**SOUTHERN REGION REPS Meeting**

**Minutes 15/05/2012**

**Chairperson: Tim Peregrine (Regional Rep)**

**Attendees**

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| Regional Rep; | Tim Peregrine | Regional Deputy Rep; | Ed Gillies |
| Basingstoke; | Keith Lovelock | Dealer Liaison; | Jim Dyson |
| Southampton; | Jez Caesar | Products; | Vicki Giles |
| Winchester; | Mark Young\* |  |  |

**Apologies**

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| Isle of Wight; | Phil Jennings | Treasurer; | Nick Hancock |
| Salisbury; | Fin Colson |  |  |

**Observers**

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| John Baker | Chess Ferrier | Nik Grant | Mike West |
| Ben Jones | Rose Saunders | Tom Dawkins | Charleen West |

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes from the Meeting held 17th April were circulated.

Noted added to Minutes that Tim Peregrine co-opted as Regional Rep & Ed Gillies co-opted as Regional Deputy Rep.

1. **Regional Rep’s Report**

* 24th June Demo;
  + SE Constituency Demo ride organisation progressing well.
  + It is understood that the Demo is on M-Way, this is not designed to exclude any groups.
  + Shall publish viewpoints along the route for anyone on a rideout.
  + Flyer & Poster and costs shared, as supplied from within our organising Group; EG 1,000 A5 flyers cost £100 but 5,000 cost only £30 per 1,000. A4 posters are 55p each but only 33p if we order 200.
  + Reps decided to allow Members to review options and then decide whether to progress on bulk order through our organising Group – Reps to pass details to Tim.
  + Agreed that small quantities would be printed to capture timeframe of events, etc.
* Robert Whiteford Case & MAG’s Press Release raised;
  + <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Home/A-motorcyclist-who-lost-a-leg-in-a-crash-with-a-lorry-has-been-denied-the-right-to-compensation-11052012.htm>
  + Discussed circumstances of incident and Robert’s admission that, whilst being on the correct side of the road, he was not on the “right line”
  + DRAFT of MAG Press Release read out, expressing concern over the ruling.
  + Concerns within the Meeting that this ruling sets precedence.
* Drug-driving legislation & MAG Constitution;
  + Currently any Officer convicted of a drink-driving offence is required to resign.
  + National Committee (NC) feels no need to update/modify the constitution, at this stage. Only when law is passed should then revisit, if needed.
* “Mailman” System to be introduced to Southern Region;
  + Mailman is an electronic newsletter system, supported by MAG.
  + Individuals subscribe and manage their own subscriptions of lists they have an interest in.
  + Lists and emails are moderated, to protect MAG.
  + Lists are not exclusive. i.e. not territorial or Group specific.
  + Final tests are being carried out and Reps shall be sent details to allow them to encourage Members and use.
  + Mailman allows 1 email address to be used for a e-newsletter rather than 50 or 60.
  + Mailman to be set up for;
    - Alton
    - Basingstoke
    - IoW
    - Portsmouth
    - Salisbury
    - Southampton
    - Winchester

Whilst some areas have no Groups, looking to establish interest and keep members informed. E.g. 80+ members in Portsmouth area.

* Increasing MAG awareness across Region;
  + Highlighted recent visit to Loomies, how many riders said they did not know MAG.
  + Loomies agree to support MAG and allow us to take Gazebo there, by prior arrangements.
  + Rose highlighted other events and Station Café, Alton was also discussed.
  + Tim also highlighted awareness of Clubs in our Region, in order to promote MAG. Rose felt we should not keep details of clubs. This topic was not discussed any further.

1. **Basingstoke**
   * Thornycroft;
     + Keith acknowledged and thanked those that visited the MAG Stand and also helped.
     + 2 Memberships renewed.
     + Raised some funds and also raised awareness of MAG.
   * Meeting Nights;
     + Keith highlighted concerns over the levels of attendance at Meeting Nights and to consider options after his holiday.
2. **IoW**

* Report emailed by Phil;

*Apologies for not being able to make the meeting, I’ll blame Parcel Force for not delivering my new shock absorber.*

*The First month and a half on the Island have been interesting, and slightly humbling. First meeting we had around 30 people turn up, which I was frankly staggered by,*

*This being the Isle of Wight, I expected one man with a pig in his sidecar to arrive, and get bored when the scrumpy ran out.*

*The reception I received was positive, which I was pleased with, but again, being the Island, I expected the one man and his pig to turn out for the second meeting, when*

*Actually, I got 45!*

*With regard to membership of MAG, I’m not pushing for people to join at this moment, as if I do they won’t join, and they won’t come back. I have managed to get 3 of the local clubs to take out affiliate membership, which hopefully, should have happened in the next couple of weeks, this covers around 150 club members on the Island.*

