

Minutes

of the

Motorcycle Action Group



Annual Group Conference

Bromsgrove - West Midlands

April 8th 2006

1. Opening of AGC by acting National Chairman: *Ian Moore*

Chairman's Opening Address.

Ian highlighted the complicated issue concerning the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive and the issues that motorcycling faces.

Ian announced that MAG memberships had achieved a landmark figure of over 10,000 members, this was excellent news but we needed to concentrate on expanding young membership.

Ian then welcomed those in attendance to the AGC and thanked everybody for their hard work over the previous year.

2. Formal introduction of the Conference Chairman, handover of Chair: *Ian Moore*

Ian handed over the Chair of the conference to Archi Hipkins, MAGs National Network Communications Officer.

3. Adjourn AGC, open MAG UK AGM: *Archi Hipkins*

The Annual Group Conference was adjourned and the Annual General Meeting of MAG UK Ltd was opened.

1. Report by Chairman of the Board: *Ian Moore*

Ian reported that it was a good year financially and that MAG UK Ltd was trading solvently.

2. Company Secretaries report: *Ian Moore*

This was covered in the Chairman's Report

3. Finance Director's Report: *Justine Travis*

Justine gave a presentation covering the period of, 2004 – 2005 August – July (**Annex 1**)

A Profit & Loss account was presented.

Currently MAG is reliant on donations – we would be more stable if we could rely on memberships.

There was a £5,000 loss last year - £40,000 profit this year. This was mainly due to donations and Justine explained that it was normal to alternate profit/loss year-on-year.

There was no bike raffle this year – as profits have reduced year-on-year.

Farmyard Party Marshals Flood Appeal. The appeal raised a total of £12,700 + £4,5000. Claims for £17,000 had been settled – there was low claims, and these were all reasonable. A £500 surplus was sent to River Rye flood appeal.

MBNA (Credit Card) was one of MAGs major partner commissions – mainly on balance commission, however this is reducing each year.

The Ebike insurance deal has started this year – there are no figures yet.

Membership recruitment may be reduced by not going to NEC this year.

Streetbiker cost £74,000 for the year – hopefully "The Road" will eventually self fund from advertising.

4. Finance Questions

Owen Morris

Q. Income over £10,000 – does this cause a taxation liability?

A. Losses from last year to offset against.

Neil Liversidge

Q. Does the MCIA (Motorcycle Industry) pay contributions for a page in The Road?

A. Ian Mutch responded as Editor of The Road. No financial contribution, but good to present different points of view in the magazine.

Q. Should regular page require a contribution? Should the MCIA be given free reign? Historically MCIA have tried to get MAG to campaign for industry issues – we need to concentrate on rider's issues.

A. Content is scrutinised carefully.

Janice Thompson

Q. Why is the accounting year so far behind the AGC?

A. Historically AGC was in September, so July-August financial year was reported the following AGC. April AGC has reduced this lag.

Neil Stevenson

Q. What ideal membership number is required for stability?

A. Ideally we need to double to 20,000

Debbie Molyneux

Q. Should local groups submit financial reports at a set time to Region/UK? This would allow MAG to correctly assess all its assets.

A. Constitution dictates reports should be submitted at AGM time. Difficult to pressure volunteers, and we rarely get all this information

5. Reappointment of Auditors

Stanley Yule were reappointed as Auditors– carried unopposed.

6. Election of Directors (Manifestoes Annex 1)

John Mitchell Proposed: Paul Turner Seconded: Robin Straughan **Carried**

Jane Chisholm Proposed: Robin Straughan Seconded: John Mitchell **Carried**

These positions have reverted to a 4 year term for simplicity

7. Summing Up (Chairman of the Board's declaration): *Ian Moore*

MAG-UK Ltd is trading solvently. We are looking forward to next year. We currently have a very strong board.

8. Close of the AGM of MAG UK Ltd – AGC reopened.

4. MAG Foundation Report: – *Nich Brown*

Nich reported that the purpose of the MAG Foundation is to promote the understanding of road safety issues facing motorcyclists. The Charitable status gives us extra standing but limits what it can do, however there has been impressive progress this year.

Each Trustee is responsible for steering the Foundation. The Foundation employed one person, Sarah Gardner as its Resource Officer.

In February, two trustees resigned, Elaine Hardy & Rob Straughan, Nich thanked them for their hard work.

The Foundation Balance is currently around £20,000, funding will be boosted by the ebike charity deal, Nich asked for people to please vote on the ebike insurance website for the MAG Foundation and that the voting was open until the end of April.

Further funding can be boosted by Gift Aid donations due to the Foundations charitable status.

More communications was needed to a wider audience to promote the Foundation and its work with last years motorcycle theft conference well received.

The MAG foundation.org website has been established - www.mag-foundation.org

The A-Z secure bike parking booking was now on the website and covers 70 towns across the UK. This was produced as part of the Foundation's anti-theft campaign.

Accident issues are being watched carefully and "Fact Sheets" to be published later in this year.

Rider training info is one of our next projects.

Foundation may still be reacting to other organisations – we need to lead.

Nich reiterated that the Foundations profile needs to be raised, with a volunteer press officer required and more links with government groups.

Nich finished by saying that the MAG Foundation takes some pressure off MAG-UK and allows MAG-UK to concentrate on legislative issues.

Rick Hulse

Q. Has a Lottery grant been applied for to cover costs of employees?

A. Couldn't get it. Rick offered help re-applying for grant.

Q. Gift Aid on individual donations?

A. Being organised. More help offered from NABD.

Wendy Coy

Highlighted existence of BASIS – guidance for charities applying for funds.

5. National Officer's Reports

Neil Liversidge

Q. Why was there no Chair report?

A. Ian Moore, AGM was only for MAG UK Ltd business.

Q. Why was there no Bikers Are Voters campaign in time for last general election?

A. Trevor Baird, MAG's Director of Public Affairs responded. The campaign although late in starting was launched before the last general election. The campaign consisted of a MAG Manifesto for Motorcycling, a dedicated website, lobbying for activists, and a Bikers Are Voters questionnaire for candidates.

National Network Liaison Officer: Archi Hipkins

Network is now a monthly issue to increase circulation – currently a World-wide distribution. Archi requested for more items from local groups – these are coming in slowly.

