

**Minutes of Western Region Committee Meeting 12 October 2014.**

**The Railway Tavern, Fishponds, Bristol**

**Attendees: George Legg. Trace. Eddie Garnier. Anne Gale. Alec Groom. Steve Bradford.**

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Election of Chairman for the Meeting:</b> George Legg.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Deb Rose – (W&NS Rep). Andy Kerr (Clubs Liaison and vice NC Liaison). Sally Smart – (Membership Sec.). Keith Hillier - (Regional Treasurer). Denise Powell – (Glos MAG Rep)	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the August Meeting:</b> All agreed – (post meeting note = Deb had OK'd by email and Keith via text). No matters Arising.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Officers Report:</b></p> <p><b>Troll (George):</b> Been attending to all National matters including attending the National Committee (NC) Meeting. As there is no Rep for NotAvon have called a Group AGM for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Steve B:</b> Regional stand at the Ogrri Rally was only open for about 5 hours over the weekend so we have to decide in the future if its worth having the stand at that event. A discussion as to what is happening with the Regional stand – suggest Steve/George etc liaison with Tim to take him up on his offer to store the stand as Steve needs to get it out of his garage. George may have it at his flat for Pete (NABD) to pick up for Hoggin' (19<sup>th</sup>) and then ask Tim to collect.</p> <p><b>Eddie:</b> Products are slow in selling. Anne asked Ed if he had contacted the vice Rep from North East who wants a WR T shirt – not as yet but will search out Anne's email and follow it up.</p> <p><b>Keith (via text):</b> Balance - £1984.15</p> <p><b>Anne:</b> Been busy – nothing new.</p>	<p><b>SB/GL/TD</b></p> <p><b>GL/TD</b></p> <p><b>EG</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Reps Group Reports:</b></p> <p><b>George – W&amp;NS:</b> GWR went down extremely well. No figures as yet on profit. Fairies went down well. Had some Ride-Outs. Probably organising an Xmas do. Group now meeting at 3<sup>rd</sup> venue of the year. Deb's (Rep) 50<sup>th</sup> birthday today. Sadly Deb will be stepping down as Group Rep at the Group AGM.</p> <p><b>Trace – Swindon:</b> Still the same as ever. <b>Glos</b> – not a clue.</p> <p><b>Taps – Bristol:</b> Tim is in India riding Enfields on holiday. Demo went well – some who attended said it was the best they'd ever been on! Positive feedback. <b>At this juncture</b> – Anne interrupted to give sincere thanks to Taps and Sal who were the main organisers for doing such a great job or organising within the time constraints. Soup Run was well attended – 45 riders – with a lot of supplies handed over plus donations of £300. Group AGM is on 20 November. At the AGM it is essential we try to recruit a Council Liaison Officer. Looking at a buses and cyclists only bus lane in South Gloucestershire. <b>Anne</b> told the meeting that Claire had mentioned a profit for the party of £700.</p> <p><b>NotAvon – Ed:</b> AGM scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> November. Ed mentioned he is finding the lethargy of the Group quite frustrating. Finds the lack of a Rep is not helping the Group. Ed handed over a cheque for £180 to George to be handed to the Regional Treasurer. Taps offered to 'do something' (Anne's words!) for the NotAvon website.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> That Taps be co-opted onto the Regional Committee as an Officer without portfolio until the Regional AGM.</p> <p>Proposed: George Legg. Seconded: Steve Bradford. Unanimous.</p>	<p><b>Taps</b></p>

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**NC Report:**

**Appointments:** Jane Carrot was elected to the NC as Reps Liaison

**Leon & Lembit Briefing:**

- Leon and Lembit have been busy visiting regions around the UK and making contacts.
- Working on getting recognition of MAG

**DfT Relations:**

- They have rejuvenated informal contacts with DfT officials
- MAG is now setting a new agenda for the DfT's treatment of biking
- Membership of PACTS is highlighting the value of input from MAG and building useful contacts

**Reviewing of road safety audits resulting in progress with both the DfT and TfL:**

- Reports of adverse impacts of road safety schemes on bikes
- Changing safety audit process is key to progress
- Previous agreement with DfT has been rejuvenated following a change of DfT personnel
- TfL review started with direct input from Leon Manning

**Bikes in Bus lanes Progress:**

- Edinburgh MAG success in influencing policy review
- Leeds blueprint for MAG's central resources
- Call for central government funding for bus lane trials and DfT schemes
- Brighton MAG and Brighton Council prove bikes are green

**Game changing research:**

- Cycling for health UK study finds direct link between cycling and prostate cancer

**Next seven months (now – May 2015):**

- Engage with top politicians
- Manifesto to be approved ready for the June elections
- Create fully functioning media link
- Get back onto racing track

MAG cannot support any political party, it is for the political parties to support MAG!

