

## Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting

**August 2014. The Railway Tavern, Fishponds, Bristol.**

Attending: George Legg. Sally Smart. Trace. Den Powell. Alec (Taps) Groom. Deb Rose. Keith Hillier. Anne Gale.

		Action		
1	<b>Election of Chair to this meeting:</b> Anne Gale nominated Deb as Chair for the meeting.			
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Steve Bradford. Eddie Garnier. Andy Kerr.			
3	<b>Minutes of the June Meeting:</b> were accepted as correct.			
4	<p><b>Officers Reports:</b>  <b>Sally, membership Sec:-</b> Sally has not sent letters out yet as she needs help with setting up her MAG email address.  <b>Anne, Admin:-</b> Been to several Bristol committee meetings regarding the forthcoming Demo.  <b>Troll, NC Liaison:-</b> has left to organisation of the Demo to Bristol. Observed/Chaired mid Wilts AGM who elected a new Rep = Andy Kerr.  <b>Keith, Treasurer:-</b> Finances OK = £1984. Region have bought the MAG lanyards (25).</p>			
5	<p><b>Reps Reports:</b>  <b>Deb Rose, W&amp;NS Rep:-</b> All go on the GWR front. Now have band for Friday. Group very well attended.  <b>Taps, Bristol MAG:-</b> New members joining the Group. Now going hell for leather on organising the Demo. Taps asked Sal to contact Gordano Services to see if this is OK as a meeting place.                      Marshalls wanted for the event. Steve Litson. Bristol have had a couple of good events – The Boat Inn and the Bridge Inn.                      All systems go on the Bristol Bike Show and After Show Party.  <b>Trace, Swindon:-</b> Nothing to report. There are now Bike Nights in Swindon - Den to email Trace details.  <b>Den, Glos MAG:-</b> Group is dying and Den frequently the only member there.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sally</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Den</p>		
6	<p><b>NC Report: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Held at Wren Hall, Wroxall</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><b>Board Report:</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">                     Minutes of the June meeting were not ready for ratification.                      The AGC 2014 minutes require several corrections and additions and were not deemed ready for ratification, but will be got out ASAP.                      All the employees are working well as a team.                      The Database is now working far better than previously.                      Julie is talking to an IT firm that does work                 </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Board Report:</b>	Minutes of the June meeting were not ready for ratification. The AGC 2014 minutes require several corrections and additions and were not deemed ready for ratification, but will be got out ASAP. All the employees are working well as a team. The Database is now working far better than previously. Julie is talking to an IT firm that does work	
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	<p>for 'Not for Profit organisations'.</p> <p>The Roles of the Directors are being sorted out.</p> <p>Neil Stevenson has resigned from MAP, and the Board are looking into ways of taking over the work Neil did organising the stands at the big events.</p> <p>Two new Directors required</p>
Leon & Lembit Report	<p>L &amp; L reporting system working well, Lembit is in the office every three to four weeks and Leon is in the office every month.</p> <p>They are carrying out visits all over the country and making more new contacts. They have started planning for the next General Election.</p> <p>They have reported a lot of good things are happening in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>MAG Ireland are making closer ties with MAG and especially Northern Ireland MAG. Still some work to be done with regard the Bedford roundabout scheme, and warned everyone to be alert for other councils planning similar schemes.</p> <p>There may be a demo in Salford over the extremely unpopular armadillo lane dividers. Bike Tests are down, is the current Test regime responsible?</p> <p>Work to be done on opening up bus lanes in Leeds and Edinburgh to motorcycles.</p>
AGC 2015	<p>South West MAG offered a business proposal for the AGC to be held in Bridgwater, at the Bridgwater &amp; Albion Rugby Club, which was discussed and accepted.</p>
FEMA	<p>Neil Liversedge is going to the next FEMA board meeting.</p>
MAG Chair	<p>Been very busy with organisation for the Demo in London, but now he has stepped down as South Eastern Rep will have more time.</p>
Clubs	<p>There has been a slight fall in affiliated clubs, but the number of affiliated members has gone up.</p>

