

**SOUTHERN REGION A.G.M.**  
**Minutes 13/11/2010**  
**Chairperson: Red**

- 1) **Those Present:** See attached list.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence**  
Various Members have sent emails apologising for their absence. Red thanks those who did and apologises that she did not keep a list of the individuals.
- 3) **Minutes of Last A.G.M.**  
A couple of hard copies are available. They were ratified at first Regional Reps meeting last year.
- 4) **Welcome:** Red opens meeting. Tickets on sale for The Head To Toe raffle and for a small raffle for tonight.
- 5) **Regional Rep's Report:** Promised to keep it short as most of you have heard it all before. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been a sad year for many including the sad losses of Wolfie, Wendy and Geoff's Dad. The reps affected have had a tough time but all kept going so thanks. On a regional MAG level, we have had our ups and downs, we've done quite a bit helping support RAV, Tim went to Europe, Salisbury put on a RAV Question Time, Southampton continue to fight the unfair Itchen Toll, Southampton and Salisbury held successful shows, Basingstoke hosted some regional events, all groups have done ride outs, and Basingstoke partied, we lost IOW MAG but Winchester MAG has been reborn. I have been very lucky I have some good reps and excellent committee, and we have a good core of members – we need to expand our membership as MAG moves forward to a majorly more active future. Honourable mention to Pete Cardy as longest existing member, especial thanks to the active members and thanks to those who continue to renew. There was a special thanks to Colin Williams (Basingstoke) who has been making robust membership folders for the groups in the region (and various shops). Thanks to everyone for attending and for those who have helped and supported me, I couldn't have done this without you.
- 6) **Treasurers Report: Nick:** Nick gave a full treasurer's report, full copies are available on request. The gist of it is we are solvent as a region. We have tried to keep costs to a minimum and with the help of volunteers we have managed this. We started with £2745.24, had expenses of £231.60, donated £100 to the No to Bike Parking Tax Campaign, sent £3500 to Central and have £630.27 left in the account. He raised the issue that the NC have requested all regions set an estimate target of what we think we will send to central next year. After it was discussed Tim asked if there is a list of donations and how groups vary, Red introduced Bill our NC Observer, he explained it was the intention of the new NC Treasurer to produce such a list, but to bear in mind larger Regions will always be in a position to donate more. Nick proposed we target £4000; this was seconded by Geoff Breeze and carried unanimously.
- 7) **Political Officers Report:** Unfortunately Peter is unwell so unable to attend, however after an active year as our political office it is with regret he is standing down this year. The good news is the reason for this is he is now the Rep for Southampton.
- 8) **Products Officer Report:** Following Wolfie's death this position has remained empty. Most groups have their own products officer, and currently, Tim has been unofficially been doing a lot, so thanks to him. The main role would be to sort out the stuff with Taylors (they do not like too many people as they are small but busy) they have most of the logo's already set up and to keep tabs on the products on the stand and any regional products to be added, maybe liaise with the local products people for contacts. Currently, there is a separate bank account for this. If this position is not filled it will be closed as will the bank account.
- 9) **IT Report:** The IT across the region is in a mess we really do need someone with a bit more IT website savvy, this is no ill reflection on Dave who has tried throughout the year to sort it out. If someone could come forward and liaise with Andy Meredith who sorts a lot of MAG IT issues currently, they can once it has all be set up and running, step back and hand over to someone to keep the regional site updated. MAG UK do aim to get all sites under one umbrella but each group runs their own site within that so that if someone wishes to quit the IT jobs the sites can be easily handed over whilst remaining professional looking to the observer.
- 10) **Dep Reps Report: Fin:** The Dep Rep is usually seconded by the Regional Committee, Sheila asked me to do this and I was voted in. I have deputised twice, the first more successfully as I actually reported back (Red pointed out that it was understandable considering the year Fin has had). Overseeing the local groups it has been an amazing year for MAG including the reforming of Winchester MAG. Well done to everyone.
- 11) **Committee Stand Down:** Red thanked everyone again, and the current committee stood down. Red properly introduced Bill Pugsley, the NC Reps Liaison Officer, a position voted in to relieve some of the burden on Paddy and Nich and hopefully will be ratified as a position at the AGC in April. Bill is an active member of the Weston group. Bill will give a report from NC level and then he will oversee the elections of your new committee.
- 12) **NC/MAG UK Report: Bill Pugsley:** He promised to keep it short as he has a cold. He vouched for Red and Fin as being very vocal for the region. There are a couple of hot issues at the moment the DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) and the 4<sup>th</sup> DVLD (Driving Licence Directive). Paddy and Nich are getting the DVLA to admit that they have mucked up with the introduction of the new tests. Europe and throttle control, Leg protectors, compulsory ABS all things that are coming back, and we will be up and fighting them. Jim Dyson suggested at this point MAG UK should organise a Euro Demo in 2011, people seemed to agree. Red will raise it at NC. Turbo (Tony Easterby) ask if any of this would be affecting Trikes as rules seemed to be brought in for trikes such as compulsory hazard lights and their retro fitting and the trike owners are the last to

know. (It was pointed out that hazard lights on Turbo's Trike were probably a good thing). Both Bill and Red confirmed that some of the new proposed legislation may affect trikes as well and MAG were backing trikes and in a few areas Quads as the rules will affect us all. Bill agreed with Red's early comments that IT is important now and it is a nightmare, even at MAG UK level, the database is woefully inadequate, it has been proposed that the monies raised from the Head to Toe Raffle go towards a new database. Paddy has done great things and has been overseeing the start of a lot of new groups hopefully up and coming will be Cardiff MAG and Plymouth MAG. Bill explained he has only been the Reps Liaison Officer since June and has not got out to many regions yet, but whilst the groups he has been to have all been run differently the good thing is they all work. He thanked everyone for their work in making this happen.

