

## Regional Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Railway Tavern, Fishponds, Bristol

**Attending:** George Legg. Trace. Keith Hillier. Deb Rose. Andy Kerr. Sally Smart. Tapps (Alec Groom). Ed Garnier. Anne Gale.

**Apologies:** Denise Powell. Steve Bradford. Andy Meredith.

### **Election of Chairman for the Meeting:**

Trace proposed and elected.

### **Minutes of April Meeting:**

Correct & Ratified. No matters arising.

Due to not being able to send word docs attached to 'list' emails, Anne convert draft Minutes to pdf and attach that to list emails, keeping a word doc for any changes at ratification time before producing final copy for publishing.

### **Officers Reports:**

**Keith, Regional Treasurer** Balance now £2033 after paying out for Calne stand and small expense to Troll.

**Ed, Products:** If you wish for any products at your events, Eddie will take them along. Anne handed over a request from the NE vice Rep for a Political Irritant T.

**Action: Eddie to contact.**

**Proposal** from Trace, seconded by Troll, to purchase a regional stock of 25 lanyards which are at a cost of 90p with recommended retail price of £2.50. Take to Calne, Bristol Bike Show, White Tigers and Hoggin. We managed to convince our Treas we have to speculate to accumulate!

**Action: Troll to order from Tracey.**

**Sally, Membership Sec:** List will be passed to Sally and

**Action: Sally to contact Di Pugsley for an electronic pro forma version of the letter she used to send to lapsed members which had been agreed by Region at the time.**

**Andy Kerr:** Contacted Oliver Rose, the new National Clubs Liaison Officer. Region has received an invitation to have a stand at the White Tigers Rally, Bitton AFC on 1st August. Deb kindly offered to take the stand to Bitton but cannot collect it. Anne offered that, providing it does not clash with her step grand daughter's birthday party she will take to her garage as long as there is someone to help load it into her car. I also believe Keith offered and I (Anne) will liaise with both Deb and Keith on this. Andy Kerr to contact Bruce at White Tigers and get back to us with information

**Action: Andy Kerr to contact Bruce and report back.**

**Action: Deb will take to Bitton (best liaise with Troll on times etc)**

**Action: Anne/Keith to collect**

**Action: Troll/Anne and any others (PLEASE) to man the stand over the weekend.**

## **George, Political Officer:**

Generally a bit quiet locally. The **Bike Parking Booklet** is being re-vamped and George has been asked to collate information from the local Groups. Eddie suggested that as South Glos has a dedicated motorcycle team, George contact them for information on secure bike parking in their County.

**Action: Group Reps to ensure local bike parking information passed back to George.**

**Action: George to secure a publishing date from the Chair. Also, to ask about a link on the website to the booklet.**

## **Reps Reports**

**Deb – Weston and North Somerset:** Group will now be at the Churchill Inn for the next few months. Busy with Rally. Band needed for the Friday night. Fairies in Boots theme. Group got the biggest MAG attendance at The Tone Tea beating Bristol by 2 members attending. Several Group members are attending: Aberdare; Farm Yard and End of the Road. Group happy and doing well.

**Ed – NotAvon:** Very quiet with a core group of members attending. Dan contacts everyone to remind them.

**Andy K, mid-Wilts:** Andy attended a recent meeting. 3 or 4 members their including Taff who attends each week and Paul once a month. Neither Paul or Taff are current members. George has not had any response to letters written to both Paul and Taff. During discussion it became apparent Taff may have moved from the address held by George. The Group AGM is now overdue the 15 month period allowed by 2 months and it was decided it was Georges remit to call a Group AGM.

Proposal: George to email the mid-Wilts list to call an AGM.

Proposed: Anne Gale. Seconded: Sally Smart. Unanimous.

Region discussed a date which was agreed and set for one month hence on the **17<sup>th</sup> July** at the Group venue.

**Action: George to email the list now and 1 week prior as a reminder.**

**Tapps/Sally, Bristol:** Bristol MAG is flourishing with fresh faces a regular feature, a welcome sight are the younger crowd who are very keen and are giving us old dogs a boost with their puppy like enthusiasm. An awareness day was held at Riders of Bristol and three new members signed up. Our new web master is keeping the web page extremely fresh and a good source of information for all, as is our new Facebook page.

The focus now is the Bristol bike show on 16th August and after show party organisation.

The Roads are being distributed to bike shops in the area to keep the non members informed and hopefully encourage them to join.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Boat Inn. July 12<sup>th</sup> Sodbury Beer Festival. July 19<sup>th</sup> Golden Valley Camping. Tim Derrick Bristol MAG rep.

