

Southern Region MAG AGM 27/5/2023

Welcome to the Southern Region MAG AGM 2023 being held at Southampton and District MCC.

For this meeting, we have no national observer, but sanction was given by Neil Liversidge to go ahead.

Minutes silence was held for Absent friends, with a special mention of Andy Meredith who did so much for MAG.

Apologies

Jim Dyson, Volvic.

Last year's minutes

Apologies, we've not been able to find a copy of last year's minutes.

Officer's reports

Rep: Tim is holding most of the Regional products, but a lot of them are going back to local groups. We've managed to merge the products account back into the main regional account. Tim is holding about £105 in cash for product sales at the moment.

We're trying to dispose of old stock such as old T-shirts by donating them for raffle prizes.

We've now set up the original Winchester patch and many have already been sold. We're also looking to set up the patches for Southampton.

Emails were sent out about Operation Earthquake and climate change. There seems to be some more general interest around the ban on Internal Combustion Engines, in particular, it may not come about as swiftly as expected.

Ongoing campaigns include the 2030 ICE ban, Autonomous Vehicles, Connected vehicles, Taxation and Fuel Duty, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, Ultra Low Emission Zones, Highway Code and Road Safety, Smart Motorways including reinstatement of hard shoulders and/or provision of more refuge areas and improved detection, 15 Minute Cities, Motorcycle Licensing Regime complication versus car licenses, Local traffic plans, Bus lanes, Anti Tampering, Motorcycle Theft, Parking, Potholes, Insurance.

Trying to make more of the Ride To Work Day, and raising awareness of this with the general public. It would be helpful to get more publicity photos on the subject.

Any articles of interest can be sent to Mutchie for The Open Road magazine or to Anne for the monthly Network publication.

Regional funds have been sent to Central.

AGC venue search is still ongoing. If anyone comes across a candidate venue, please let us know.

The next AGC is on 23/9/2023 at Bridgwater with Taunton MAG.

Southampton & District MCC provided the venue FOC for today's meeting, so thanks for their help.

Dep rep: Road safety council south meetings attended, the next one scheduled for next September, hopefully, face-to-face for the next ones which should be much more productive than Zoom/Teams meetings. There are also similar meetings held for North and Mid Hampshire. Tim attends the Central one in Winchester.

Treasurer: Copies of the accounts are available to view on the tables. We are solvent overall. Over the year we sent £2000 to the Central fighting fund. Donations have been coming in from the local groups. The Products account was shut down during the year and funds were transferred to the Regional account making management easier. Over the year we have had income of £1539.35 and outgoings of £2161.78, leaving a closing balance of £568.78.

Locally within the region, we don't directly make donations to the MAG Foundation, however, the national organisation does.

No Political or Club's liaison officers currently serving.

Products officer's job is handled by Tim.

Dealer liaison, Jim Dyson was co-opted into the role at the last regional committee meeting. We have not had a report from Jim so far.

IT: - All the local sites are kept updated as much as possible. Any suggestions for updates or noting any failing links, please let Mark know. A question posed was do we keep minutes of AGMs linked on the web-sites. Where a copy of minutes are available, they are put up and links set up. Again, if anyone wants to add any events entries, these are put up when requested.

Officers stand down

At this point, all the regional offices stand down.

Election of Officers for 2023

Regional rep

Tim Peregrine proposed by John Baker, seconded by Mark Young. Carried unanimously.

Dep Rep

John Baker proposed by Nick Hancock, seconded by Dave Sumsion. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer

Nick Hancock proposed by Tim Peregrine, seconded by John Baker. Carried unanimously.

Political officer N/A

Clubs Liaison N/A

Products officer

Pushing out to groups. Proposed to devolve to local groups in future and not hold an official regional post. The general feeling was it would be better suited to be handled by the local groups. Tim is happy to store stock for groups who don't have facilities.

Dave Sumsion proposed to devolve products back to the groups, seconded by Phil Ward. Carried unanimously.

A short discussion about the regional gazebo. We now have weights for securing it where guy ropes cannot be used. The gazebo is in reasonable condition, but the

IT officer

Mark Young proposed by Dave Sumsion, seconded by Jeff Gover. Carried unanimously.

Dealer Liaison

Jim Dyson had said previously he couldn't attend but wished to stand. No confirmation email or phone call from Jim has been received. We can hold off on the election and co-opt him to post in the future.

Dave Sumsion proposed to co-opt Jim if he wishes to stand, seconded by Jeff Gover. Carried.

Jim Dyson arrived at this point. He was asked if he wanted to stand, so given the proposal to co-opt, Jim was duly elected.

Awards

There has been a problem with tracking down the physical awards, so none were present.
Reminder - We need to find the awards, and be able to track their whereabouts by publishing the recipients on the regional website.

Dougie Nugent <=125cc mileage award for efforts for MAG (Certificate)

Jan has just passed her 125 test, so is a candidate. Proposed by Richard Buchan, seconded by Dave Sumsion. Carried.

Gareth Award - Klutz of the year

The exhaust pipe the award is made from has been mislaid. Last noted it was with Finn Colson. Possibly a later candidate to have received the award was Colin. Also a possibility Rose and Nik had managed to get it back, but unconfirmed. Still need to sort out a trophy. No nominations have been received so far.
Nominations for the award: Jan bought a geared bike, moved it to the back of the house and put it on the side-stand, neighbour reversed into Jan's bike knocking it over. Also rear-ended after stalling at lights by a woman rushing to a hairdressing appointment. Proposed by Jeff Gover, seconded by Dave Sumsion. Carried.

Group award - Decided by Rep

Awarded to Winchester for highest per capita fundraising and signing up of new members.

Regional award - Voted for by the regional committee

Nick nominated Winchester for the award, seconded by Jim Dyson. Nick then nominated Jeff Gover for all the work he has done locally for MAG. The committee voted for Jeff to receive the award.

Piston broke - Landlord of the year (Certificate)

(Previous two awards were for Jim at the Bold Forrester, and for Jane at the Three Crowns.)

This award is in the form of a certificate.

Nominations - Station Inn at Andover, the Labour Club in Basingstoke, the Sovereigns in Portsmouth. The Station are happy to reserve a quiet room for us. Proposed by Tim Peregrine, seconded by Dave Sumsion.

The Labour Club were happy to allow us to try and get the Basingstoke group going again. Proposed by Tim Peregrine, seconded by Jeff Gover.

The Sovereigns have been very helpful for some years. Proposed by Richard Buchan, seconded by John Baker.

Voted by those present for the Station Inn, Andover. Carried.

Rep's award - Decided by Rep

The award goes to Jeff Gover.

AOB

Gosport show - We want to have the MAG stand preferably amongst the trader's stalls.

The date for the Southern road safety meeting is 20th September.

Councillor Stagg stepped down from transport liaison group leader (Portsmouth).

Regional meetings - Tuesdays are impossible for Richard to attend. Can we move the meetings to a different day?

Richard Buchan proposed the third Monday of the month, seconded by Jeff Gover. Carried.

Portsmouth tried to get a show at Port Solent, but the event couldn't be fitted into their calendar.

The Basingstoke relaunch meeting was not very successful. A few people were there but there was no great enthusiasm to take it on.

Festival of Transport at Basingstoke, we were unable to gain a stand this year, but will put in for it early next year.

Donation from Southampton MAG of £100.

Next Regional committee meeting

The Shamblehurst Barn on 19/6/23. (TBC)

Next AGM

Southampton and District MCC, Eastleigh on 18/5/2024. (TBC)