13) **Break:** An excellent buffet was provided by Jim, Jackie and their staff.

14) **Bill Re-Opens The AGM:** Before we start Bill thanked Jim, Jackie and crew for the excellent buffet, which they have provided free as a donation, so tonight's AGM has cost nothing to MAG. There was a round of applause for this.

15) **Elections:** Many things were said during the elections, such as agreeing to vote in a Dep Rep this year but the main points are:

POSITION	STANDING	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY	VOTES
Regional Rep	Red	Turbo (Tony Easterby)	Jim Dyson	Unanimous
Deputy Rep	Fin Colson	Geoff Breeze	Jonathon Probert	Unanimous
Treasurer	Nick Hancock	Briony Williams	Tim Peregrin	Unanimous
Secretary	Red	Shelly Easterby	Keith Lovelock	Unanimous
Political Officer	David Sumsion	Red	Geoff Breeze	Unanimous
Products Officer	Vicki Giles	Paul Pletts	Dave Rice	Unanimous
IT Officer	Mark Young	Jim Dyson	J.C. (Jez Ceaser)	Unanimous

16) **Hand Over To Rep:** Bill thanked everyone and said it was great to see a full committee and handed the meeting to Red. Red thank everyone and welcomed Vicki and Mark

17) **Awards:** There are four awards 2 are chosen by the committee after their groups have been asked for nominations, one you vote on tonight and one the Rep chooses.

- i) **Group Award:** It was close but this year the award went to Basingstoke for their commitment to the region, holding regional events and supporting the other groups at their events. Keith accepted the award and thanked everyone.
- ii) **The Gareth Award:** Awarded to the klutz of the year, this year we have three nominees, Red for an incident with marshalling in France, Sammy for filling his bike with diesel, and Jim for dropping his bike on various occasions and failing to pay attention and riding into Mark knocking them both off. Red got no votes, Sammy got 6 votes, but Jim took the award by a large margin with 21 votes. He thanked everyone.
- iii) **Regional Award:** To a deserving individual or group. Red said she would not say much as this year it has been awarded to her as the group felt she was MAG through and through. She did say she felt it was not hers individually but to everyone that does all the hard work to keep everything going, she would not have been given this if not for the members that supported and helped her throughout the year.
- iv) **Reps Award:** Decided on by the Regional Rep. This year the award went to Geoff Breeze, for 4 years he has been Southampton's Rep and he has done an excellent job of it, despite a lot going on in his personal life and then the sad loss of his father, he continued to put in a lot of time and effort for MAG. When you first meet Geoff he may not look like much is going to come out but when you listen to him he has a very astute political mind and gets his point across. He was very active in the campaigning for a safer A326 co-ordinating his efforts with other groups, and he continues to fight for the removal of the Itchen Toll for motorcyclists.

18) **Raffle:** Thanks to Vicki for selling and sorting the tickets. Thanks to you all for buying them, the raffle made £38 which was given to Nick to put into the Regional funds.

19) **Farewell Speech:** Not required this year, I'm only doing one.

20) **Acceptance Speech:** Red thanked everyone again and reiterated that she was grateful for having such a good region, without the core members no rep can do the job, so thanks again.

21) **Next AGM:** Red Proposed that at the least we book a date for next years AGM to avoid it overrunning again. She proposed for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 this was seconded by Geoff Breeze and carried unanimously. Tim asked about venue Jim proposed The New Queens Head, this was seconded by Paul

Pletts and carried unanimously. Fin then proposed 7pm for a 7.30 pm meeting, this was seconded by Jonathon and carried unanimously. So No Excuses next year the Southern Region 2011 AGM will be 7pm on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November at The New Queens Head in Winchester.

22) **Any Other Business:**

- a) **Ride Out: Paul Pletts:** Sorry not MAG but Mike a MAG member has organised a ride out to raise funds for SCABU (Special Care Baby Unit). 11am at The New Queens Head in Winchester. £5 a bike.
- b) **Group Treasurers: Nick:** Can the groups email him the signatories on their MAG bank accounts so he can update his records please.
- c) **Lift Required: Jonathon:** Forward planning can he have a lift to next years AGM, someone will make sure he gets there.
- d) **Issues for NC: Cheryl:** Can Red ask the NC if we can avoid or explain all the abbreviations flying around at the moment on emails from Central, and can we please have first and second names of people as we may not all know who they are. Red agreed to raise this.
- e) **Thanks: Keith:** Restated thanks to Jim, Jackie and Crew for the excellent buffet.
- f) **New Trophy: Shelly & Red:** It had been suggested that an award goes to the Landlords for all their help and support. We are lucky we have some very supportive landlords across the region. So how about we start a new award next year The Piston Broke Landlord Award? Briony proposed it, Geoff seconded it and it was carried unanimously.
- g) **Euro Demo: Jim:** Jim requested again that Red takes the idea of a Euro Demo for 2011 against the 4<sup>th</sup> Driving Licence Directive, she said she would.
- h) **Thanks: Red:** Thanks to everyone for coming and for their continued support.

23) **Meeting Closed**