**Trace – Swindon:** Same as usual.

**George - Board and National Committee Meeting Report.**

Board Report	<p>The new board of The Motorcycle Action Group were elected into office at the AGC held in Blackpool, with the exception of Phil McFadden who was elected post AGC.</p> <p>Membership cards are being looked at for redesigning and the problem of membership numbers/expiry dates becoming eligible,</p> <p>MAG pipes will be on the new membership cards but the Pac Man logo will continue in use for corporate memberships.</p> <p>All the staff at central are happy and working well; a organichart was shown to the NC showing the makeup and of how MAG works and will be published in a future edition of the road.</p> <p>The Database. It would appear that the old database after some tweaking and a clear out of data has been found to be quite adequate for the job, until such time as it will need upgrading to a newer version in about 4 years.</p> <p>The e-mail server is to be changed over to G-mail</p> <p>The Directors roles were discussed and it has been decided to give directors roles that best suit their skills.</p> <p>The employees' pension scheme was discussed and after looking at various options it was decided to stay with West Riding Personal Financial Solutions Ltd</p> <p>It was decided to look into selling advertising space in The Road.</p> <p>There are plans to start Rep Training weekends possibly starting in the South West in October.</p>
Open Discussion	<p>A discussion took place with regard to a motion from Devon MAG that was not put forward at AGC as there had already been a similar motion put forward by another group. But Devon MAG were unhappy with this, the NC agreed that due democratic process had been done at AGC.</p>
Campaigns	<p>Leon and Lembit have 47 projects currently on the go, so they have put into place with their line manager a project system to account for their time and work, so as to manage their work more efficiently.</p> <p>Wins: Relations with the DfT are developing.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MAG's media profile is improving</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Single has charted but needs more push</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The MEP hustings went well</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Lembit has been to various events promoting MAG</p> <p>Challenges: Single push</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bedford roundabout, new plans submitted and backed by Sustrans that are just as bad and may need a series of Demo's</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Salford Armadillos, under discussion</p>

	<p>Website: The new website is nearly ready and hopes to have good news soon.</p> <p>Next Steps: Build MAG news feed</p> <p>Protests: Possible protests nationally regarding the Turbo Roundabouts in July</p> <p>ABS: Statements and technical information by Trevor Baird and John Strong to be looked at and a MAG position to be decided.</p> <p>Newsletter: News snippets onto Facebook as soon as possible while still fresh</p> <p>Commuting: Members who regularly commute are asked to try different methods of transport; Bus, Train, Car or PTW. To compare journey times and costs, the data to be passed onto the MAG Chair.</p>
Reports	<p>The regions had already submitted reports to NC</p> <p>Mutchie has made some changes to The Road with bigger bolder headlines and pictures.</p> <p>The AGC report is to be in the next issue</p>
AOB	<p>Idea's needed to convert affiliated members into full MAG members.</p> <p>The present membership forms can only be used as information leaflets with the membership form torn off, the forms for signing up can be downloaded as a PDF from the MAG website or obtained from the Regional Rep/NC Liaison Officer.</p> <p>The Get A Grip flyers are no longer to be used.</p> <p>All the MAG flyers are being reviewed for updating/replacement.</p> <p>Cheques sent into MAG must be made payable to: The Motorcycle Action Group Ltd.</p> <p>Fraudulent cheques are still being cashed in the Hastings Brighton area, but MAG are not losing out as the bank is refunding MAG.</p> <p>Expansion Plan. A plan to revitalise MAG groups and to set up new groups will hopefully start in October/November.</p> <p>A well patronised Café in Epping Forest is under threat of closure, which is a favourite venue for walkers, cyclists and bikers. MAG is to support a campaign to protest this threat.</p> <p>AGC 2015. Southern Region looking to host this event, possibly in the Winchester area</p>

#### **Regional Web-master Role.**

Anne has spoken to Tapps who runs Bristol web-site and Bristol face-book with a view to him taking over the Regional role. However, it is questionable whether, sometime in the future, he will have the time. Nevertheless, he has agreed to think about it. Meanwhile, it was agreed:

***Action: Anne to email the Regional List to see if someone will come forward for the role and to run it past Trace/Troll/Keith & Debs to see if they approve the wording.***

#### **Update on Regional Rally.**

As no one attended this meeting to update us there is a request from the Regional Committee **Action: for a status report, preferably to be circulated to the Committee 2 weeks prior to the August meeting in order that they can peruse it in time for the meeting.**

**Calne** – booked by Andy Kerr. ‘Erection’ time 8.30. Andy will let us know where the Stand will be situated as soon as he has details. Deb and Keith to transport.

#### **Any Other Business**

**a)Ogri Rally – MAG Stand.** Steve Bradford has offered to transport the Stand. Anne to email SB to see if he can erect and dismantle the stand for us.

**Action: Anne to email SB.**

Andy Kerr has offered to man the Stand Saturday. Between them Andy & Trace will decide who mans it on Friday afternoon.

Meeting ended 17.06