

Southern Region MAG

Annual General Meeting Minutes
10th November 2012

Opening:

The Annual general meeting of the Southern Region MAG was opened at 19:00 on 10th November 2012 at The Three Crowns, Whaddon by Rep Tim Peregrine.

Present:

See separate list

Apologies:

Phil Jennings (IOW), Captain (Winchester), Mike & Charlene West (Southampton)

1) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were unanimously approved as distributed.
(Approval proposed by Jim Dyson, seconded by Vicki Giles)

2) Regional Rep's report

The passing of Fergus O'Connell was reported – A sad loss to MAG.

Issues facing us in the future:

- i. Fuel labelling with introduction of bio-ethanol into fuels. Due to effects this has particularly on older vehicles, this is being actively sought.
- ii. Type approval is going to EU voting shortly. MEPs are being asked to reject this because due process has not been followed. It is not too late to write to our MEPs so please contact them.
- iii. Super MOT/RWT - only about 50% of EU member states have any Road Worthiness Testing, and the UK has one of the strictest. The EU want to harmonise RWT across Europe claiming it will significantly reduce motorcycle road accidents due to vehicle defects. Statistics from the countries with no testing regime show this is not as important as stated. To comply with new requirements, testing stations will need to buy a lot of new test kits expected to run to 10s of thousands of pounds. This is unlikely to be economical for small shops, so may lead to a large reduction of test centres. This new regime is also likely to be used to tighten up compliance in the area of Type Approval.

As this year is MAG's 40th anniversary, there will be a party to celebrate.

The next AGC will be held in Bristol, on 13th April 2012.

Membership – The membership database is still being worked on and fettled. Numbers are reported as slightly down - numbers are just over 8500 individual members.

New groups –

Portsmouth/South Hants MAG has been restarted by Zoe. They meet at the Churchillian on Portsdown Hill. Membership numbers have increased in this area.

Isle of Wight MAG has also been started up by Phil Jennings, and membership has taken off well. On group nights, they have about 50 people turn up. They have 9 clubs affiliated. Phil has organised a bike show and set up the Absent Friends rally, which was well attended.

The Mailman facility was mentioned - Although many use Facebook, this should not be the primary source of communication with members. Mailman would be better to facilitate communications with members, as a single email sent out goes to all people subscribed to the list. The list is self-maintaining as people can subscribe and remove themselves from the list. It provides archiving of postings and a reminder is sent out monthly, just to assist as a reminder should people wish to unsubscribe. Mailman is very limited though for posting attachments, but this can be circumvented by the use of links. It is also unable to send calendar reminders, so for this Yahoo groups is still used. The Region is already using Mailman, and would encourage individual groups to use it.

Expanding links was discussed at the regional level – Twinning has been suggested, similar to what councils do with twinning towns.

Everyone was asked to encourage the use of Direct Debits for memberships.

MAG still remains fairly strong, particularly with its participation in FEMA.

Groups -

Southampton recently had its AGM - Jez was re-elected as rep. Their bike show has now moved to Stoneham Park. JC expressed need to share information to enable events to run more smoothly, eg with particular reference to inviting traders. They recently helped by collecting old helmets to be used to assist training with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Basingstoke has just moved to a new venue at the Labour Club.

Winchester has just had their AGM, and Jim was re-elected as rep again. Winchester needs to promote more members to come along and join in.

Portsmouth – No representation from them tonight. They have a Rep, a couple working as Secretaries, and possibly now a Treasurer.

Salisbury's Spring Surprise Show was a great success. They suffered from a shortage of support with the show, but thanks to Sarum Bikers who came in at the last moment to help. Motorcycle parking in Salisbury is causing a loss of at least 20 MC spaces. The group is concerned with this loss and is in contact with various bodies seeking to remedy this. They hope to assist with choosing where possible where new spaces could be provided. Group attendance is fairly static. Their AGM will be on 12th January 2013 at the Avon Brewery. The next Spring Surprise Bike show will be on April 7th 2013.

IOW - No representation from them tonight and already mentioned earlier.

3) Other Officers' reports

Products – Vicki - Current account stands at £250.51. We still have considerable funds tied up in stock. Hoping to develop an online catalogue in the future. Tom Dawkins commented he had looked into using e-commerce to market products. This was deemed too expensive to use as a percentage is taken by the providers, as well as set-up and service charges. It is also too risky to develop our own.

IT – Mark – Constantly keeping web site up to date throughout year, adding several new page categories, including Flyers, Documents and Petitions. Also developing use of Mailman.

4) Treasurer's report

Nick reported that the Region is still solvent, but the income from local groups was down this year. The Previous year's donation to the fighting fund was £2517.24
Income this year was £1424.03
Outgoings this year £2703.27 (including Central fighting fund donation)

Group donations last year
Basingstoke £223.03
Salisbury £770
Winchester £150

Account currently stands at £758

Reps were asked to check signatories to group accounts.

