

**MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE MAG INAUGURAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE RED LION, HORNCastle**

**1 PRESENT**

**Mid Lincs MAG**

Dave Cook (also Wolds Bikers), Andy Carrott (also BMRA), Jane Carrott (also BMRA), Andy Gledhill, Emma Gill-Stafford (also Shim Whittlers), Barry Gill-Stafford (also Shim Whittlers), Kelvin Atkinson, Tony Nightingale (also National Youthbike), Mike Hood (also Woz Wolf), Clive Taylor (also BMRA), Chris Graves,

**North-East Lincolnshire MAG**

Ashley Corrigan, Noel Corrigan, Alf Jobling

**Non-member (Observer)**

Paul Denham

**2 APOLOGIES**

Sally Gledhill (Mid Lincs MAG), Nigel Czerepara (Mid Lincs MAG)

**3 WELCOME FROM MID LINCS MAG**

Welcome from Andy Carrott on behalf of Mid Lincs MAG. Emails have been sent out to all contacts on lists held.

**4 APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIRPERSON**

It was agreed by those present that Andy Carrott be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

**5 BACKGROUND TO BOUNDARY CHANGES**

The Chair advised the meeting that it had been decided to include this on the agenda due to the things that have been happening over the past few years which culminated at this year's MAG UK AGC.

**Summary**

Region never been able to retain Regional Rep due to distance eg Bedford, Luton, Cambridge. Mid Lincs MAG Branch has in the past provided three regional reps, none of whom have been able to keep the post due to travelling distance and time required to meet clubs, branches etc.

Many from within the region as a whole had been pushing for boundary change for few years but were advised that this needed a constitutional change. Following the Eastern Region AGM 2008, Sally & Andy Gledhill had submitted a motion to this year's annual group conference. This had nearly got through but as there was a need for a 2/3rds majority, this was missed by about 3 votes. Many members had subsequently said that if we had had a regional rep in place they would have voted. Mid Lincs MAG members had explained that no-one was willing to do this if the region boundaries were not changed.

In June 2009, this proposal went back to the MAG UK National Committee meeting and a debate was held that resulted in agreement to the boundary change with the proviso that if we could find a volunteer to become Regional Rep for the Lincolnshire region MAG UK National Committee would agree to the change.

This inaugural meeting had been called to discuss the way forward and to take next steps towards the appointment of a Regional Rep for Lincolnshire. This route was, however, "new" as no rules were currently in place for this sort of change. MAG UK National Committee said that we need to find someone to be regional rep and for them to go to next MAG UK National Committee meeting (12 December 2009).

Noel Corrigan addressed the meeting and stated that he believed one of the main jobs for a Regional Rep job was to create new branches.

Social versus political. It was agreed that both sides of MAG's face must be considered at all times.

## **6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The meeting was advised that the new Lincolnshire Region would have to be approved by MAG UK National Committee at the meeting on 12 December 2009 but this election would take place to ensure that Lincolnshire has in place named persons for the required posts to form the Regional Committee. It was agreed that this Regional Committee for Lincolnshire should comprise: Regional Rep, Branch Reps, Club Reps and any Regional Posts agreed by the region.

### **Regional Rep**

Noel Corrigan agreed to take this post.

Proposed By: Emma Gill-Stafford  
Seconder: Clive Taylor

The proposal was unanimously accepted by all present entitled to vote.

### **Treasurer**

The meeting was advised that this position was required because monies are supposed to go to the regional account before being sent to central.

Andy Gledhill advised the meeting that Sally Gledhill had in her absence agreed to take this post but if anything changes before the first meeting then he would be prepared to immediately take on the role.

Proposed By: Emma Gill-Stafford  
Seconded By: Alf Jobling

The proposal was unanimously accepted by all present entitled to vote.

### **Website Co-ordinator**

The meeting was advised that the current Eastern Region MAG website would no longer be maintained with effect from the following Monday. Thanks were given to Cat for her work on this previously.

It was unanimously agreed by those present entitled to vote that Mike Hood (Capt Smurf) would organise a new one for Lincolnshire for the time being.

### **Remaining Posts (Secretary, Club's Liaison, Events Co-ordinator, Political Officer)**

It was agreed by all present entitled to vote that these posts are left vacant until such time as the first MAG UK National Committee meeting has been attended and the future of the new region determined.

However, Andy Carrott would start off working on Club Liaison purely on an email basis. Everyone present was asked to act as Club's Liaison within the clubs they are also members of until such time as everything is formalised and up and running.