The Rep's database was now in place to track all officers in regions.

Archi reported that he had become a point of contact for new reps & groups and that activity is increasing.

Network is also promoting National Youth Work.

Neil Liversidge

Q. NFL Network used to promote other organisations – which ones & on whose authority?

A. Network should be providing balanced view.

Q. Why no mention of 3rd European Driving Licence Directive?

A. Coming out as a separate document

Clubs Liaison Officer: Fergus O'Connell

Public Liability Insurance is an issue and still available via brokers but we cannot administer it ourselves for legal reasons. The BMF has changed its insurance deal to not cover equipment, which makes it much less of a competition to us.

The Club's package is being revamped and at present there are 133 clubs affiliated to MAG and this number is still growing.

We are advertising in club's magazines, instead of national magazines Fergus believed that we will get better value for money going down this route.

Fergus reported that the Clubs page in The Road is being well received.

National Research Officer: Elaine Hardy

Membership database is being improved to research biker demographics. Most of my work was to feed background information to Trevor Baird.

The recent MAG document "How Close is Too Close?" covers bike-car collisions & details avoidance strategies, we hope to produce a video, Elaine explained that "Actors" may be required from membership. The response to the document has been very positive.

As a MAG representative at FEMA Elaine explained that there has been a trend toward road safety, MAG has pressured against this resulting in FEMA's response to the Mid Term Review of the European Road Safety Programme being redrafted to be more on message.

Ian Cook

Q. Should Road Safety be promoted by MAG?

A. Data can be used to refute other safety claims. E.G. absolute statistics do not show correct picture with increasing population.

Q. What will be in the Video?

A. Duncan McKillop as co author of the How Close is too Close document, The education video would combat safety record issues that give ammunition to government against motorcycles. Improving our own safety record will remove this ammunition. Better to avoid accidents, rather than assign blame later.

Q. Shouldn't Foundation pursue this?

A. Training video – training cannot be funded by Foundation

Nich Brown

In response to the question from Ian Cook, Nich replied that the MAG constitution covers pursuing road safety - 3.iii.A Safe & Responsible Road Use.

Nich Brown

Q. With regards to relative/absolute KSI (Killed Seriously Injured) numbers – absolute numbers are the emotive issue.

A. EU presentation is fundamentally flawed. Information has to be re-presented correctly.

A comment from the floor of the AGC, that there was clarity required on boundaries of MAG's involvement with Road Safety.

Neil Stevenson

Q. How can FEMA be stopped from going for Road Safety again.

A. Apathy & language barriers are problems. MAG UK is becoming more vocal to try and lead smaller/newer organisations. No mechanism to protect this yet, relies on the people steering the Executive.

Ian Longford

Q. Has any Environmental research been considered into the benefits of motorcycles?

A. None yet – needs more manpower.

National Events: Pete Walker

Pete reported that MAG national stands attendance at shows in 2005 had been evaluated. Some shows not viable on cost/membership basis, therefore we would be concentrating on smaller events (e.g. BikeSafe) & IOM (Iisle of MAN TT).

The Farmyard Party and Stormin The Castle are our best recruiting tools. Due to the NEC stand discount has been removed MAG would not be attending this year, Pete commented that he was reluctant to drop this.

We needed to concentrate on memberships on stands this was improved by dropping MBNA (Credit Card) & raffle sales team from the stands, although not cost effective. The Farmyard Party regularly turns in 200 memberships on Saturday afternoon, where we may only get this number over the whole show at the NEC. MCIA membership requires £500 + 2 years audited accounts to join for discounted rates – we need to retain our independence from MCIA

Ian Cook

Q. Possibly piggy-back someone else's stand at NEC?

A. Subletting stand space is not allowed in most contracts.

Andrew Carrot

Q. EU Driving Licence Directive – should NEC be more profitable this year due to publicity?

A. Membership should offer input. DLD will be nearly over by the NEC date.

Q. Could foyer space be rented instead?

A. Depends on venue. Fire Regulations will probably discount this.

Chris Wall

Q. Should we be at NEC to trade on BMF problems?

A. We already do better than BMF at NEC – we don't think this will make too much difference

Nich Brown

Q. DLD will be done by NEC, battle is how the UK interprets the DLD. Training & testing being reviewed now – should we concentrate on UK?

A. Trevor Baird replied, Yes. Can be fought on both stages. Mainstream bike press is now covering this issue

Rick Hulse

Q. MAG & NABD (National Association of Bikers with a Disability) should never have to pay. NABD fees are covered by Carole Nash. Can sponsorship deal be found?

A. It would be nice.

Director of Public Affairs report: Trevor Baird

Trevor presented through a power point presentation a review of MAGs current representation regarding, current issues, representation to government and in the motorcycle community.

MAG's current Representation:

GAGM (Government Advisory Group on Motorcycling)

National Motorcycle Council

NABD (National Association of Bikers with a Disability) supporter

Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS)

Youth Bike

Bikesafe

Kill Spills campaign

SMIDSY Campaign (Sorry Mate I Didn't See You)

RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)

London Motorcycle Working Group

Scottish Executive

All Party Group on Motorcycling.

Current Issues:

EVSC (External Vehicle Speed Control)

SORN (Statutory Off road Notification)

AHO (Automatic Headlights On)

Regulatory & Legislative Bill

European Type Approval

Insurance
Speed Cameras
Police Enforcement – ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) Consultation
Highway Code Consultation
Safety

Trevor reported that MAG had been involved in the Dfts (Department for Transport) THINK! Video targeted at drivers to look and see motorcyclists at junctions.
Local Transport Plan (LTP) presentations, written by Gerard Livett have been sent to all local councils.

Due to the work over several years through the Government Advisory Group on Motorcycling and the National Motorcycle Council the UK is the only EU country with a motorcycle strategy.

Trevor gave a brief outline on the make up of FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) including FEMA's role as a European umbrella organisation, representing 22 riders organisations in 18 countries. This was achieved in the European Parliament, its institutions and the European Commission.

Trevor picked out MAG's and FEMA's campaigns on crash barriers and highlighted that EU standards need to be changed with MAG calling wire rope barriers to be removed.

