

## Minutes of Regional Committee Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 @ The Railway Tavern, Fishponds, Bristol

**Attending:-** Den Powell, Glos MAG & Acting NC Liaison for NC meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Steve Peake, Webmaster. Tim Derrick, Bristol Rep. Joe Thomas, Bristol vice-Rep. Trace, vice NC Liaison. Steve Bradford, Events/MAG Stand. Andy Meredith, Committee Chairman. Anne Gale, Admin. Deb Rose, W&NS Rep. Keith Hillier, Regional Treasurer.

		Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Eddie Garnier. Troll, who has hurt his knee badly.	
2	<b>Minutes:</b> <b>Last Committee Meeting (Dec 2012):</b> Minutes were deemed as correct with no matters arising. <b>AGM Minutes (3 Feb 2013):</b> were deemed as correct with no matters arising.	
3	<b>Officers Reports:</b>  <b>Anne Gale:</b> Will give her report under item 7 – AGC Update.  <b>Steve Peake.</b> Nothing further to report since AGM last weekend.  <b>Keith Hillier:</b> Received two cheques each for £1k from Glos and W&NS MAG. Regional AGM cost will be circa £100. Collected £23 at the hatch in the donations pot.  <b>Steve Bradford:</b> Nothing much to update since last week. <b>Claire</b> has booked a cheap band for AGC party to play from 7 or 7.30 before Smokeroom.  <b>Andy Kerr:</b> has still not received a Clubs List from MAG Central Office. (This has to be sent to Trace who has requested one but who has not received any response to his email and is lacking a response to many of his emails to Central Office.) Until Andy receives a list there is not much he can do.	
4	<b>Reps Reports</b>  <b>Den/Glos MAG:</b> Non Attendance Rally has already raised £100. Intend to advertise it on Facebook and have a payment facility set up (PayPal). Next year the Rally will take place – named The Duk Dik Again.  Had Group AGM. Den voted in as Rep. The Group decided not to hold the Slippit Inn Rally this year to give Den a year off to recover and regain her strength – hence the Non-Attendance Rally. Group has a new Treasurer.  <b>Trace:</b> has not been able to catch up with any of the Swindon lot due to weather conditions and other stuff.  <b>Deb/W&amp;NS MAG:</b> have been helping Taunton with their Rally which is to be held on the last Bank Holiday weekend of May. Have booked one band for the GWR	

	<p>need another. Group is doing well.</p> <p><b>Tim/Bristol MAG:</b> Group is doing well. Plenty of Volunteers for Marshalling AGC.</p>	
5	<p><b>Board/NC Report – Den Powell.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NC held on 9 February 2013</u> <u>Den Powell</u></p> <p>Meeting commenced at 10:15</p> <p>Due to weather (snowing) in my position as Chair rearranged the agenda so that all items that could require a vote were moved to the beginning of the meeting. This is therefore the reason why these minutes are not in the standard format.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies</u></b> Juliet MacVe, Neil Daniell, Eddie Lowe, Pat Van Aalst, Jon Wilmer, Bill Hughes</p> <p><b><u>Appointments and Resignations</u></b> Explained how Western Region will be operating at NC level for at least this year. Selina Lavender, Tim Peregrine, Jon Wilmer, Steve Wykes re-elected as RRs</p> <p><b><u>Board Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Gen Sec Report</u></b> Selina has been visiting central and meeting with staff Nich has produced a Management information Report for Board members following information included</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Membership numbers</li> <li>ii. Database/Website</li> <li>iii. Premises, Health &amp; Safety and Security</li> <li>iv. Staff attendance</li> <li>v. Mileage and Expenses</li> <li>vi. Forward Diary</li> </ol> <p>Issues discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. H&amp;S – snow, staff had issues getting in and out of office</li> <li>ii. Remote working – Julie is next in line to e set up, Paddy needs passwords</li> <li>iii. Look at how to divert phones to home or mobile numbers remotely if office is not accessible</li> <li>iv. Paddy when undertaking joint travel and MAG presentations does ask for £100 donation to MAG</li> <li>v. Need to focus/redefine roles</li> <li>vi. Appraisal timetable in place for all staff members</li> <li>vii. Staff attendance at Board/NC should be taken in their normal working hours rather than as TOIL – further discussion required</li> <li>viii. Looking at reducing expenditure</li> <li>ix. Memberships – drop in Jan due to people waiting for DD or change over from standing order</li> <li>x. Database – needs to be done in parallel ASAP, online demo for Board by end of Feb. No exact timescale due to tying in SAGE to database. It is better with Project Manager and Nich will keep onto TBL. Advised Andrew Meredith is happy with information and set up. Board members want database signed off by AGC</li> </ol>	