With regard to Events Co-ordinator, there already exists an informal line of communication but this post would be reviewed in the future.

With regard to the role of Political Officer, it was agreed that until such time as the new region was up and running this post would remain vacant. The meeting was advised that Mid Lincs MAG had a good contact in Alan Caine who was always willing to help as he is a local councillor and also Mitch Elliott who worked at Lincolnshire County Council.

## **7 NEW BRANCHES**

Mitch Elliott to be asked if he's still interested in setting up a branch in the Lincoln area.

The meeting was advised that Paddy Tyson is now the national person who is assisting with setting up new branches. Paddy is someone known to long standing Mid Lincs MAG members.

Noel re-iterated his desire to create branches in the new region.

## **8 FINANCES**

The existing Eastern Region Treasurer had reported via Andy Carrott that there is approximately £80 in the region's accounts.

It was agreed by those present that if MAG UK National Committee ratifies the creation of the new Lincolnshire region then the existing Eastern Region funds would be immediately sent to central.

It was further agreed that Mid Lincs MAG would set up a new bank account as the account currently in existence was, and always had been, called Lincolnshire MAG. This would ease things through but would not be undertaken until everything ratified. The existing account would therefore be the account for the new region and it would be an easy process to amend the signatories.

## **10 DATE OF FIRST LINCOLNSHIRE REGION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wendy Coy confirmed that this needed to be held 12 months from the date of this (or the first) meeting but no more than 15 months from whichever. It was agreed that the venue and exact date would be confirmed after ratification of the new region had taken place but for everyone's diary it was proposed that this be held during February 2011 to allow time for everything to be sorted.

## **11 DATE OF FIRST REGIONAL MEETING**

Wend Coy to ask Dave Lockey if bar would be available for the afternoon of Sunday 31 January 2010 from 2pm. If this was not available, the Red Lion would be the back up but with a 2.30pm start.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

After the formal part of the meeting was closed, an open forum was held which raised the following items.

### **Open Forum**

#### **Next Steps**

- 1 Notice to be given to MAG UK & MAG UK National Committee that a regional rep had been voted in by members present at the meeting subject to his responsibility being limited to the new region of Lincolnshire as per what was agreed at both AGC 2009 and National Committee meeting June 2009.
- 2 MAG UK National Committee to ratify boundary change.
- 3 This will then be taken to AGC 2010 as a constitutional amendment – MAG UK National Committee to put this forward.

#### **Springfields Show - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 January 2010**

It was agreed that Springfields be used as a promotional tool for the new region of Lincolnshire and that a regional stand be set up showing a unified voice of MAG members from the existing branches and clubs. It would also be a way of asking any visitors to the stand if they are interested in starting a branch.

The Mid Lincs MAG members agreed that their display boards could be loaned and made regional with Mid Lincs and North East Lincolnshire featuring.

Andy Carrott agreed to email the acceptance to Springfields.

#### **Resources**

It was agreed by those present that wherever possible, resources would be shared by all branches within the new region.

#### **Bike Nights 2010**

The meeting was advised that Mid Lincs MAG bike nights are held during May and September each year.

Discussion was held on whether a further could be held along the lines of a Bike Night but where every bike attending is charged say a quid and trophies presented to various classes.

#### **Lincoln BIG 2010**

It was agreed by those present that a Regional stand would be present at this event.

#### **BMF May 2010**

It was agreed by those present that a request is made to MAG UK National Committee that consideration be given to a stand at BMF 2010 with MAG UK central funds paying for the pitch (believed to be in the region of approximately £300). With this request, confirmation would be provided that Lincolnshire as a region would be willing to put forward volunteers. The meeting unanimously agreed to support there being a MAG national stand at the show and Lincolnshire MAG have volunteers willing to work the stand in conjunction with other regions (other half of Eastern, East Anglia) because of the importance of this show in their area of the UK.

## **Other Events – Regional Stand**

The following were discussed:

### 1 Barton Bike Night

Noel was asked to book a pitch at Barton Bike Night for a regional stand.

### Boston Bike Night

Andy Carrot was asked to transfer the traditional pitch from Mid Lincs MAG to Lincolnshire MAG with the BMRA member responsible for the bookings.

## **Other Events**

N E Lincs Branch: Grand day out possibly May 2010.

Mid Lincs MAG: New calendar to be sorted for Springfields.

Mid Lincs MAG AGM: 10 January 2010.