He also concentrated on the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive, DLD – major issue facing motorcycling. Still fighting at EU level, and then fighting on the UK stage.

The MAG manifesto/mission/policy statements are currently being revisited which will be used in the Bikers Are Voters Campaign which will be fully launched in the coming week.

Trevor finished off by saying that MAG membership is critical – not just financial, but for political weight.

Questions relating to report

Neil Stevenson

Q. Can MAG prevent FEMA from focussing on Road Safety again?

A. Executive committee can steer FEMA – MAG becoming more vocal

Graeme Hoose

Q. Should MAG be more involved with CROW (Countryside Right Of Way) implementation? Byways are part of the national road network – does motorcycle ban lead the way for more bans? (e.g. National Parks)

A. TRF & LARA are the experts in this. Some involvement with these groups, but volunteers needed to assist in this. CROW forums exist in most Counties. Quiet lanes initiative is trying to ban non-essential motorised vehicles from some roads.

Q. When resources are limited, why spend time on legislative reform bill?

A. Membership has raised this as an issue relevant to MAG members. Small amount of time has been required, as most work done by local members.

Neil Liversidge

Q. Should we be involved with UKIP (United Kingdom Independent Party) DLD demo? Short term gains should not outweigh possible repercussions from their actions/members.

A. Manpower & organisational skills are limited. This was seen as a good opportunity. Focus of meeting has been pressed to UKIP. Some UKIP members are on the relevant European Transport committee.

Alan Jones - Comment

UKIP involvement is enough to discourage members from attending – UKIP seem to be too right wing.

Ian Mutch

Q. Advertising already out there – how do we withdraw?

A. Neil Liversidge replied - Issue a Press Release.

Comment from the floor of the AGC - MAG should stay separate from any particular party.

Ian Cook

If we can stay on message, political contact can be beneficial.

The question and answer session turned into a lively debate on this particular issue and it was agreed that a proposal on MAG's involvement with UKIP would be added in any other business.

LUNCH BREAK

11. Guest Speakers

Rick Hulse (NABD) National Association of Bikers with a Disability

Rick started by mentioning the NABD 15th National Rally is on 12th – 14th May, around 2500 people expected.

He thanked Pete Walker for his help in applying through the new events licensing process.

It was another great year for NABD with a turnover around £250,000 – less than 17% was spent on administration.

10,000 people have now been helped by NABD and similar organisations are now established in Norway, France, Sweden & Japan. NABD is now recognised as the top world authority on disabled motorcycling.

The DSA (Driving Standards Agency) has approached NABD for help on the new motorcycle test proposal with respect to disabled bikers.

The DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) medical section now recognises NABD, however the National Motorcycle Council is resisting giving NABD a seat.

January saw member 5000 join NABD – a real landmark for the organisation.

Rick explained that he was off to Holland later this year to meet an independent new organisation.

Green lanes issue has affected disabled access to the countryside. This is now part of consultation process.

NABD accounts are available on the Charity Commission website.

Pete Walker recognised NABD's contribution (and especially Rick's) to the Farmyard Party (clean-up of site after the flood & MFA). Pete presented a £1000 cheque from the flood victims of the Farmyard Party to NABD

Craig Carey-Clinch (Flores Project)

Craig started by explaining that the "Motorcycle Outreach" project is the legacy left by the late Simon Milward from his world trip named the Millennium Ride. The ride was in support of the charities Medecins sans Frontieres and Riders for Health.

Motorcycle Outreach (MoR) works to introduce effective healthcare delivery in remote areas of developing countries. Effective healthcare in rural areas depends on transport. Vehicles used for this purpose need to be maintained and managed. Motorcycle Outreach assists governmental and non governmental organisations in this.

Motorcycle Outreach has grown from the vision of the late Simon Milward, who championed effective healthcare logistics by motorcycle based upon the successful Riders for Health (RfH) model.

Motorcycle Outreach has an established project on the island of Flores in Indonesia. Health for All (HfA) was founded by Simon Milward and Willy Balawala in 2001.

Craig explained that Motorcycle Outreach is applying for charitable status however this is complicated as we are seen as a medical organisation.

Riders For Health/Flores are developing relationships with similar organisations. He further explained that some legislation, for example, emissions, could cause problems for these projects, so these need to be addressed and ongoing support is crucial to these organisations were bikes need an going maintenance programme.

Craig thanked MAG for the donation to the Simon Milward memorial ride to Gambia. The memorial ride gave me and Dave French an opportunity to learn more about the Riders for Health system and seeing it in operation the trip aimed to raise awareness of the work of Riders for Health, provide publicity for the launch of Motorcycle Outreach and commemorate Simon Milward's Millennium Ride.

All this stems from Simon's initial work.

12. Motions to Conference

Motion 1

To move N.E. Lincs MAG from Yorkshire Region into the Eastern Region

Proposed Fergus 'Connell (25618)
Seconded Murray Webb (88029)

Local members want this. All other Lincs groups are already in Eastern Region.

Q. Does this relate to local authority boundaries?

A. It fits well with current boundaries.

Wendy Coy
Beneficial to Eastern Region's political voice.

Proposal carried unopposed

Proposal 2

To reduce membership to £15 for full time students with proof of enrolment.

Proposed: Christine Woods (118407)
Seconded: Cameron Preston (93858)

Friendly amendment – add two categories

Youth Membership – 16 to 18 year olds £10
Student Membership - £15

Wendy Coy

Q. Can't we drop lower limit?

A. Junior membership is available for under-sixteens.

Rick Hulse

Q. Is this getting too complicated? What about other groups? (i.e. OAPs, unemployed)

Steve Peake

Q. Would these lower amounts cover the cost of membership?

A. £10 would cover all membership costs

Neil Liversidge

Has been tried before – never works. Don't sell the membership short.

Donna Proctor

Youngsters are very under represented in MAG – anything that might encourage them is a good thing.

Neil Stevenson

Q. Is the £5 standing order discount still available?

A. £5 rebate is to the member signing up the new member by Standing Order

Proposal not carried.

