

## Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Attending:- Trace. Andy Kerr. Eddie Garnier. George, the Troll, Legg. Anne Gale. Andy Meredith. Tim Derrick. Steve Bradford.

1. Apologies: Steve Peake. Deb Rose. Keith Hillier. Den Powell.

AWOL: Taff. Joe Thomas.

2. Minutes of the August Meeting: Deemed as correct and ratified. No matters arising.

### 3. Officers Reports:

**Anne** – Been out of action for a while since Stroke in early August. Left side impaired, typing looks like Russian but getting better. Gradually trying to get back to some sort of 'normal' (whatever that is). Lots of support from friends, for which eternally grateful. Attended NC, courtesy of a lift from Andy Kerr.

**Trace** – Fairly quiet. Loads of emails. The Group AGM season approaches and attending as Observer. Would like to attend next NC Meeting.

**Andy K** – Received spread sheet of clubs. Attended marshall's meeting for Hoggin. The organisers are affiliated to BMF (insurance) but may also affiliate to MAG.

**Eddie G** – Products are with Tim. Sales at Bristol Bike Show – must chase up.

**George, the Troll** – Sod all to report (ever the man of words)

**Steve** - Ditto

**Andy M** - Ditto

**Keith** - Not much to report from the Regional Treasurer point of view current balance £1,294.94. I owe Andy Kerr £15 for Calne stand if you (George) can get his address I will sort this out.

**ACTION – GEORGE/KEITH**

### 4. Reps Reports

**Trace – Gloucester** are nomadic for couple of weeks, possible venue is the Double Gloucester. **Duk Dik** possibly not on. A discussion ensued. Trace and Andy M to talk to Den at the Ogri Halloween.

**ACTION – TRACE/ANDY M**

**Forest of Dean** – Trace getting access to the list for Group AGM. **Proposal** or Trace to call an AGM for the Forest. Seconded: George. Carried.

**ACTION – TRACE.**

**Mid Wilts** – Group had run to GWR – led by Paul – on the Friday evening. AGM?

**Not Avon** – Hugh to step away as contact. AGM = 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Weston and North Somerset** – Group well attended. Successful Rally. GWR = 10<sup>th</sup> year next year, possible last.

From Keith:- With regards to the local group this should be Debs area, but the following come to mind:

The rally was a success made a profit of £888.00 now gearing up the 10 year anniversary bash. The Railway is closing - we have booked somewhere for the AGM and are looking at 3 possible venues, once we have visited them we will take a consensus on which best meets our needs. North Somerset Road Safety donated two places (normally £99.00 each) on the rider training day they ran at Castle Combe - Debs & Linda attended I haven't seen Linda, but Debs enjoyed it and said it would be well worthwhile for riders of any experience. RBL Bike nights have now finished where we made spasmodic attendance (Due to weather & members work commitments). Didn't sign up many members but tried to raise our profile locally. Weekly meetings fairly well attended with between 6-20 members.

**Bristol** – Good After Show Party – made about £500. Well attended skittles evening with invited clubs. AGM = 14<sup>th</sup> November. Homeless Run = 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**Lunch: 14.10**

**Resume Meeting: 14.30**

**5. NC/Board Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Bullet points – Anne G.**

- **Action - Andy M, as you attended the August Meeting on behalf of Region , can you go on and ratify the NC Minutes please.**
- **Board** – Database structure built. Hopes to test within month. Hope functional in New Year. JW working with Andy M.
- Interviews for Staff took place Friday 10<sup>th</sup>; good candidates, jobs will be structured for what MAG actually needs.
- **MAG Foundation** – form completed for Trustee.
- **FEMA** – in the sh\*t financially with barely enough to cover salaries coming in from Member organisations fees. Everyone seems to be scaling back, even the Swedes. Neil L was NC's elected representative to FEMA on MAG's behalf. New Board for 2014.
- **Tribunal** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.
- **Campaigns Report** – Rainsford Rd Bike Ban – this is a new road put in by a Developer and treated like a race track by irresponsible riders – hence the Ban. Building will begin within a year with housing for residents. Concerns over residents with bikes if ban remains in place. Leon advises the ban is not permanent. Watch this space. Paper drafted to lift ban on bikes in bus lanes (Brent). Bedford Dutch Roundabout – dangers to PTWs. Initial contact revealed no appropriate level of expertise; any trip hazard is not acceptable. MAG to help with solution. Groups/Regions to watch carefully in their areas for this, taking appropriate action at a diplomatic level supported by direct action if required.
- **Jade – Hampton** got 2 years for causing death by dangerous driving and 4 for perverting course of justice. Chair liaised on this with the Attorney General as being a lenient sentence as a result of which MAG has a place on the Consulting Committee of the Sentencing Council scheduled for next year.

- **The Road – Mutch** needs more advertising from Dealers – big or small, pass on to Members.
- **AGC 2014 – Blackpool** after business case submitted by Tony Cox. Tim P preparing a case for Southampton and asked to take that forward for 2015.
- **Pink Forms** – unnecessary bureaucracy.
- **Regional Reps expenses/NC expenses** - Guidelines by email!
- **Ethanol Campaign**, on Yorkshires website, adopted as National Campaign. Too late to ban 10% but Campaign to have pumps labelled accordingly as there are 7,600 motorcycles and 8.5 million cars on the road which will not run on 10 % ethanol fuel. Even biofuel safe pipe has to be replaced every 2 years!!
- **Affiliate Fees** - to be looked at.
- **Club's Affiliate Cards** - ditto.
- **Phyl McFadden – Bi-Lingual MAG leaflets** - must be proof read.
- **Meeting closed 15.35.**

6. **HOGGIN** – No info from organisers, only 1 week away. Troll to chase up.

7. **REGIONAL AGM** – Trace to speak to Den to see if Glos to do it or Bristol?

**10 day turnaround for this – Action = Trace/Den/Tim/Claire/Anne**

**Meeting ended 16.20.**

**Next Meeting – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**