	<p><b><u>Contractors</u></b></p> <p>Ian Mutch                      Trying to improve The Road. Asking NC to put forward people as proofreaders. Mannie in Leeds is a printer by trade and has offered to check over format</p> <p>Leon Mannings              Report sent to NC, met with NFL re fees – Board agreed to no change to current arrangement</p> <p>Neil Stevenson              In middle of ticket sales, looking at sale of products going back to central. Tony Cox got quotes for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary patches</p> <p><b><u>Finance Report</u></b></p> <p>Report on email. PVA sent apologies to Board meeting therefore no further discussion. Selina handed over a cheque for £40 as a donation to MAG</p> <p><b><u>Foundation</u></b></p> <p>Advert in The Road for trustees. Applications for them to be received by week after AGC then may go through an application process if we get enough applications. If nothing happens by end of year then look at shutting down foundation.</p> <p><b><u>Clubs Update</u></b></p> <p>NFL not been able to move this forward due to work commitments will be discussed further on email</p> <p><b><u>AGC 2013</u></b></p> <p>Room available for Board on Friday. Board will meet 7 to 8pm the staff invited in from 8pm</p> <p>Board requested that they sign in on Friday evening in meeting for AGC to save them time on Saturday. NC meeting to start at 1030 on Saturday.</p> <p>Confidential discussion on awards</p> <p><b><u>MAG Stand at FYP</u></b></p> <p>Ali Preston, MD of MAP approached Selina with ideas on how to improve the appearance of the stand. Board agreed unanimously to provide £800 for flags, pop ups etc to promote MAG</p> <p><b><u>Future Meetings Format</u></b></p> <p>Directors to meet for 2-3 hrs on Friday evening then meet with Nich at 10am on Saturday morning. NC to meet at 1230. The aim is to reduce the time spent in meetings</p> <p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>MAG given 125cc bike from a Portuguese company. Looking at producing a complete package for new riders and have a raffle – bike can go around events</p> <p>END OF BOARD REPORT</p> <p><b><u>AGC 2013</u></b></p> <p>Proposals in The Road – NFL proposes new class of membership – Perpetual membership for deceased members of MAG. I put forward Donna Proctor to be on this list. These numbers will not be counted in the membership numbers</p>	
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	<p>Confidential discussion on awards only involved elected Regional Reps and Board members</p> <p>Tellers – I advised that WR are providing tellers but as this is a responsibility of the NC to provide them any RR. I will ask for contact details to be posted on NC list for any RR who wishes to put forward a member as a Teller.</p> <p>Special Guest is Steve Baker MP</p> <p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>FYP volunteers- needed for MAG stand. There will be an online form that you can complete to put yourself forward. There are a number of benefits etc if you do volunteer.</p> <p>MAG Pub of the Year Certificate – Information to be put on NC list by John Mitchell</p> <p>Membership Campaign – different regions have different ways, I, as Chair tasked Paddy to produce a campaign strategy and NC members to forward ideas to NC list</p> <p>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches – agreed on oval and initial order of 400 patches</p> <p>Theft Reward Scheme – unanimous vote that it stays exclusively a MAG member benefit and cannot be used for non MAG members unless it is agreed by NC to be an exception</p> <p>Slippit Inn Rally – explained on how this is a non attendance Rally this year but will be back next year, Ian Mutch offered to provide a non attendance map too which was accepted with thanks</p> <p>Wycombe MAG produced T-shirts with 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary design on – proposed and accepted as a National t-shirt</p> <p><b><u>Reports</u></b></p> <p>Leon Mannings:                    Scheme for 100 junctions for cyclists. Issue is that all proposals set up a cycle lane single line that compresses the road space for P2W. Since last NC he has raised issues about the effect of this on P2W. MAG needs to get out that we are not traffic as such – we are vulnerable road users like cyclists. Private session with Roads Minister Hammond on Tuesday. Big issue is the stalling of rider testing and what is he going to do about it.</p> <p>RRs:                                    Where reports have not been submitted, Region was named and shamed by Chair – Herts&amp; Essex, North Wales, Thames Valley &amp; Tim P shamed as he provided Friday night, however he has been ill.</p> <p>Gen Sec:                                Only 1 thing to add to Board Report – Carol out Memberships Administrator has been with us for 1 year and she is still enthusiastic in her role</p>	
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## **Campaigns**

Road Worthiness Regulation Proposal – see separate sheet. Campaign information to come out in due course from central for activists to use.

20 MPH Zones – see separate sheet

Trike Test Update – see separate sheet

Northern Ireland – NIRRs partner did her CBT prior r to 19 January. NI put in deadline of 15 Oct 2012 to book test before 19 Jan and she missed out. She is old enough to do her test in Cat A but she has been told that in order to do that she has to do her CBT on a Cat A bike because speeds are relevant on larger bikes BUT what they have missed is CBT is done in a car park. This is a DVLNI decision but we are very concerned for our NI members and whether this will come over to England, Wales & Scotland. At present there is no evidence to show it has.

Ethanol – E15 video on Fox News. Nothing has changed in UK, therefore nothing to campaign on. E10 is coming and can theoretically arrive anytime now, Non E10 should in theory be identifiable at the pumps.

## **FEMA**

Committee meets 3 times a year. Pat VA has been voted in as their Finance Director. President's post up for re-election but due to ill health Uncle Sol did not stand. New president is Fredrick from FFMC in France who is a long-term delegate and should be very good in this role.

