lost functionality, meaning that new and lapsed details and mail-outs have to be filtered manually.

Louisa to provide Tony with bullet points of failures and difficulties of database and web-site management.

- Growing the membership and strengthening the group structure. Look at sample of recently lapsed and joined members to see why they have lapsed/joined.

Review web-site looking to simplify and remove extraneous information.

Den still needing update from groups on e-mail contacts and web master/servers. We also come back to the problem of being able to access server.

7 Finance Update

Pat provided additional financial sheets for Board consideration – showing line items several code headings need to be adjusted. Project for new Financial administrator.

Electronic banking coming soon, we are looking at DD's two companies being looked at, awaiting response.

DD's will impact web-site seamless link that will look like MAG web-site, it will also have implications on membership. Initial quote £500 one off set up fee, £0.75 per new member and £0.35 to £0.60 per transaction.

8 Corporate Members/Partnership/Deals

Corporate Bikesure looking at large sponsorship deals next year, could assist with web-site. Corporate partnership is worth typically £3k per year. Feedback required on experience to check relationship.

Still continue to attract corporate members. Feedback that the Road is getting better and better, bigger corporate members still shying away from advertising, since still too much like a club magazine.

Riders Digest want to affiliate as a corporate member. Would put regular riders rights feature in the magazine. Nich has put together an article for them.

10 Any Other Business

Den received a phone call from Afgan Heroes, ride for respect pencilled in for Mother's day 2011. Wiltshire Police looking for £60k to Police ride, so looking at regional rides to minimise numbers. Looking for help on a regional base throughout the UK.

We would get good PR, put to NC.

Discussion on communication with central

Pat looking to get regional forecast of donation.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11 Time and Date of next Meeting</u></p> <p>10th December 2010, Oakslade</p> <p>Meeting Closed 12.55 am</p>																	
	<p>NC Report – Den had stood in for Trace at National level for the previous days NC meeting. Due to ongoing issues regarding the circulation of minutes and agendas the following has been proposed for Board/NC Preparation</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="188 495 1385 1055"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="188 495 427 555">No of Days</th> <th data-bbox="427 495 1385 555">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 555 427 645">NC-15</td> <td data-bbox="427 555 1385 645">Central request items for discussion/reports/confirmation of attendance etc. Central to confirm minute taker</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 645 427 701">NC-10</td> <td data-bbox="427 645 1385 701">Chair to agree provisional agenda with Central</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 701 427 757">NC-8</td> <td data-bbox="427 701 1385 757">Central issue provisional agenda & essential info</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 757 427 813">NC-5</td> <td data-bbox="427 757 1385 813">Central to compile final supporting material & presentations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 813 427 869">Friday – Board</td> <td data-bbox="427 813 1385 869">Agree & produce minutes for circulation to NC next day</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 869 427 925">Saturday – NC</td> <td data-bbox="427 869 1385 925">Agree action points as last item before close of meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="188 925 427 1055">NC + 5 (TBC)</td> <td data-bbox="427 925 1385 1055">NC minute taker to circulate draft minutes and action points – this maybe when action points are circulated & minutes at a later date to be confirmed</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Campaigns</u></p> <p>New Multi Directive (not official title) Covers all road bikes including mopeds and sidecars, trikes and light 4-wheeled vehicles. FEMA produced a summary of main areas included in the new directive. Nich gave out a copy but at present It's not for circulation, as some areas need clarification. We had to come up with a MAG stance on each issue:</p> <p><i>Braking</i> – from 01.01.17 all new bikes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 50cc & under 125cc to be fitted with combined braking systems or anti-locking brake systems • over 125cc to be fitted with anti-lock brake system <p>MAG & FEMA – if bikes to be fitted with system, riders choice to have switch on/off to maintain consumer choice to all bikes, no distinction between above & below 125cc</p> <p><i>Emission Limits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euro 4 compulsory by 2014 for existing types, 2015 for new types • Euro 5 compulsory by 2017 for existing types, 2018 for new types • Euro 4 compulsory by 2020 for existing types, 2021 for new types <p>MAG & FEMA – Yes to law on emissions, but up to motorcycle industry. Would support a delay in implementation if manufacturers ask for this if it means keeping cost down</p> <p><i>CO2 Labelling</i> - Manufacturers must display customer information about the amount of CO2 in g/km</p> <p>MAG & FEMA – Strongly in favour. This will assist with VED and bikes with lowest emissions could be free on tax like lowest emission cars</p> <p><i>Durability requirements for manufacturers</i>- Emission limits for certain mileage – testing to be done by manufacturer with sample of bikes to prove vehicle complies</p> <p>MAG & FEMA – happy to accept limits</p> <p><i>On board Diagnosis</i> - Mandatory fitting of on board diagnostic system by 2021 monitors failures and deterioration of systems, if cost effectiveness is proven and environmental effects studied and after EU communication</p>	No of Days	Action	NC-15	Central request items for discussion/reports/confirmation of attendance etc. Central to confirm minute taker	NC-10	Chair to agree provisional agenda with Central	NC-8	Central issue provisional agenda & essential info	NC-5	Central to compile final supporting material & presentations	Friday – Board	Agree & produce minutes for circulation to NC next day	Saturday – NC	Agree action points as last item before close of meeting	NC + 5 (TBC)	NC minute taker to circulate draft minutes and action points – this maybe when action points are circulated & minutes at a later date to be confirmed	
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MAG & FEMA – voluntary and information available to bike owners as well as repairers