13. Election of National Officers (Manifestoes Annex2)

National Finance Officer

Justine Travis – carried unopposed

National Network Communications Officer

Archi Hipkins - carried – 2 against

National Clubs Liaison Officer

Fergus O'Connell – carried unopposed

National Research Officer

Elaine Hardy – carried unopposed

National Chairman

Ian Moore

Jane Chisholm

The conference chair explained that voting for chair is being done by a paper ballot after each candidate was given an equal time slot to present themselves to the conference. Conference would then be able to ask questions to the candidates.

A question was raised that should both parties be present for each other's speech?

Both parties agreed to this.

Questions to Jane Chisholm:

Phil Statham

Q. What other rallies/events have you been involved in

A. Welsh/Yorkshire Pudding / Farmyard/Heart Of England/NEC/NABD/Brussels Demo, plus five or six National Committee observations of Regional AGMs.

Mike Baker

Q. How much experience of chairing meetings.

A. Work related experience – weekly meetings for years.

Fergus O'Connell

Q. Translatable work skills?

A. Lots. Security is about calming events down, not fighting.

Q. Can you stay in touch with grass-roots if you become chair?

A. Time management problem, which is already an issue. Some areas will obviously suffer, but still committed.

Questions to Ian Moore:

Neil Liversidge

Q. Can you really perform the job whilst living in France.

A. Ties to France are no longer an issue. Time in the UK is increasing, and modern technology reduces the communication difficulties. Even when in France, still only 6 hours away.

Ian Cook

Q. What are your goals and aims for MAG? What about leadership?

A. Riding bikes in freedom is the fundamental goal. Legislative Reform Bill is a serious issue – bills like this must be defeated. Leadership is by example.

Phil Statham

Q. Why don't you consider a suitable replacement has been found?

A. JC has been a good Vice Chair but promised not to challenge for chair.

Q. Last event attended & marshalled?

A. Magna Carta. Not that much a rally person – more time is spent in meetings. Still attending local meetings.

Nich Brown

Q. Challenging Jane Chisholm's honesty? Constitution allows anyone to stand. Should she be entitled to stand?

A. Yes, but I'm also entitled to my personal opinion

Q. Any other regions visited this year.

A. No

Johnny Wilson

Q. Can we have Mutchies' (Ian Mutch) opinion?

A. Question was deemed out of order – although he was willing to express an opinion.

Q. Why have you not achieved your goals in 2.5 years?

A. Answered later

Ian Cook

Q. How will the 2 of you work together after the result?

A. Jane Chisholm and Ian Moore both committed that they are happy to work together after the result, whatever happens.

Angie Sewell

Q. What plans to help Trevor (Trevor Baird Director of Public Affairs).

A. Creating a mid-management position (if fundable) yearly contract to assist Trevor and reduce his work load.

Q. Why has it taken 2.5 years?

A. Learning curve – 6 months as Acting Chair. Membership had to be built back up to afford another member of staff. Foundation had to be set up.

Q. Who would fill the Vice Chair position?

A. Chair nominates someone, NC ratifies this.

Results

142 Votes cast

Jane Chisholm 119

Ian Moore 19

4 spoiled

Jane Chisholm was duly elected as the National Chairman of the Motorcycle Action Group.

14. President's Address

Ian Mutch entertained us with amusing analogy between MAG and his nautical experiences.'

Ian offered apologies for duplication in latest issue of The Road and announced a contest to find how this happened.

He went on to say that disagreement is not always a bad thing in our organisation, it makes us think about what we are doing. Healthy debate is a positive force.

Ian explained that he had been contacted by the Better Regulation Commission – investigating limits to regulation and that they were looking at the helmet issue as an example. The investigation would consider that voluntary risk of adults should be allowed and seems to be singing MAG's tune. He asked is this signs of change against the safety lobby?

Ian related another sea story.

Ian was positive that we are nearly at our largest in terms of members, our finance and political influence is better than it has ever been.

However we need to steer our purpose very carefully.

15. Any Other Business

UKIP Proposal:

This conference resolves MAG will not support UKIP meeting at Salisbury.

Proposed Neil Liversidge: Membership Number 23660.

Seconded Dave French: Membership Number 111157.

Friendly amendment: Not accepted by the proposer.

Remove National Communication Officer references from the proposal.

Proposed Rick Hulse: Membership Number: 113854

Seconded Jane Leadbetter: Membership Number: 104698

Carried – 2 against.

A debate followed on the motion.

Ian Mutch

MAG has already expressed it's neutrality in the advert. Both sides are being represented.

How do we respond if this motion is carried?

Neil Liversidge: Don't go.

Trevor Baird

Gave the example of Northern Ireland – MAG had to contact all parties from all sides of the political divide after the local assembly was set up. He explained that UKIP were the only party to meet us in Brussels and support us against DLD.

Superted SE London

UKIP is not monitored as a racist group. Compare to Countryside Alliance – very diverse groups, all meeting for one cause.

Craig Carey Clinch

MAG has been wary of the BNP in the past. Need to be very careful not to compromise our image with other parties.

Graham Hoose

Dangerous to associate

Dave

This will discourage membership.

Ian Cook

Flier does not promote UKIP.

Vic Coleson

Members must decide.

The motion was carried – 2 against.

16. Awards:

Steve Tannock Award: To be awarded to the local group, region or other team of MAG members who, in the opinion of the National Committee, have made a significant joint contribution to the work of the group

Awarded to the Farmyard Party clear-up crew.

Accepted by Pete Walker. Pete mentioned that 1000 members were gained in the 4 weeks after the flood.

Richard Tegg Award: Awarded to the MAG member who, in the opinion of the National Committee, has made a sustained, significant and positive contribution to the work of the Group over a period of years at local level.

Awarded to Anne Crayston: For 20 years involvement in MAG helping organise charity runs and egg runs, launching the Furness group and recruiting affiliated clubs. Also heavily involved in running the Into the Pink parties twice a year and active on campaigns.

Lifetime Achievement Award: from now on known as the Simon Milward Award: To be awarded to a person, who, in the opinion of the National Committee has, over their lifetime, made a significant contribution to motorcycling. (The nominee may be a non-member of MAG at the time the award is granted.)

Posthumously awarded to Simon Milward.

Accepted by Craig Carey Clinch.

