

Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting

10th June 2012 – The Lamb, Iron Acton.

Attending:- George, the Troll, Legg – Political/The WRAG. Keith Hillier - Treasurer. Andy Kerr – Cubs. Tim Derricke – Bristol Rep. Den Powell – Glos MAG Rep. Steve Peake – Website. Andy Meredith – Committee Chair. Hugh Probart – NotAvon Rep. Anne Gale – Admin. Trace – NC Liaison. Steve Bradford – Events & Regional Stand. Paul Watts – Observing.

Meeting commenced at 1.15

1	<p>Apologies: Deb Rose – Weston & North Somerset Rep. Eddie Garnier – Product. Taff – OWP.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of February Meeting:</p> <p>Matters Arising – 3 - Steve has done some work on the web-site – please go on and see what you think of it. George to pass info onto the Region-wide list. Proposed Regional Fred Hill Run in 2013. Den to contact Gloucester Council and the Police with a view to the Run culminating at Gloucester Docks. Pick up points starting from Weston & collecting Groups en route up the A38. 10th February. Regional AGM Mailout – Concensus is Not to do one due to postage costs. Format for AGM to be ready by October to be able to go to press in December Road, onto National and local websites, distribution to Lists. Action to all Reps: New date for AGM of 3rd February 2013.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>George</p> <p>Den</p> <p>All</p>
3	<p>Officers Reports: Andy Kerr – Clubs. Clubs list is hard to get. Regional Rep is now to receive this and disseminate to relevant officers. NC hopes to have a National NC Liaison Officer in post by the end of the year. Steve B – Events/Regional Stand. Went to Castle Combe with the Stand and retained by Steve B for Weston Bike Nights until Calne when it will be passed on to Mid-Wilts. Trace – NC Liaison. Coping with all the emails. Visited Bristol and was the best meeting he’s been to for a long time. The Troll – Political. Has been tearing his hair out over the Demo trying to get details. Has changed wording on poster to include local details. Flyers were given out at Fowlers when Bristol had a MAG Awareness Day. Keith – Treasurer. Account has been sorted with the change of signatories. £1200 sent to Central Office as donation. Signatories are now:- Keith Hillier; Eddie Garnier; Anne Gale. Keith to email Andy Meredith with his email address. Steve P – website. New Regional web-site. Moving the Minutes across is in-hand. Happy to offer advice to Tony Wood for Bristol Web-site.</p>	<p>Keith</p>

	Adjourned for lunch re-convened at 2.40.	
4	<p>Reps Reports.</p> <p>Den, Glos MAG Rep. Numbers attending are horrendous at the moment. Slippit 2012 had 200 attendees and made £1500 profit which has been forwarded to Central Office. This year was Bev and Nicks last Rally and fresh blood is wanted to carry it on. There will be a meeting some time in July at Den's house. All those interested in helping put future Slippits on should attend as the meeting will decide if it goes forward or not. 2 bands are already booked.</p> <p>Attended the Lion Rally where they had superb quality plastic glasses for which a deposit was charged. Suggest for our rallies.</p> <p>Tim, Bristol MAG Rep. Bristol Bike Show and Party all systems go. Had a MAG Awareness Day on 9th June which was a great success with 6 signed up. Had a ride-out to visit Taunton. Is having 100 yellow T's printed up for the Demo which Tim is financing himself. These are designed to go over outer riding gear to inform road users why we are there. Region will fund any that Tim doesn't sell.</p> <p>Hugh, NotAvon MAG Rep. Group is ticking along. Having social meetings during the Summer as well as the normal monthly business meeting. Group has undertaken lots of letter writing to MEPs. There was an appropriate article in The Telegraph was forwarded to MPs and MEPs. Also circulated with letters to Regional Committee. Best thing with emails to committee is to send a link rather than attachments.</p> <p>Trace, Swindon. Has spoken to older members in the area but not interested in resurrecting the Group.</p> <p>Keith/Troll – W&NS. 8 more non-slip manhole covers have been installed in the area. Bike park has been modified. Discovered two new bike parks. GWR planning is going OK.</p>	
5	<p>NC/Board Report.</p> <p>NC Meeting – 9th June 2012 Shrewley Village Hall, Shrewley Common, Warwickshire. Meeting started 10:00 (MAG time ie about 10:30am)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Bill Pugsley (& Simon Mouncey) at Herts & Essex Regional AGM at a rally.</p> <p>MINUTES OF APRIL 2011 MEETING: Partly due to the minutes being a compilation of pre- and post-AGC meetings, there are several things that need to be corrected, and this will be done on email. Matters arising will also be considered by email.</p> <p>ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Done. In future this will be sorted out on email prior to meeting.</p> <p>APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS: Andy Pyatt has resigned as Warwickshire Rep.</p>	

Tim Peregrine has replaced Red as Southern Rep.

PROCEDURES:

Instead of letting subjects run around in circles on the email list, and for subjects that need resolution before the next NC meeting, email votes will be called, with a 7-day response time unless the response is more time sensitive. It was suggested that the majority of 50% (of all voting reps) + 1 in favour, is the vote level required to carry a vote. A Procedure document will be sent out by Den for discussion / approval.

The system of getting the agenda out to the NC list is also looking to be overhauled, with regional reports going direct to Den, along with agenda items. A single email package will then be sent out to the NC with the agenda of the next meeting, the regional reports, and the campaigns report. Again, a Procedure document will be sent out by Den for discussion / approval on this subject.

NC meeting minutes to be sent out in draft form to the NC list, 2 weeks after the meeting.