**MAG Foundation**

The foundation has been speaking to inspection cover manufacturers

Contacts have been made with the Parking association

The MAG Foundation has been working with the crime prevention group

**Route to Biking Leaflet**

NC members have been working on a leaflet designed to be available at dealerships with the aim of encouraging people to take up motorcycling. A mock up was passed round and suggestions for changes and additions asked for.

**Bike Test**

MAG is looking at setting up a working group of motorcycle instructors to help push for changes to the present test system. With take up of motorcycling down over 90% changes must be made.

**Position Statements**

The present MAG position statements were felt to be woefully outdated and require updating in the near future.

**FEMA**

John and Neil attended the last FEMA meeting.

Check out the Riderscan page on the FEMA website: <http://www.fema->

	<p><a href="http://online.eu/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&amp;cntnt01articleid=326&amp;cntnt01returnid=15">online.eu/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&amp;cntnt01articleid=326&amp;cntnt01returnid=15</a>  The super MoT may be rearing its head again, but the UK should be OK  Personal protection equipment standards are to be made, which will be made a  Legislation: <a href="http://www.fema-online.eu/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&amp;cntnt01articleid=406&amp;cntnt01returnid=15">http://www.fema-online.eu/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&amp;cntnt01articleid=406&amp;cntnt01returnid=15</a>  Check out MEP's on where they stand on motorcycling.</p> <p><b>AGC 2015</b>  Proposals and nominations should be in for the 2015 AGC no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December.</p> <p><b>Dormant Regions</b>  John is going to try to kick start a London MAG</p> <p><b>Helmets Off at petrol stations</b>  MAG is to set up a position statement on this subject.</p> <p><b>Board Meeting</b>  Everything in the MAG Office is running smoothly  MAP is reorganizing after the departure of Bruiser and Julie who are going touring.</p> <p><b>Memberships</b>  A breakdown of memberships across the regions between May and October was shown with a general drop in members of around 4.20%</p> <p><b>Awards</b>  Suggestions for awards to be given at the 2015 AGC has been asked for.</p> <p><b>Anne – added that :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) There has been a commitment to test the website in December with a view to it going live on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.</li> <li>b) Lembit to produce questionnaires for MPs and MEPs.</li> <li>c) Professional standards: All MAG Officers are expected to adhere to professional standards at all times and a procedure to deal with less than that was drawn up and agreed. I am not sure of the wording and so this will have to cover it for now.</li> </ol>	
7.	<p><b>Regional AGM:</b> Glos MAG found they couldn't organise the AGM and so, as agreed at last year's AGM, W&amp;NS stepped up. This will be held at Hewish Village Hall. Sadly the original date was not available and so the following weekend (8<sup>th</sup> February) was booked. This clashes with the Dragon, however, though we might lose Steve B he doubted we would lose many attendees.  Anne understands there are two people who have mentioned to her they are thinking of standing as Regional Rep at our AGM – watch this space I guess.</p>	
8	<p><b>Proposal:</b> "That Deb Rose be co-opted into the post of Regional Committee Chairman until WR AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> February". Proposed: Anne Gale. Seconded: (I can't remember who seconded) Unanimous.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any update on Regional Rally:</b> In the absence of anyone to update, George was prepared to move on from this point. However, it was suggested by Steve B that between us (W&amp;NS and Bristol) we could manage the Rally.</p>	

	<p>A lengthy discussion ensued on this issue including, briefly, the business case submitted by Stacey Creamer for a rally venue which has been provisionally booked and which is an extremely good venue.</p> <p>The following was agreed by the Western Region Committee as follows:-</p> <p>“Given the time constraints and the commitment made to the Region at the 2014 Regional AGM to host a Regional Rally, the decision has been taken by the Western Region Committee to go ahead and organise the event.</p> <p>To this end, Western Region Committee has tasked the NC Liaison Officer, George Legg, to contact the members of the Rally Committee by email and, in one case by phone, with a view to taking this forward.”</p> <p>A date for the meeting was agreed as 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at The Lamb, Iron Acton. Eddie volunteered to call into the pub on his way home and get back to George.</p>	<p><b>GL</b></p> <p><b>EG</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Hoggin the Bridge:</b> Due to Steve B now not able to transport the MAG stand to Hoggin unless anyone else could transport it George has made a provisional arrangement for Pete, NABD, to pick it up on his way to Chepstow with the NABD stand. George &amp; Steve B to liaise and maybe deliver it to George’s flat to be picked up by Pete from there. George is to liaise with Tim to see if Tim can pick it up (either from Hoggin or from George’s flat for storage.</p>	<p><b>GL/SB</b></p> <p><b>GL/TD</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business - None</b></p>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 16.10</b></p>	