Honorary Life Membership: Awarded in respect for significant work over a sustained period on behalf of the group.

Yvonne Brown

Andy Carrot

The Freedom Award: To be awarded to the individual who, in the opinion of the National Committee, has made a sustained contribution to riders' rights.

Awarded to Maggie Bond: For helping organise the Farmyard party for many years. Then when his was dealt with on a semi-permanent basis organising Into the Valley and more recently the Tsunami Soiree.

The Chairman's Award: To be awarded by the National Chairman to a group or individual that has made a significant and otherwise unrecognised contribution to the work of the Group.

Awarded to Bury St Edmunds MAG

Accepted by Shan Tedder on their behalf.

Media Award: For MAG-friendly magazine contacts

Presented to Pat Ringwood at 100% Biker.

17. Presentation of Cheques

Middlesborough MAG – Number 1 rally - £3000

MAG Products - £100

Medway MAG - £1000

Stormin the Castle - £50,000

18. National Chairman's Closing Address.

Ian Moore thanked everyone for attending. He gave recognition for MAP in Yorkshire for the Farmyard Party and Into The Valley, plus helping other events.

Thanks to Eddie Lowe & West Midlands MAG for organising this AGC.

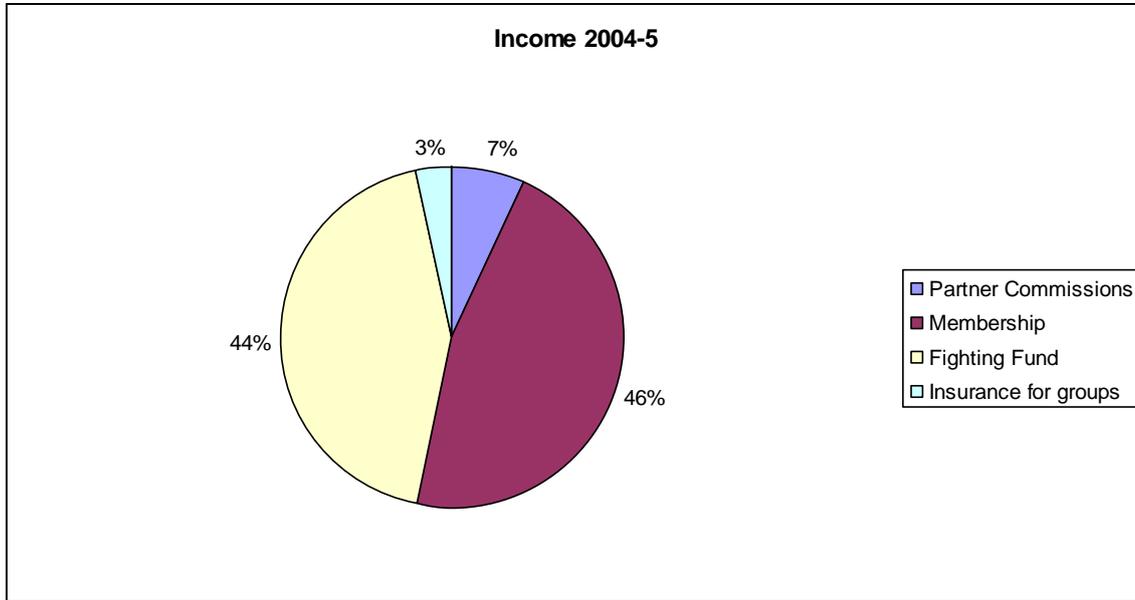
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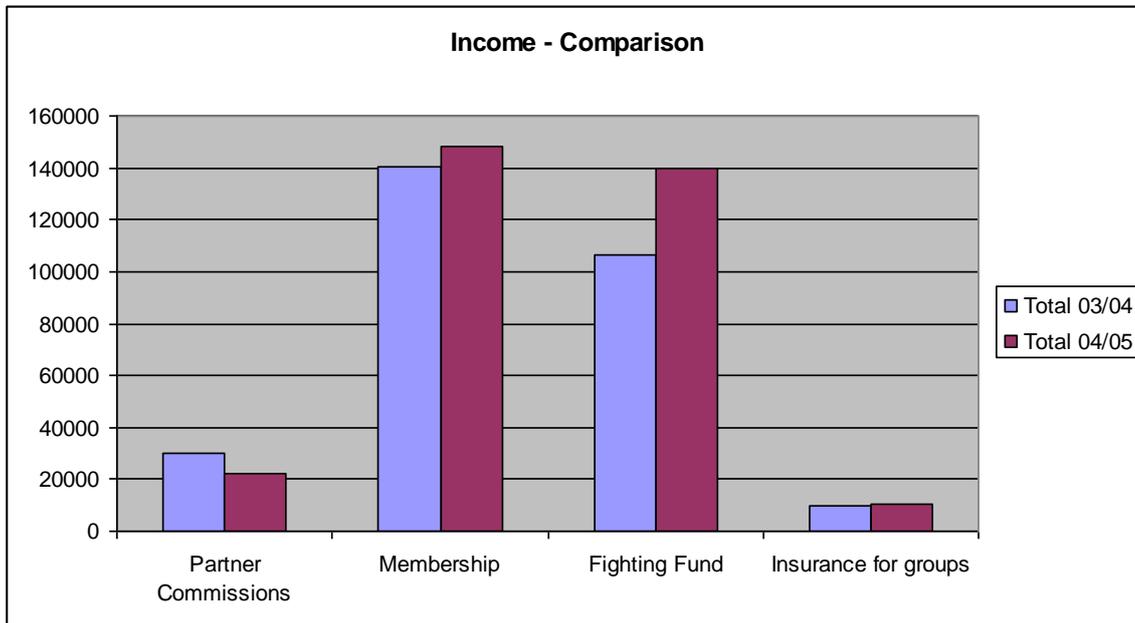
MAG UK Annual Accounts 2004-2005

