

**MINUTES OF WESTERN REGION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012 – THE RAILWAY TAVERN, FISHPONDS, BRISTOL.**

**Attending:-** George Legg, Political and the WRAG. Trace, Regional NC Liaison. Anne Gale, Admin. Andy Meredith, Regional Chairman and Communications Officer. Eddie Garnier, Products. Tim Derrick, Bristol Rep. Steve Peake, Web-site. Andy Kerr, Clubs Liaison.

**Apologies:-** Deb Rose, W&NS Rep. Steve B, Regional MAG Stand. Keith Hillier, Regional Treasurer. Den Powell, Glos Rep. Joe, Bristol vice-Rep.

**Awol:-** Taff, OWP.

		<b>Action</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of October Meeting:</b> were accepted.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> Apologies to Den from Anne for not letting her know the number of wristbands we have in stock. We have 2000.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Officers Reports</b></p> <p><b>Trace</b> – has had a busy few months with attending AGMs/EGMs as Observer.</p> <p><b>Steve P, Web-site:</b> Due to other duties there has been a bit of a delay on updating the web-site, however, now that Steve has resigned as MAG vice-Chair he has a little more time and the updates have been or will be done.</p> <p><b>Eddie, Products:</b> No change since last meeting. Eddie will email George with exact details of the products.</p> <p><b>Andy Kerr, Clubs:</b> Has received no updated Clubs List. Van Diemans have re-affiliated, not sure if Bath Classic have.</p> <p><b>Troll, Political:</b> Quiet at the moment.</p>	<b>Eddie</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Reps Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Steve Peak, Glos.</b> Glos MAG is fairly quiet at the moment.</p> <p><b>Eddie Garnier, NotAvon.</b> Group is repress at the moment since its AGM. Dominic is, understandably taking a back seat. Hugh is still doing political stuff.</p> <p><b>Andy Kerr, Mid Wilts.</b> Group had their AGM. Group is fairly quiet. Group's Xmas Party is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Mid-Wilts web-site is very dull/old and Steve Peak will update this. There will be planned rides etc., next year to get more interest in the Group.</p> <p><b>Troll, W&amp;NS.</b> Ticking over. Had AGM. Group as yet undecided on how much money to pass up to Region. Troll is on it.</p> <p><b>Action: Anne to email Group Reps to ask them if they are sending donations to Region to let Keith have them so he can finalise the Regional Accounts for the AGM</b></p> <p><b>Tim, Bristol.</b> Group is doing great. Xmas meal at the Lamb on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Had AGM. Have a new vice-Rep = Joe. New memberships. Donation to Region =£1250. Anne to post cheque to Keith.</p>	<p><b>Group and Steve Peake</b></p> <p><b>Troll</b></p> <p><b>Anne</b></p> <p><b>Anne</b></p>

	<b>Meeting broke for lunch at 14.10. Reconvened at 14.25.</b>	
5	<p><b>NC/BOARD REPORT</b>  NC Meeting - 8th December 2012  Shrewley Common Village Hall.  Meeting started 10:00 (MAG time ie about 10:17am)</p> <p><b>ELECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIR:</b>  It was stated that Den had suggested Selina Lavender to stand in to chair the meeting.  NC agreed.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES:</b>  Seemed to be loads, but we still had a dozen Regional Reps.</p> <p><b>MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2012 MEETING:</b>  Distributed by email, no errors noted.  Ratified by NC vote.</p> <p><b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</b>  Done.</p> <p><b>APPOINTMENTS &amp; RESIGNATIONS:</b>  John Belmonte has been elected Warwickshire Regional Rep.  Tim Peregrine has been elected Southern Regional Rep.  Steve Peake has resigned as Vice Chair.  Den Powel has been stood down as Director by the Board - Ratified by NC - Den remains as MAG Chairman.  Tony Cox has been co-opted onto Board as Director - Ratified by NC.  Selina Lavender has been co-opted as Vice-Chair of MAG - Ratified by NC.  Ian Mutch has been co-opted to act as non-voting Board Chairman.</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGNS:</b>  <b>RIDER LICENSING:</b> New licence bands come into force on 19th January 2013. Northern Ireland is different due to not being DfT/DSA controlled. New licence holders will not be able to drive a trike on car licence, only on a bike licence, but licence must be gained on two wheels.  Still confusion over power of test bikes, but we will need a response available for the DSA announcement due in early January 2013.  <b>RIDING TEST MINISTERIAL REVIEW:</b> Now in the third year of a six-month review. No invites issued for tests, despite this being a requirement (TRL Forgot..). A questionnaire sent out to the Training Bodies was slanted terribly towards DSA preferred answers and was completely useless.  <b>TYPE APPROVAL:</b> Accepted by Euro parliament. Some wins, but mostly losses. Now the next stage depends on scrutiny of the Expert Groups involved in the Delegated Acts.  <b>ROAD WORTHINESS TESTING (RWT):</b> The 'Council' wants to exempt motorcycles</p>	

from the RWT procedure, although the Commission is not yet convinced. This would mean the UK MOT would remain as it is. Still not 100% certain.

ETHANOL: more a campaign to raise awareness and demand clear labelling at present.

WATCHING BRIEF ON FRANCE: the Hi-Viz requirement appears to have been dropped after problems with compulsion legislation from an EU standpoint. The latest French issue regards the legality of filtering, but the translated document is not clear at present.