CAMPAIGNS:

UK RIDER TRAINING: Funding has now been found for TRL phase 2 research, and the start date is imminent, although no more research is required into removing the motorcycle from the centre stand. The DSA has spoken to training organisations, with a mixed response to suggestions including licensed trainers. The 3DLD is due to be implemented on 19th January 2013, but is still not sorted, and no list of vehicles to fill the new licence classes has been produced.

GET-A-GRIP: Now definitely a local support campaign. Peterborough has got the local council to add Diesel spills stickers to it's vehicles, and this has led to the local contractor (Enterprise plc) talking about a nationwide roll-out, and a London manhole trial. Also mentioned was the 8 covers fitted in Weston-Super-Mare.

LEON MANNINGS: Westminster council has now agreed to PTW access to all of it's buslanes.

Discussion on support to NO2MOB, who are active in the challenging the legitimacy of camera siting and the use of mobile CCTV cameras, with the result that hopefully information will be swapped.

EU FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT: There appears to be a concession on the anti-tamper front, in that it will no longer cover unrestricted bikes, but will be on the new A2 (47bhp) vehicles, and a meeting is needed with DfT to decide position of UK. On ABS, the commission is now happy for an over-ride facility to be fitted, and now we try to ask for the over-ride facility to be mandatory. There also appears to be a change of position to allow combined-braking systems and not ABS on scooters. The situation regarding On-Board Diagnostics is a bit muddy, with most people happy

with an OBD1 system (it tells you when something has gone wrong), but the commission has just re-written the spec and dropped a load of OBD2 text into the OBD1 description. The Kawasaki Versus is the first production machine to have an OBD2 system, which records everything including speed rates (ask about small print). The French have joined the UK in not being happy with the Delegated Acts system and want more dialogue before the EU vote. The UK are campaigning with regards to no evidence in favour of the anti-tamper stance, and FEMA has recommended the UK campaign to it's members. As we know, the EU vote has been put back to September, but due to changes in EU presidency, this may not occur, which may or may not be good, depending on what actually happens.

EURO DEMO 24th JUNE:

Problems in London, but every other demo appears to be vaguely organised.

We should be getting an 'EU Hands Off' banner.

FEMA UPDATE:

Tim Peregrine & Nich Brown travelled to Paris for the latest (FFMC hosted) FEMA meeting.

There was an interesting presentation from a Norwegian about accident statistics, a crash barrier discussion, and more discussion about type approval.

FEMA has funding available for at least four months, and only has one EU research project ongoing (a 3-year project apparently). No more organisations have dropped out, although the BMF is still non-voting.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Very few received for this meeting. Some new reps didn't realise this had to be done.

BOARD REPORT: (precis)

DIRECT DEBIT: finally going live and due to be launched at Farmyard on 15th June.

GENERAL SECRETARY: Pool bike still being investigated. Database and Website needs some info to proceed. Louisa to only work 3 half-days a week on doctors orders, and Carol has reached end of 6-month probation period. Membership numbers not available at present.

FINANCE: membership numbers appear to be up, and cash balance is up, on last year.

FOUNDATION: Fundamental review to be undertaken.

The Board minutes were accepted by vote by the NC.

	<p>ARTICLES FOR THE ROAD: Den has asked for Regional Reps and Board members to provide a brief write-up for the Road. Deadline for Road articles is 10th of the month prior to cover date.</p> <p>MAG LOGO: No Change. Pac-man is corporate logo, but we can all use the pipes if we want.</p> <p>MAG 40th ANNIVERSARY: A patch of black on yellow, pipes logo plus 1973-2013, to be produced. Other anniversary suggestions to be discussed on email.</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS / FACEBOOK POLICY: Neither Nikki or Simon were at the meeting to talk about the Facebook policy they were asked to investigate, and nothing has been sent on email. Selina asked for more replies to personal email and not to list. Steve Peake will be sending out a questionnaire to ask how NC members access their emails.</p> <p>LIFE MEMBERSHIP WELCOME PACK: Is there meant to be one. Did George get a badge?</p> <p>ITCHEN TOLL BRIDGE: Southampton MAG have asked for help and info on how to relaunch their campaign. People were interested in the Health & Safety report that was a reason not to allow Motorcycles to go toll-free.</p> <p>AOB: Forum vs. Email: Nothing until Steve P's E-mail questions answered. Leaflet dispensers: Try to get samples for next NC meeting. Business Plan: Discuss on email, replies to Den by 30th June.</p> <p>----- End Of Meeting: 16:50. Note from Den – please push the new Direct Debit system, even if people aren't due to renew imminently they can still use their renewal date and sign up to direct debit before that time.</p>	
6	<p>Demo 24 June – Tim has done a lot of work in preparation for this. Trace will ask Paddy to contact Gordano and Northbound Taunton Deane. We need a supply of membership Forms for the Demo. Speeches – Den if she is attending.</p>	

	Inside lanes only for Demo. 24 th is good to go.	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Hugh – is anyone at Central vetting the e-petitions before they are sent to the NC list for discussion? And, latterly to the Activists List?</p> <p>Paul – 1 hand written letter is better than several emails.</p> <p>Steve B – the roof of the Regional Stand needs proofing. Steve to do this.</p> <p>Trace – Regional articles are required for The Road.</p> <p>Hugh – Publicity for the Demo – Hugh to email media/press/ with information.</p> <p>Robbie – Concern was expressed that no one had heard from Robbie for some time. Wondered if he was well. Anne to email him to see how he is.</p> <p>Anne – asked when it is likely that all NC and Board Minutes can be uploaded onto the web-site as this is long overdue.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 4.45</p>	<p>Steve B</p> <p>Hug</p> <p>Anne</p>
	Next Meeting is 12th August.	