Income 2004-5

Total Income - £321,000



Income 03/04 to 04/05



Membership

£150,000

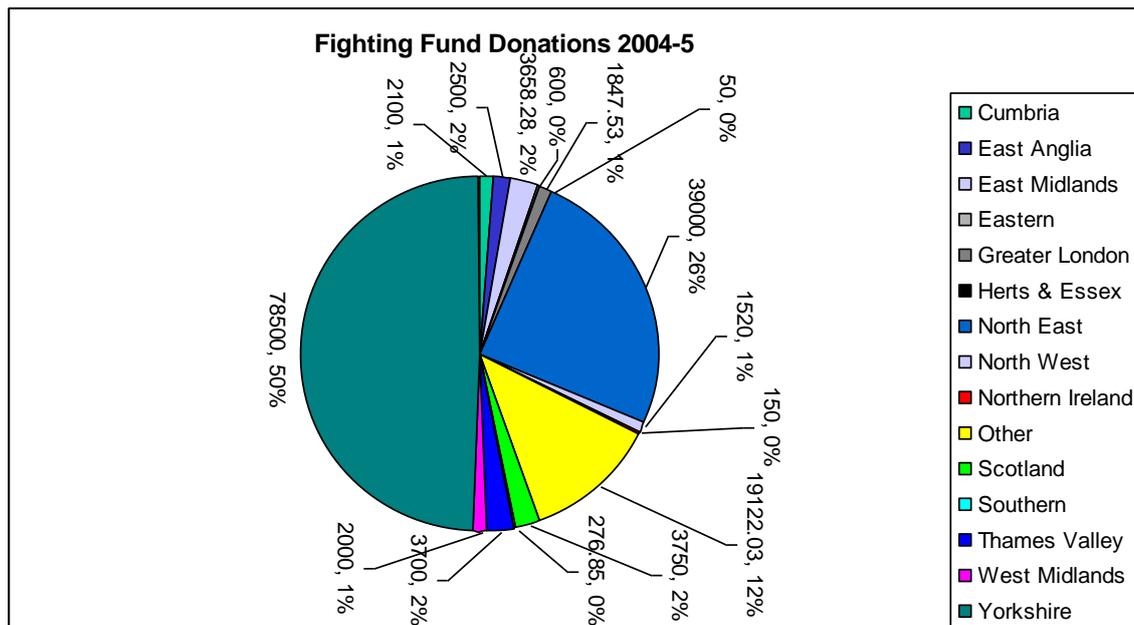
50% goes to MAG Media

Rose in 2004-5 but more to do

Raffle - £14,285 raised, profit of £5750 donated to Foundation

Fighting Fund

Fighting Fund Donations - £139,000



FYP MFA

Donations

Total raised – £12,700 in 2004-5, £4500 late donations

Closed late 2005

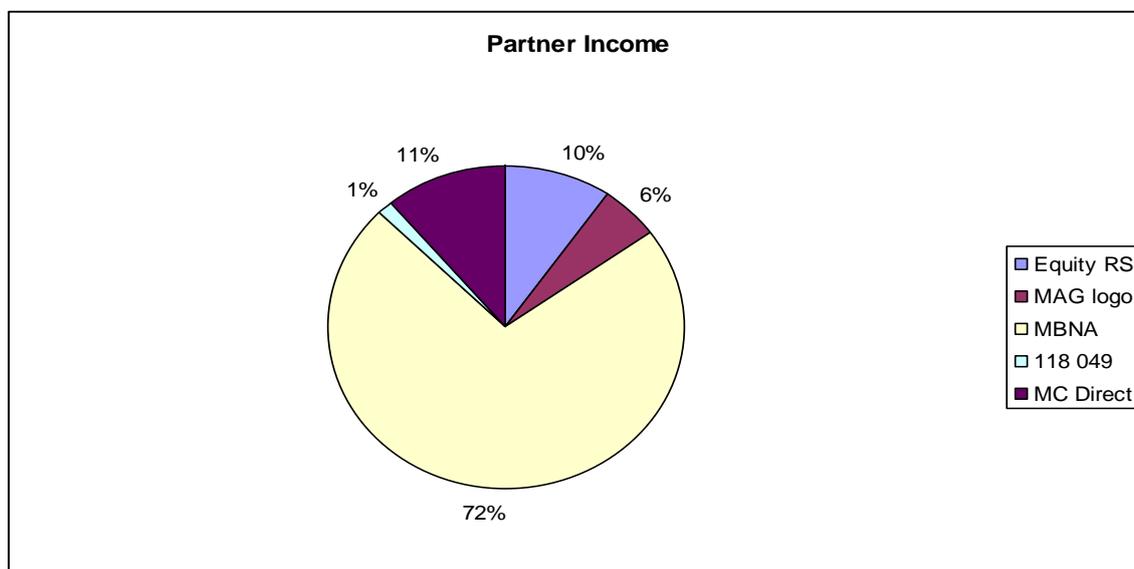
Claims for £17,000 settled

Surplus

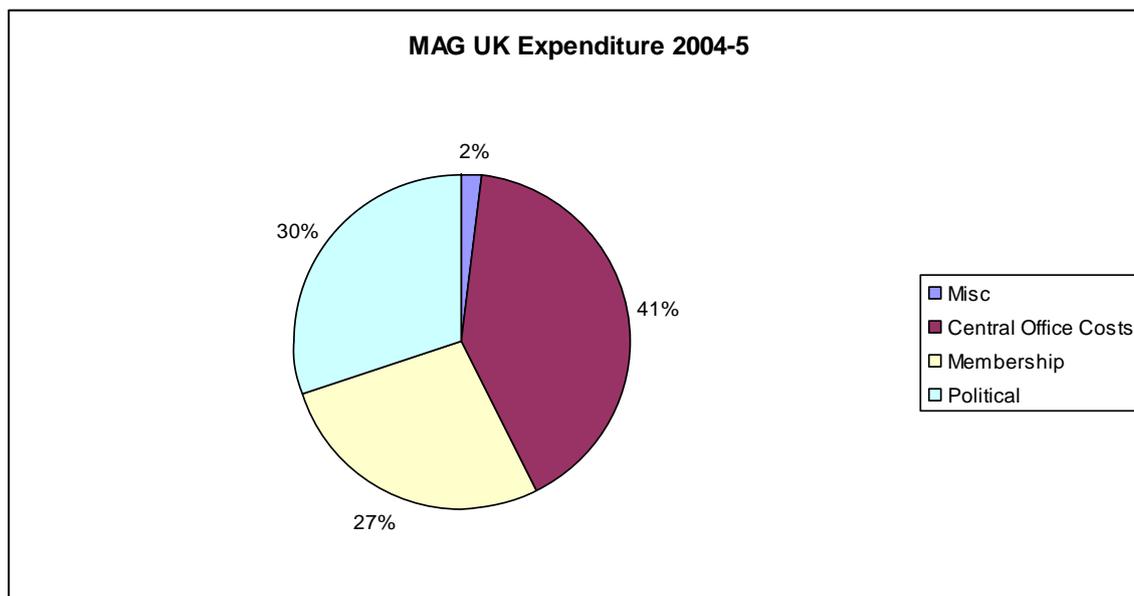
River Rye £500

Late donations went into Fighting Fund with approval of collectors (2005-6 financial year)