5) Regional MAG gazebo

Our current gazebo has seen better days and is nearing its end-of-life. The joints are wearing out and damaged. We may be able to stretch out another couple of years use out of it but then we will need another. It is proposed to source a new 3M x 3M gazebo for the region. NC have been consulted and they use one manufactured by TFH, which is very sturdy. A replacement will cost about £600 for the gazebo with canopy, sides and logos. The old unit could be donated to IOW for their use. This will save the costs of continually transporting one to and fro across the Solent.

Any questions.

Is it held securely? It is held securely in a trailer at a member's house.

Check with supplier about pack down size to ensure it will fit the trailer.

Tim Peregrine proposed the purchase of a new gazebo. Keith Lovelock seconded.

The vote in favour of the purchase was carried unanimously.

6) Current committee stand down

The current committee stands down from their posts prior to the election of the new committee.

Trace (NC observer) takes the reins to conduct the election.

7) Election of new committee

Apart from the Deputy Rep post, all the other posts were uncontested. For the Deputy Rep post, Ed Gillies and John Baker both stood so an election was held. A short election speech was given by both candidates.

Ed gave resume of what he has done. He has worked extensively with Southampton helping with events and taking group AGMs. He is setting up a meeting at a local Harley garage in Southampton for Local MPs, councillors etc. Ed assured everyone there was no conflict of interest with Southampton Dep Rep job and assured everyone he would be able to do both successfully.

John has also worked extensively at Southampton events. He has been the unofficial photographer for many events there. He would like to work with Winchester and Portsmouth to try to build the membership there. He also wants to try to develop cohesiveness for groups in the region.

The result of the vote was John Baker was elected to the Deputy Rep post.

Trace noted that there were no nominations for Secretary or Political Liaison posts, so asked if there were any nominations or volunteers from the floor. He stressed the Political post was very important, and if someone wishes to take it on, they can approach the Regional Committee.

He also suggested a possibility of Clubs Liaison and Events officer posts. At this point, a volunteer, Chris Luxton, spoke up as willing to stand for Clubs Liaison. The meeting was asked to vote for the new post of Clubs Liaison, which was carried unanimously.

The results of the election follow:

Post	Standing	Votes
Rep	Tim Peregrine	Unanimous
Dep Rep	John Baker	Elected
Treasurer	Nick Hancock	Unanimous
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>	
Political Officer	<i>Vacant</i>	
Clubs Liaison	Chris Luxton	Unanimous
Products Officer	Vicki Giles	Unanimous
IT Officer	Mark Young	Unanimous
Dealer Liaison	Jim Dyson	Unanimous

8) Hand over to new Rep

Tim takes over the meeting and thanks Trace.

9) AOB

Winchester's Christmas meal is on 11th December.

Jim Dyson wants to get a small bike show running for April/May next year.

Tom Dawkins - Itchen Bridge is now free for all motorcycles. The toll has been automated and detects motorbikes, which are allowed to pass without charge. The position of trikes is unclear as yet.

Tomorrow is Southampton MAG's 21st birthday. Commemorative patches are available.

10) Awards

- i. The Gareth Award – awarded to the Klutz of the year for having the most unfortunate bike related incident. Two nominations – Tom Dawkins and Robert Vincent.
Tom was nominated by Ed, for videoing himself crashing into Andy Rosher's trike and then posting it on Facebook.
Rob self nominated for having the distinction of receiving a Gold AA card, in part for having had 6 callouts for 6 different bikes. He had refurbished a Honda and taken it out for the first time, was in the Portsmouth area and the clutch cable broke. His Aprilia was parked on soft tarmac, only to come back and find it on its side with lots of damage. He tried fitting a race can to his Triumph and had difficulty clearing the indicator. He eventually managed it and went to show a friend. He mentioned the difficulty over the indicator at which point his friend said what indicator? It had completely melted off.
This went to a vote which was won by Tom.
- ii. The Group Award – To be awarded to a group in the region.
Nominations:
Southampton – Rose Saunders,
Portsmouth – Mark Young
IOW – Vicki Giles
The Isle of Wight won the vote.
- iii. Regional award: Awarded to a deserving individual or group.
Nominations:
IOW – Rose Saunders,
Phil Jennings – Mark Young
Portsmouth.
Phil Jennings won the vote.
- iv. Piston broke award: Awarded to most supportive pub landlord
Nominations:
Jane at Three Crowns – Mark Young,

Jim at Bold Forrester – Rose Saunders,
Waverley – Phil Jennings
Jane at the Three Crowns won the vote.

- v. Reps Award: Decided on by the Regional Rep
Tim made his award to Mark Young for services and background support to the region.

11) Presentation of cheques

Presentation of cheques from local groups to region for the fighting fund

Southampton: £ 500.00

Winchester: £ 100.00

Basingstoke: £ 224.67

Salisbury: £1400.00

12) Setting date of next AGM

The next AGM was set to be on 9th November 2013 to be held at the Churchillian, Portsdown Hill.

Meeting closed at 21:30