*I have spoken to 2 of the 4 dealerships and independents here, and they have agreed to display posters in their showrooms, and put MAG info into the information packs they supply with new, and second-hand bikes. Dave Death motorcycles have also expressed an interest in joining as an affiliate too.*

*I have arranged a delegates meeting for later this month, where all of the people from each club, who said they would be their groups spokesman, can come along and sit around a table quietly, so we can properly work out strategy, and finalise our local campaigns, this I hope will happen once a month, between our rowdier pub meets.*

*I have radio interviews booked with Isle of Wight Radio, and Vectis Radio, not recorded them yet, but will be soon, and I’ll make sure that I don’t let anyone know when they are being broadcast! I am also lucky that one of the guys in the group is a personal friend of our local MP, and I shall also be having an meeting with him soon.*

*We have had an offer of a venue to put on a small rally or bike show, I’m considering a single day event, later in the year, it depends on the level of support from the other clubs.*

*I have offered an afternoon out as a pillion to our Leader of the Council, twice, and been ignored, and today (Monday) I have requested some figures under FOI that relate to our local roads campaign.*

*The Facebook group has gone mental, and currently stands at over 200 members, about 75% of which are local people, so I have a good route to get info out to people.*

*I have also used the latest members list to email both active and expired (sounds wrong, not dead just expired memberships)members, and have had a few mails back, and it looks hopeful that we will get at least some of those people along to the meetings.*

*And I’ve almost got the web page sorted to give to Mark for uploading on the MAG central, and regional sites.*

*I’d like to thank everyone for their support, and hopefully we’ll be able to get to some events around the region to show you our support back.*

*I very much appreciate both Tim and Mark paying us a visit! Thank you.*

*I think that’ll do for now, don’t think I’ve missed anything!*

*Phil*

1. **Salisbury**

* Fin reported to Tim;
  + Annual Wales weekend went well.
  + Salisbury supporting NOMADS event this weekend in Dorset and anyone welcome to attend.
  + The Three Crowns band night is 26th May. Camping is available and expecting to be a good night.
  + Salisbury pushing for support of 24th June.

1. **Southampton**

* Rose reported on the Southampton Bike Show
  + Despite the weather, great show and good turnout.
  + 353 Bikes turned out and signed up 3 new Members
  + Raised £363 Profit.
* Biker meeting at Mayflower Park on 3rd June was raised.
* Running Machine raised, see AOB.
* Southampton Members to investigate connections with Rising Sun Colden Common and an event.
* Tim Peregrine agreed that Southampton would carry over the £150 “float” limit, considering upcoming events.

1. **Winchester**
   * EGM to be held on 22nd May. Ed to Chair.
   * Mark to send mailshot to try and stimulate interest.
2. **Dealer Liaison**
   * Tim provided list of over 70 Dealers within our Region.
   * Highlighted need to work closely with local Group Dealer Liaisons.
3. **IT**
   * Basingstoke Webpage is being cleaned up.
   * IoW page is set and working to be linked to National site.
4. **Products**
   * Vicki requested that the Products Cheque from Salisbury is followed up
   * New Regional Products were shown;
     + Lawn Poster
     + New Mug design
     + Bumper stickers
     + Pens
     + Magnetic trailer/car sign
5. **Treasurer**
   * Nick sent details to Tim;

£944.03 held in the Southern Region Account

1. **AOB**
   * To take to NC;

What is the status on Direct Debits?

Looking to reinvigorate the Itchen Bridge Campaign.

Ethanol content;

Southern Region say it needs MAG focus

Southern Region call for any content to be labelled

Southern Region call for more details on what the impact is.

* + South East Dorset MAG starting up on 20th June in Hurn. We wish them every success and possible rideout to 1st night, pending Demo organisation Meeting.
  + RBLR Pucks are available, from their website, to support the Poppy Appeal
  + Iow Crossing costs;
    - Historical events were discussed when concessions were granted.
    - Suggestion to approach “Bugle Street” directly
    - Limited Voucher offer using “GREAT” with red funnel
  + Events;

**Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance 5th Birthday event Popham**

**Saturday 30th June**

MAG have been invited to attend the event for a £15 pitch.

It was agreed at the Meeting that we would support this event.

Volunteers needed.

**Running Machine Show**

**26-27th May**

Volunteers needed.

**Beaulieu**

**16th-17th June**

Volunteers needed, speak to Rose Saunders (Southampton MAG).

**Thumb Up The Bum Chillout Rally**

**20th – 22nd July**

A chill out weekend hosted by Southampton MAG

Lots of space, relaxing weekend.

1. **Next Meeting**
   * 19th June

The Royal Oak,   
414 Worting Road,  
Basingstoke. RG22 5EA

**8pm Start.**

MEETING CLOSED.