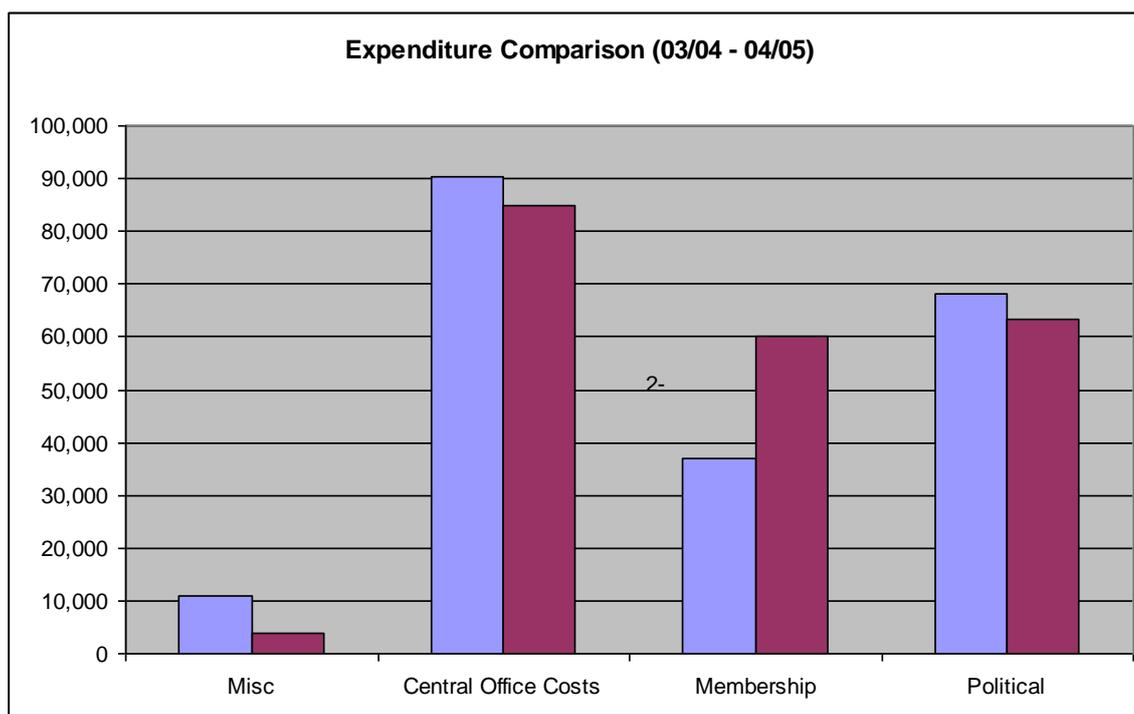
Partner Commissions



Expenditure



Expenditure (Cont.)



MAG Media

The Road started in November 2005 so not covered.

Street Biker costs

£74,000 turnover

Production, graphics etc, 6 issues @7,500 per issue - £34,000

Printing - £37,500

Summary

Profitable year

FYP MFA (only a minor impact as late in fin year)

Increased membership

Fighting Fund increased

Reduced office costs due to Foundation

Steady growth but ffund is largely paying for :-

Political activity

Central Office costs

Need membership to increase

Increased expenditure on advertising (little tangible result)

Justine Travis

National Finance Officer

Annex 2

MAG AGC MANIFESTOS

Manifesto Chairman of the Motorcycle Action Group

I have been in the chair for two and a half years now, and as the head of the team that runs MAG I am delighted with our achievements over the past 12 months.

Membership has topped the Ten Thousand and we are in a sound financial position.

My aim was to guide MAG into a period of stability, prosperity and growth, all of which we have gained.

We now have a strong Board, each member having defined work duties, and an NC that has enthusiasm and resolve.

This has by no means been a single handed achievement, without the support of the Board members, the NC and the Vice chair, it would not have been possible.

I believe that my low profile approach has paid off, allowing those with talent and enthusiasm to blossom.

When I took on this job, I stated that I would hold it until a suitable replacement, beneficial to MAG, emerged. I do not believe this has happened yet, and even with my shortcomings, of which I am aware, I do not believe it is in the best interest of MAG to change boats mid stream.

I still have goals I would like to see MAG reach, I have the time, the energy, the commitment and the experience to achieve those goals with the continued support of those members who also want to see MAG go from strength to strength.

Ian Moore: Life Member 97145

Proposed : Bill Pugsley Life Member 75244

Seconded : George Legg Membership Number 112454

Manifesto Chairman of the Motorcycle Action Group

Hi, I'm Jane Chisholm, BA (hons), Vice Chair of MAG UK, Trustee and Company Secretary of the MAG Foundation. I work in education as a teacher in a secure unit for children with behaviour problems and live in Jackson Bridge, West Yorkshire.

Throughout my life the constant theme has been bikes and I currently ride a Harley 883 Custom Sportster, XL53 C. My biking travels have taken me through most of the touring roads in the UK and Europe and it is this love and pleasure and the wish to continue to enjoy it for many a year that drives me to promote and defend riders rights in our own country through MAG UK.

My style is definitely a hands on approach. I was Yorkshire Regional Rep for three years and through the local group expansion plan extended the region to 10 groups and over 1300 members.

In 2004 I coordinated efforts in putting on the Yorkshire Pudding Rally which approaches its third year and has already made approximately £15,000 for MAG.

