

**Regional AGM minutes**, subject to ratification and acceptance

Southern Region MAG AGM held at The Three Crowns, Whaddon  
September 16th 2017, Opened 16:07

**Welcome**

A minute's silence was held in remembrance for friends no longer with us.

No NC observer, so apologies for this. National Rep's Liaison Officer aware of this, and tried to get someone, but has not succeeded. Request for any objections about lack of observer from those present. No objections raised, so AGM continues.

**Apologies** - Jane & Den Cross, Rick Paglia, John Franklin, Geoff Trooper, Richard Ilsley, John Baker.

NOTED - Due to room being booked again later we are constrained for time.

**Present** - See attendees list

1) **Approval of Minutes**

Apologies as there are no minutes available from last year's AGM as only officers were in attendance at Bordon and no secretary. Minutes unable to be approved.

**Annual reports:**

2) **Regional Rep's report**

Tim has not been so able to give so much time to MAG and apologised.  
Numbers of memberships are up in the count for July. Almost 10% up on last year.

The regional rep thanked the officers and reps for their work in the region.

Regional Rep's role is to attend NC, every 2 months. Meets with the regional reps and national officers and staff. Get reports from Leon & Lembit.

MC theft has been a big issue in last 12 months, escalating considerably, and Southampton area has been badly hit as well.

Datatag chairman gave presentation, at NC. Thefts are often being committed to use in other crimes. Mag was invited to a Midlands police conference and have been asking for help with suggestions as to how they can address the issue.

Gangs in London have used fire extinguishers and acid attacks used against the riders having their bikes stolen.

Datatag's take is expensive bikes are being bought and having lots of money spent on them, but then with cheap locking facilities being used, whereas on continent bikers are using triple locking, so problem not so bad there.

We need to take more responsibility to ensure security.

Tim involved in various agencies, Solent Enterprise Partnership looking at Solent City, but may not happen now.

Solent tunnel possibly being planned, so trying to get in with bikers' position early.

Lembit has been involved in Silvertown tunnel proposals, where they want to charge motorcycles. Also, an ULEZ is to be introduced in London, providing a double charge for a lot of bikers. There is

also another proposal for an additional Thames tunnel further out of the estuary. The tunnel charges, if allowed to go through will likely set precedent and be set on any new tunnels. Sadiq Khan, has not engaged with MAG or kept promises since his election relating to bike usage in London. He is now seeking to extend the congestion charge to a wider area. The ULEZ may charge MCs which contribute less than 1% but cookers generate 8% of pollutants according to TfL stats.

We have representation on various HCC Road Safety Councils, N, S & Central. Local residents wanted A272 to have a MC ban, but this was resisted.

In contact with BPA - want to make sure they their members continue to support us with technical specifications of MC parking bays.

South East region started initiative for stopping use of mobile phones in cars and South West region produced stickers to drive message home.

Southern region has managed the flow of donations money to the national fighting fund. This was done to ensure our fighting fund contributions weren't sucked up by the court case a couple of years back. The case is now settled and there is no further risk to our funds. Region donates £500 every quarter.

Lembit is very valuable to the organisation, particularly as he knows so many past and sitting MPs. Attends many functions on MAG's behalf.

Tim indicated he wishes to stand down at this meeting.

Salisbury show has the largest footfall in national MAG events. It gets a lot of media support, and also support from some local councillors.

The AGC is being held in Manea, Cambridgeshire next September, where members can stand for national office. The AGC is hosted by a local group.

3) **Deputy Rep's report** - See below

4) **Treasurer's report**

Regional accounts presented for 2016/17

Regional have been sending funds up to Central on a quarterly basis -

£2000 has been sent to the fighting fund.

£2628.80 income, £2142.44 outgoings for year.

Expenses £33 spill kit, £109.44 travelling to NCs.

Funds received from the local groups in past year:

Portsmouth £802

Southampton £700

Salisbury £1000

Regional funds stand at £1303.41

Proposed continuance of quarterly donations - general agreement.

Requested group account signatories kept up to date. Noted difficulties with updating signatories with Lloyd's accounts. Nick has managed to sort these issues out online in the past.

Question from Rose Saunders. How much should region hold in accounts? Although technically a low figure, but we need to be flexible to ensure we have funds to put on/kick start events.

Budgeted £5000 outlay for Salisbury show, with £700 up front, so necessary to hold more than base allowance.