	Foundation	Paul turner has been working with Julie on aspects of the Foundation and what it can do. Talking to parking agencies re; secure parking facilities for motorcycles. Investigating the possibilities of an electronic version of the A-Z book of secure parking.	
	Forms	Shown a mock up of an information leaflet that folds up to credit card size, which will not have a membership form attached. Membership donation form: It was thought that there was a gap to be filled where a membership could be bought by a group or Club to donate as a raffle prize, a mock up was shown around. The form could be purchased from HQ for £20 and the lucky recipient would only need to fill in their details and return the form.	
	Website	The new website is about 90% ready but there are some issues to be resolved before it's ready.	
7	<p><b>Bristol DEMO.</b> Draft arrangements so far:- 12.30 Gordano. 1.30 Arrive Waterfront Square, Bristol. Flyers. Speaker = MAG President. Banners. Sally had negotiated for the motorcycle hearse to lead the run with Dawn's outfit at the rear. Lots of marshalls. Possibly the MAG stand at Gordano. Stewards at Waterfront Square. Anne, Big Nick, George &amp; Joe. Marshalls to be in place by midday.</p>		
8	<p><b>Bristol Bike Show:</b> Marshalls required. Anne emphasised that even if someone can only come along and work for an hour it means someone working all day can have an hour for lunch.</p>		
9	<p><b>Update on Regional Rally:</b> The report, requested by the Regional Committee at the June meeting to be with the Committee 2 weeks prior to this August meeting had not materialised.</p> <p><b>Bristol MAG's Concerns over rumours:</b> Concerns had been voiced by Bristol MAG committee members over rumours they'd heard the £5k promised at the 2014 WR AGM by Glos MAG to fund a regional rally was now not likely to come to MAG.</p> <p>Anne Gale then told them that the Regional Committee had also heard the same rumours and at the June Committee Meeting had requested a report back to the Regional committee 2 weeks prior to the next meeting (August) so that</p>		

committee members could peruse it prior to discussion and she suggested that Bristol concerned members wait to see if the report confirmed or denied these rumours.

The requested report never materialised.

So, at this Regional Committee meeting, Anne mentioned these concerns and that there were some angry people out there who had helped out over many years at the Gloucester Rallies.

Den told us she was not receiving emails from either the list or from the Regional Administrator (sorry, I'm not sure which).

Den told us Glos MAG had a nominated charity at their AGMs for their Rallies and notification was displayed at control every year stating 'profits from this Rally would go to .....'.

Trace then said that he clearly remembered that, at Den's insistence, Glos MAG had last nominated MAG as their chosen charity because MAG needs the money.

Anne mentioned that it was felt by those in Bristol, who had asked her to broach this subject at Region, that the money morally belongs to MAG. Den denied this.

Anne then said people had helped out and attended the Rally on the assumption any profit would go to MAG. Den then said that they should have read the appropriate notice in Control at the time.

Deb, who had been elected as our Committee Chairman for this meeting, then said she certainly would not have attended if she hadn't assumed profits were going to MAG.

Taps reiterated that there was always some money given to MAG from the events each year and as such many people supported these events on that basis. Den argued that the financial transactions were private and not made public, but Taps argued further that such information becomes general knowledge via the Western Region Group, as it should.

Anne mentioned that, out of respect for Donna and all the work she did for MAG, and that, to her knowledge Donna was the only late member with the pipes logo on her gravestone such was her dedication, this money should go to MAG.

Den told us that not giving the money to MAG was raised by 2 MAG members who were disillusioned with MAG.

	<p>Sally (I think it was) asked if there were Minutes of that and Den said it was an ordinary meeting so not minuted.</p> <p>Someone asked if there were Minutes of the last (2<sup>nd</sup>) Rally Committee Meeting and Den said 'no' but then that 'Alice had been nominated to take minutes at their first meeting'.</p> <p>Anne started to say 'the two people concerned obviously have no respect for democracy, something Donna .....'. She was then interrupted 3 times by Den saying 'Don't throw the Donna card at me'.</p> <p>At this time Anne asked the Chairman to record that she was not willing to tolerate being intimidated at these Regional Meetings any longer.</p> <p>Den informed the Committee that, as Glos Rep, she was calling a Group AGM and she needed the membership lists to do a mail out to sort out the future of Glos MAG. George is to forward Den the list:</p> <p><b>Action: George Legg.</b></p> <p>Den informed us she may not be renewing her membership at the end of August and there was no one to take over the Group. Anne said she believed there was someone who would step forward out of respect for Donna.</p> <p>Anne had previously, sometime during the discussion, asked Den if the two people concerned were prepared to put forward a proposal re the charity receiving the £5k &amp; she had nodded her confirmation.</p> <p>Anne then tried to ask if the destiny of that £5k would be discussed. However, Den then said she was not willing to talk about it any further, the reason being because the Admin Officer had said she was being intimidated.</p> <p>Tapps then said we need to know asap what is going to happen so far as a Regional Rally is concerned.</p> <p>End of discussion!</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Hoggin the Bridge:</b>  Steve B has kindly offered to transport the stand. Post meeting note: since the meeting Anne has been asked to go away to North Devon for a few days to visit the venue for her Son's wedding in April and to scatter some ashes elsewhere. Steve has kindly offered to take her place in assisting George at the stand. <b>'Thanks very much Steve'</b>.</p>	<p><b>Steve B</b>  <b>George Steve B</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Any other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Minutes of the Regional AGM</b> – had been distributed electronically and were agreed as accurate.</li> <li>b) <b>Copyright for the Regional logo</b> – Anne agreed to research this possibility and report back.</li> </ul>	

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**Next meeting:- 12 October.**