Political campaigns – discussed live Euro issues. EU Commission has invited them to comment in transport needs for Europe in 2050, yes, 2050!!!

No ideas rose for fundraising after current funding ends

BMF still owe 2 years, £20,000. They have promised to pay if off this year. This figure does not include this years costs.

Spanish organisation owe £8,000 but have plan to pay back

MAG Ireland in arrears but have a payment plan in place even where they forego attending FEMA so that money goes on arrears.

Sweden Organisation still biggest but is shrinking.

## **AOB**

What people are doing to get money to central – discussion to have on NC list.

The Road Volunteer Proof Readers – call put out for all RRs to either put forward themselves or members in their region to do proof reading to help – contacts to be sent on NC list

I as Chair thanked the NC for their support over the last year and this is my last full NC meeting

	Close of Meeting at 16:00	
	<b>Break for lunch 2 and resumed at 2.30</b>	
6	<p><b>Forest of Dean MAG</b></p> <p>We have not heard from Robbie for a long while, despite calls, emails etc. We know he has had ill-health and his Mother also. Dave the Landlord of the Pub where they meet has not seen Robbie for 8-9 weeks.</p> <p>Under the Constitution, the Regional Committee is obliged to call an AGM. Therefore a proposal was put forward for the Region to call an AGM. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>There are only 17 members within their catchment area. The Region is eager to see FoD MAG continue.</p> <p>It was agreed Den would write to all members in the area to inform them of an AGM.</p> <p>Den suggested that she would be willing to take on the FoD Reps post if no Forest Member is willing to stand.</p> <p>Steve Peake offered to take on the duties of Web-master for the Group.</p> <p>Den to arrange date/timing for the Group's AGM.</p>	
7	<p><b>AGC Update – Anne Gale</b></p> <p><b>Lodge:</b> holds 200 for the Party. Agreed to invite some non-MAG members, for whom the Officers who invite them would be responsible, to swell numbers and to create a good atmosphere.</p> <p><b>Cider/Ale:</b> Tim suggested he buy 80 pints Westons and some Ale for Frys to mark up and sell at the Bar. Us to buy back any unsold. Concerns that if not good Ale/Cider the party goes would then decant to Keynsham.</p> <p><b>Anne to email Frys with this suggestion/request.</b></p> <p><b>Radio Microphones:</b> These will cost £50 each to hire. We need 2.</p> <p><b>Screen:</b> Hire cost £10.</p> <p><b>Digital Projector:</b> Cost to hire £60.</p> <p><b>First Aider:</b> Deb Rose gave a copy of her Certificate. She is our First Aider and may also ask Suzanne.</p> <p><b>Pre AGC Site Meeting:</b> will be held for key people and Anne is suggesting the afternoon of 23<sup>rd</sup> February. She will email out to the relevant people once she has received a reply from Fry.</p> <p><b>Microphones on Stage:</b> 2 required.</p> <p><b>Cigarette Butts:</b> Tim will provide these with sand.</p>	<p>Anne</p> <p>Deb</p> <p>Anne</p> <p>Tim</p>

	<p><b>Black Sacks:</b> Anne will get these for campers.</p> <p><b>Top Raffle Prize:</b> Set of Tyres provided by Tim, however as an alternative he is willing to offer £100 cash prize if the lucky winner doesn't want the tyres. Anne to send wording to Tim for inclusion in the Programme.</p> <p><b>Anne to email all these requirements to Frys.</b></p> <p><b>Anne emphasised that all enquiries re Marshalling should be directed to Eddie.</b></p> <p><b>Gavel:</b> Steve Bradford to make gavel and block for the Conference</p>	<p>Anne</p> <p>Anne/Tim</p> <p>Anne</p> <p>All/Ed</p> <p>Steve B</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>a) All Group Reps to respond to the requirements in the NC report from Den i.e. with things they can loan to other Regions etc.</p> <p>b) <b>Regional Report to NC</b> which has been done by Trace must now be done by a volunteer from Region. Steve P will do the report (easy!!!) for 1<sup>st</sup> April. Anne to do from then on.</p> <p>c) <b>Requirements from Central:</b> Den will be visiting Central week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> so anything required, please email her. She will have printed off 1000 Raffle Tickets for our AGC Raffle. She will also see to the printing of Agendas for Conference. She will also bring back some Diesel Stickers for Conference.</p> <p>d) <b>April Meeting:</b> It was agreed not to have a committee meeting in April as we'll all be shattered.</p> <p><b>Any enquiries re AGC,</b> apart from Marshalling, please email Anne. Den said if Anne needed any help etc to get in touch. Anne just wants the Committee to trust her to do the job of co-ordinating the event and if she needs anything she will ask. Those Officers with Roles – i.e. Ed; Claire; Tim; Steve B and George will be responsible for their roles.</p> <p><b>Meeting Closed @ 3.30.</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup> – venue to be decided.</b></p>	<p>Group Reps</p> <p>SP/AG</p> <p>Den</p> <p>Den</p> <p>Den</p>