I am currently working on re-establishing training weekends to equip our activists with the knowledge and skills to help them engage effectively. Uniting the efforts of individual members is the key of our organisation and I believe that it is imperative to have a hands on approach to keep in touch with the grass roots membership in the UK.

I have thought very long and hard these past few months about MAG UK and its future.

The nature of my work in education means I have developed and used skills in: planning; forward thinking; organising; problem solving; communication and team building. In my role as Vice Chair, I believe that I have brought these skills to benefit MAG UK.

I have worked for several years at local, regional and national level and feel I have valid experience and perspective of the organisation as a whole.

I would like to think that what I have offered to MAG as Vice Chair has helped to move us forward in becoming a more efficient and effective organisation. I want what is best for MAG and I believe I have demonstrated this by giving time, commitment and dedication.

I have always given Ian Moore my 100% support as he has played a neutral role during his Chairmanship, but I now feel that it is time to move onto another chapter in the book.

The role of Chairman is demanding and requires constant attention and dialogue. It also requires presence and decision making.

I am fully aware that we have a wealth of talented volunteers and employees. These people's hard work and dedication has been reflected through the increase in membership over the last year. Their sacrifice was demonstrated following the flood at the Farmyard Party and the demonstration in Brussels.

We need their support in order to rally our members but to do that it is imperative that the leadership of MAG UK is ever present and receptive to the advice and expertise of these people. As a dedicated member, I recognise that MAG UK is a democratic organization, therefore it is imperative that all actions must follow procedures as laid out in the constitution and the Chair must be accountable to the members at all times.

Furthermore I believe that the chair cannot work in isolation, but as part of a team. For this reason I will be standing for the position of Chair of MAG UK at the April AGC 2006

Jane Chisholm: Membership Number 106527

Proposed : Steve Wykes Life Member 89454

Seconded: Eddie Lowe Life Member 61966

Manifesto for Network Liaison Officer

I have been involved in communication at inter and intra organisational levels for a number of years, both professionally and within MAG UK. For the past year and a half, I have used this experience in my role as National network Communications Officer.

I believe that Network remains one of MAG UK's most effective tools of communication. I believe this should continue and where possible be developed.

Having revived Network over the last year for the good use and benefit of MAG UK and by continuing in this role; which I believe requires thoughtful presentation of facts, I will endeavour to increase its take up in the interests of all MAG UK members and of other organisations that have the same philosophy.

Therefore, I will continue to work alongside the NC and authors of submitted articles to present a balanced and honest briefing document. Finally, I will continue to maintain the register of reps. in liaison with Central Office.

Archi Hipkins: Life Member 90809

Proposed: Elaine Hardy Membership Number 116837

Seconded: Jim Coxon Membership Number 81974

Manifesto for National Club Officers

I have been National Club Officer for several months now. I have endeavoured to improve contact between ourselves and our affiliated clubs. We are building up the club page in The Road and the word is beginning to filter down. Clubs are starting to contact me. I have also re-vamped the clubs MagMax package, though will delay its release until after April when the PLI content will change.

During the course of the next year I will be visiting as many clubs as possible and also meeting them through rallies, parties etc. It is not possible to quantify how important clubs are to MAG. Not only through the numbers we can quote, but also because of individuals joining up after hearing about us through the club scheme. Their support of our big fundraisers is another important factor.

A good example would be one of our local clubs where approximately half the members are already full MAG members but they are going to affiliate anyway. It is a point of identity to them I believe.

I am sure we can build the club numbers up with or without PLI being offered.

Goodnight

Fergus O'Connell: Membership Number 35618

Proposed: John Mitchell Membership Number 105642

Seconded: Ian Mutch Membership Number 03

Manifesto for National Research Officer

Over the last year, I have worked on behalf of the National Committee and the Director of Public Affairs to carry out research to support MAG UK's campaigns. The data gathered from the surveys I conducted for MAG were used to gain benefits for its members with our insurance provider and resulted in the revamping of the members' magazine.

I provide information to the National Committee relating to issues of safety and security. As part of my role as National Research Officer, I am the observer at FEMA for MAG UK. A significant part of the FEMA meetings are related to research issues and I will present my research based on the safety document put together for MAG UK at February's Full Committee of FEMA.

I have been asked to prepare research with other FEMA members on insurance in Europe. Also, as part of a FEMA working group, I have helped to prepare the Mission Statement and Political Statement for FEMA; with my past experience focused on European organisations and transport, I have used this knowledge to engage with FEMA on behalf of MAG UK.

I believe in the principles of MAG UK and have worked hard over this last year to maintain and uphold these principles in my dealings with members and other organisations and in the work I have carried out for MAG UK. For this reason, I would like the opportunity to be able to continue as National Research Officer.

Elaine Hardy: Membership Number 116837

Proposed: Archi Hipkins Life Member 90809

Seconded: Fergus O'Connell Membership Number 35618

Manifesto for Position of Director on the Board of MAG (UK) Ltd.

I was elected onto the board on the day of the AGC last year, therefore, I need ratification by conference this year.

Having been a biker for the past 16 years, seven of those as a MAG member, I bring an insight into the grass-roots membership of MAG, being part of it myself.

I speak as a rider of custom machinery and feel I understand the predicaments facing custom motorcycle builders in the UK.

Besides being a successful regional rep in the South East, until December last year.

I bring other experiences outside of motorcycling to the benefit of MAG. My Graphic Design/IT background aids the board of MAG (UK) Ltd to put its message across through the media in a cost effective manner, helping to show MAG as a powerful force in the battle for Riders' Rights.

John Mitchell: Membership Number 105642

Proposed: Paul Turner Membership Number 116205

Seconded: Robin Straughan Membership Number 103901

Manifesto for Position of Director on the Board of MAG (UK) Ltd.

I was elected onto the Board as a Director of MAG UK in June of 2005 by the National Committee.

I was proposed by Robin Straughan and Seconded by John Mitchell.

I am seeking ratification for this position at this years AGC.

Please see manifesto for the position of Chair of MAG UK for more personal details.

Jane Chisholm: Membership Number 106527

Proposed: Robin Straughan Membership Number 103901

Seconded: John Mitchell Membership Number 105642