LEON MANNINGS: London Roads Task Force is launching a BETTER JUNCTIONS PROJECT in 100 locations, to be hopefully complete in 2 years, but the criteria appears to be better for bicycles. Attempt to make better for Single Track Vehicles instead of just bicycles. LEON has also managed to get a private lunch with the new transport minister. (Aas an aside - TfL now employs 22000 people). It's not certain, but it appears the legislation for Advanced Stop Lines may not even allow bicycles to use them (the legislation states no vehicles allowed in the ASLs but the law counts a bicycle as a vehicle).

FEMA UPDATE:  
Hugo is leaving the FEMA secretariat, and due to money constraints will probably not be replaced. BMF still owe a couple of years moneys.  
There is a vacancy for the Finance Director on the FEMA Board - and Pat VA has put his name forward. He would act as the second MAG representative at the 3 physical meeting held per year.

ONE NIGHT FUND RAISING PARTY:  
Partly due to the FEMA finances, and partly because MAG is projecting a £30k shortfall in funds next year, it was proposed that each MAG group should hold a fund-raising evening on Saturday 16th (I think) February 2013. The board were talking pie-in-the-sky figures of 93 groups raising £1000 each. Many reps thought this completely unreasonable, but agreed on the principle of a UK-wide fund-raising evening.

REGIONAL REPORTS:  
By email.

CHAIR REPORT:  
Not available for comment. Email message states a hope to be back in action soon.

FINANCE REPORT:  
£59k surplus this last year is projected to turn into a £30k deficit this next year.  
Overall memberships are a bit up on this time last .

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT:  
Website & email problems. Good progress being made on the database.

BOARD REPORT: Not available due to printer problems & read from Selina's laptop.

Foundation still under review.

Mutchie no longer pays for a proof-reader, NC are now required to do this using the drop-box system.

NEC show stand took 130 (mostly new) memberships.

Directors to have specific areas of responsibility.

Confirmation that Neil Stevenson is no longer a MAG contractor. He is now paid by MAP who bill MAG for his services.

Membership Fees to be presented to AGC 2013: The Board recommended that fees should remain at present levels for those who pay by Direct Debit (or who have a presently operating Standing Order), but for other payment methods should increase to £27 single and £40 joint memberships. This was agreed by NC vote.

Club Affiliation fees are in the process of being looked at, partly due to the fee for small club affiliation being less than that of a joint membership.

**CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES:**

Nich had submitted a list for choices, and was presently sorting out the order of the choices. One suggestion was that when they have been sorted, that local members who have specific interests, could come forward and act as specialised contacts for campaigns.

**AGC 2013:**

A proposal was made to run the AGC over a shorter time span, starting at 1:00pm and finishing by 5:00pm. Any food would be eaten before the meeting starts. As a general idea, the NC voted in favour, with the proviso that the AGC 2013 organisers agreed and could adjust their plans accordingly.

**Proposals:**

- 1) Reword the constitution about the National Communications Officer to be split into Network Officer and a modified Reps Liaison Officer role. To be discussed on email. These roles to be voted in after submission of manifesto etc...
- 2) Reword the constitution regarding last date of accepting proposals and nominations to be the end of 31st December.
- 3) Propose that Veece and Tony Cox be ratified as Directors from their presently co-opted roles.
- 4) Propose that Pete Walker be returned for another term as Director.

**AOB:**

NC voted for the temporary split of the London area between the neighbouring regions to allow some sort of London coverage.

Forums will be discussed again, and possibly trialled on the new website.

Regional reports will be available in a Drop-Box folder.

Motosmarty was suggested as a possible money maker - it's a road hazard and or place of interest app. Paddy will look again at similar items.

Tim Peregrine has volunteered to observe at the Western Region AGM (provided he doesn't get sent to Angola again on short notice).

End Of Meeting: 16:35

	<p><b>Action: Anne to email Nich Brown for his Report to NC for next edition of Network</b></p> <p><b>Regarding the AGC start time it was decided that food will be ordered for 12noon. Registration can start at 11.00 and run through to start of AGC.</b></p>	
6.	<p><b>Regional Annual Group Meeting.</b> We have advertised a Q&amp;A session at the end of the meeting between the Chairman and the vice-Chair. After discussion, it has been agreed to re-advertise that Session as going to our Guest Speaker. Trace to ask Mutchie to be Guest Speaker and host the Q&amp;A session.</p> <p><b>Steve Peake</b> is unable to go for the nomination for NC Liaison to cover the year that Trace wants off to get his health back on track.</p> <p>It was decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Anne will do email to list and Andy will release straight away advertising the post with the proviso that email must be a normal part of their life etc.</li> <li>b) A 'back-up' plan was decided:- Andy M to take care of NC emails. 1 person from the Committee to alternate attending the NC meetings. Andy will ensure emails filtered to that person 2 months prior to the meeting they have to attend to keep them in the loop.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Trace.</b></p> <p><b>Anne Andy M</b></p> <p><b>Andy/All</b></p>
7.	<p><b>AGC – Update.</b> Anne has asked Eddie to be Chief Marshall. He has kindly volunteered with Tim's help and he has had a site visit. Steve B has booked the Band and is confirming by email. Anne is liaising with Central on things they require to be provided.</p>	
8	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>2013 is MAG's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</b> A party has been arranged in June in Blackpool. T shirts, with the pipes logo are being produced and a patch.</li> <li>b) <b>BSH Party.</b> Profits from the party are to be shared between MAG and NABD. Thanks BSH.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Meeting ended 3.20</b></p>	
	<p><b>The Landlord at the Railway Tavern kindly didn't charge for food.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting: Regional AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Hewish hosted by W&amp;NS Group. Pre-AGM Committee meeting at 11.00.</b></p>	