100 horsepower limit - Forbids member states from imposing 100 horsepower limit

MAG & FEMA – Strongly agree

Access to repair and maintenance information - All information for inspection, periodic monitoring and reprogramming

MAG & FEMA – need more information but what not available for all not just repairers

Anti-tampering - Prevent tampering on the powertrain of all motorbikes including engine management systems, control modules, pollution control device, transmission, belt/chain, differentials

MAG & FEMA – absolutely NOT

Aftermarket Parts - EU type approval must be requested for systems & components sold separately

MAG & FEMA – need more information. Manufacturer must provide technical information

Market surveillance - In order to make sure bikes & parts imported from outside EU comply with type approval

MAG & FEMA – need more information

Automatic headlights on

MAG – No, FEMA – no specific stance. Nich to explain to FEMA our stance

Mass Lobby 8.11.10

Follow on from RAV – booked space in Parliament 13:00 to 15:00. Anyone who wants to talk to their MP to book appointment with them that afternoon

Top table – MAG, BMF & MCI.

Politicians invited to talk about their party

There will be a parliamentary reception for a few after the event

Ideal objective would be 1 rider per constituent but room will only hold 100

Will give out details of bike parking but not necessary to come on bike

Idea is not loads of bikes to take over Westminster; this can be done if we need to escalate

Ask members to talk to them about new riders getting into biking i.e. cost and things that affect them locally

Get a Grip Campaign

Composite manhole covers – moulded synthetic material with grit all the way through. Historically cannot be used on highway due to EU standard. EU commission asked for testing and re written but as the people asked were the ones who manufactured traditional ones it never happened

A composite company is willing to pay for a campaign. They are paying for a larger stand at NEC – ½ will be MAG and ½ will be get to grips. We will be the lead on this and once established my involve BMF

DSA Review

Not a lot happening – technical groups have MAG friendly trainers on board.

DSA staff trying to introduce objections to recommended changes

Keep talking about potentially splitting up DSA into different quangos

Test booking system stops people getting their tests booked

CBT need updating

MAG taking charge of more political meetings

Nich going to London on 21.10 and hopefully Minister to make a statement

W/C 25.10

NOTO

28.10 – 50 to 100 bikes to Brussels

they have found 2 incidents that go against European Law/competition law

Will be advertised but not pushing for people to go with them

Ian Mutch to represent MAG

Priorities List

5 responses – 1 from Wakefield, 1 from Southern and 3 from WR.

	<p>Decided to point everyone to NE website as they have a poll set up there and members can fill it it The web page is http://northeastmag.freeforums.org/mag-priority-f48.html</p> <p>Board DP introduced request from Afghan Heroes and Ride for Respect 2011. NC voted in favour of MAG logo being used and information to be put out on regional list for regional reps to discuss with members and see if they want to coordinate a ride in their region</p> <p>Finance Working on getting direct debits in place Now doing banking on line Want regions to look at cash forecasting – plans for 2011, forecast up to July 2011</p> <p>Clubs New affiliates – Honda Owners Club (2000) Triumph Owners Club (1000) Royal Enfield visited by Ian M</p> <p>Local Group expansion 5 groups in last 5 weeks Derby due to start Wants as many local people to go along to new groups</p> <p>FEMA Road safety commission being invited to track and will be taken out on bikes but on track and road – Nich to go over and represent MAG</p> <p>Periodic technical Inspection – will go quiet for a while due to the farce with consultation. Going to negotiate with national government, European parliament and come up with firm proposals next year.</p> <p>Negotiating with commission on 3rd DLD – a lot of areas need clarification i.e. test to be taken on bike at least 600cc but most 600cc are actually 598cc. This has to be on statute books by early 2011</p> <p>Proposals on 4th DLD next – length of developments 2013-14, decision will then come in 2-4 yrs after</p> <p>Need to concentrate on multidirective</p> <p>Smaller organisations i.e. MAG Austria struggling to pay fees. Neighbouring countries are looking at ways to help reinvigorate MAG there</p> <p>AGC 2011 9.4.11. Want seating for 100</p> <p>AOB Changes to constitution to be discussed at next meeting</p> <p>Membership info – DP to send out request again</p> <p>Do new DVD of Mr Mutch, or him interviewing Nich – potentially get someone to sponsor it</p> <p>Scottish AGM – Officers do not feel like they are being supported by Central. Membership secretary would like membership info DP to update pink forms to include DPA and look at producing protocol/procedure</p> <p>Meeting closed 18:10</p> <p>(re AGC note above Anne Gale queried why the venue suggested by Paul Turner to her at AGC 2010 'just up the road from '10 venue' had not been pursued. Accordingly to PT at the time this was bigger.)</p>	
7	<p>Hoggin the Bridge Request for Marshalls – several people had responded (Mo, Gary, Andy K)</p>	

	MAG Stand – Suggested meeting place (car park opposite Supermarket in Chepstow) @ 08.30 sharp – applies to Troll, Steve B, Anne G – Andy K to go direct to Aust to help out with marshalling as required and then on to Chepstow to help with MAG stand.	
8	Any Other Business a) Bill had been asked for venue suggestions for an Activist Training Weekend in the West Country. Anne suggested : Woodhouse Park and would email details to Bill.	
	Date of next meeting = 12 th December @ The Lamb. Eddie to make booking with Landlord today	
	Meeting closed 5.00	