Southampton presented a cheque for £2500.

John Baker arrived so gave Dep Rep's report.

3) **Deputy Rep's report**

John observed Southampton's AGM, organised Fred Hill run in February, with no MAG members on it! Organised ride ins to various local shows. Helping with Portsmouth show. He has managed to obtain two pairs of Bullet Jeans to be raffled at the Portsmouth show. May ask about corporate membership. Organising combined S&DMCC rideouts. May get the stand to Southampton Bike night. This will shut soon as they will be putting up a big wheel on the site.

5) **Products Officer's report**

£777.39 in funds, £2000+ goods in stock. Megasale next year. Vicki will need help to continue to run products and is looking to share the role. Vicki thanks to all who helped. Requested list of sales be noted at shows.

Sammy has calendars for sale £4 each (Classic Bikes 2018) to raise additional funds for MAG.

6) **Dealer Liaison report**

Jim is still visiting dealers, but not much to report.

7) **IT Officer's report**

Restructured main web-site last year to make it easier to maintain. Lots of event's updates and flyers put up as and when notified. Mark appealed for anyone with local events to let him know so he could publicise local events for MAG and others on the web-sites. Maintain useful documents, eg direct debit membership form and latest VED. List of petitions not being used much as haven't been notified of any recently. Maintain up to date lists of contacts on regional and local sites. Notify Central of any change of officers such as reps and dep-reps for correct re-direction of emails. Maintain the various Mailman mailing lists. Posting out reminders for regional and local AGMs.

8) **Awards** -

Dougie Nugent 125 mileage award for efforts to MAG. (Certificate)

Nominations? Rachel Mitchell from Portsmouth.

Nominated Richard Buchan, Seconded by John Baker.

Carried uncontested.

Gareth award - Klutz of the year

Fin broke off his key in his panniers in Wales. This left stub in lock and as it was the ignition key, he had to be transported back by AA.

Andy nominated, Vicki seconded.

Rob Vincent pulled into petrol station, and found a spillage by the pump, so moved his bike but forgot side stand retracted.

Nick proposed, Fin seconded.

**Vote:** For Fin 14, Rob 3. Fin won award.

Group award - Decided by Rep.

Awarded to Southampton MAG.

Regional award - Voted by regional committee.

Awarded to Rose Saunders for long-standing work for MAG.

Piston broke - Landlord of the year -

Colin at Fox and Hounds, Fair Oak nominated by Rose Saunders.

Jane at Three Crowns, Whaddon nominated by Fin Colson.

**Vote:** 5 for Fox & Hounds, 11 for Three Crowns  
Three Crowns awarded, but Fox & Hounds to be commended.

Reps award - Decided by Rep.

Awarded to Nick Hancock this year.

9) **Current committee stand down**

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

10) **Election of new committee**

Tim intends to stand down, but in event of no-one stepping up will re-stand.

The results of the election follow:

There were no volunteers or nominations for Regional Rep,

Post	Standing	Votes	Proposed	Seconded
Rep	Tim Peregrine	Not contested	Rose Saunders	Jim Dyson
Dep Rep	John Baker	Not contested	Jez Caesar	Jim Dyson
Secretary	Vacant			
Treasurer	Nick Hancock	Not contested	Vicki Giles	Dave Glover
Products Officers	Vicki Giles Debie Horton	Not contested	Guns	Jim Dyson
Dealer Liaison	Jim Dyson	Not contested	Rose Saunders	Jez Caesar
IT Officer	Mark Young	Not contested	Vicki Giles	John Baker

11) **Hand back reins of meeting to re-elected Rep.**

AOB - Portsmouth bike show tomorrow - 10-16.

Southampton show need help from another group so it can go ahead in future as main organiser has taken a step back. Possibly make it regional. Sammy raised Dutch method of opening car doors - can this be raised at NC.

Arbuthnot trial coming up tomorrow.

AGC is at Manea village. Hosting is difficult to arrange, so needs business cases put forward so that future ones can be put on. Help can be obtained.

Set up: AGC starts Friday, Hosting for up to 300 in venue on Saturday with food, Saturday night entertainment and accommodation eg camping, Sunday morning breakfast.

Costings and business case required. Any costs for attendees also required, eg for accommodation and camping.

13) **Setting date of next AGM**

Next regional AGM will be September 15th 2018 at 15:30 for 16:00, Venue TBC

Closed at 17:36