

MAG AGC 2021: a virtual affair

The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) announces that their Annual Group Conference (AGC) 2021 will take place with an online element, offering members the best opportunity to attend this important event amidst ongoing uncertainty regarding the pandemic. Motions and nominations must be submitted no later than Wednesday, June 30th, 2021.



MAG AGC 2021 will take place on Saturday, September 25th. In order to announce details of the event, and to provide timely notice for submission of motions and nominations, the decision regarding how AGC will take place had to be taken in May. The National Committee considered the viability of holding a group event to include members from all four nations, taking into consideration the possibility that conditions could change, and restrictions reintroduced. It was strongly felt that this year's event *should* go ahead, allowing the maximum number of members the opportunity to participate, and should include a contingency in case of restrictions being reinstated. AGC 2021 will therefore take place with online connections.

Motions and nominations should be submitted to central-office@mag-uk.org or by post to MAG, Unit C13, Holly Farm Business Park, Honiley, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NP. Submissions should be received by Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 latest.

The following positions are up for election:

Directors of The Motorcycle Action Group Limited (5 positions, with tenures of between 1 and 4 years), National Chair, National Clubs Officer, and National Reps Liaison Officer. The Board is currently without a Director of Finance.

Plan A: Online live meeting with 'hubs' plus limited individual access. MAG groups to arrange a physical event – locally or as a region – where multiple members log in via one connection: a 'hub'. This allows those who wish to come together and perhaps include a fundraiser or party the option to do so. Those not in a position to attend a group event can request to log in as individuals, but these places will be limited.

Plan B (contingency): Should restrictions be such that, on the day, physical groups cannot meet, or applications to attend exceed the limit of the software licence, the event will change to a pre-recorded video format. The video will be available to members for a limited time to view. A deadline will be given for asking questions and voting, which can be done via either email or letter.

Selina Lavender, MAG Chair, said

“There is a lot of administration to be worked through and it is acknowledged that this scenario is not ideal; however, we owe it to our members to take the steps necessary to hold an AGC in 2021. Many elements of life have been put on hold due to the pandemic, but politics and attacks on motorcycling continue. I do hope our members will be supportive of an online event, and that they will provide assistance to those members who are looking to join but who are less confident with the technology.”

Full details regarding AGC 2021 will be published in The ROAD, and in Network.