

Wakefield & District MAG

Minutes of the 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 11th January 2022, at the Thatched House, Stanley, Wakefield

1) Welcome by chair and introduction of Yorkshire Region / National Observer

Steve Travis, Branch Chairman & Rep opened the meeting at 20:15 hrs. Linz Foody, Huddersfield MAG Rep and Andy Foody, in attendance as Region observers.

All members in the branch area had previously been notified via the December 2021 mailshot (emailed or posted), of the date, time, venue and agenda for the 2021 AGM. The details of the AGM were also publicised on the branch website (wakefield.mag-uk.org) and the MAG website (www.mag-uk.org).

2) Apologies

No apologies received.

3) Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the previous AGM (for the 2021 year), held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 were circulated. These minutes had also been published on the branch website following the 2021 AGM.

No Matters Arising

4) Committee Reports

[Branch Reps Report](#)

FINANCIAL

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RUNS, RALLIES & OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

- Hosted a Bingo night (in October), raising £127 (clear profit after deducting all the prizes), all of which goes into the MAG Fighting Fund
- Held monthly rideouts (August to November, incl. One evening one to Sheffield Speedway)
- Attended and marshalled at the Yorkshire Pudding Rally (only MAP rally hosted in 2021)
- Supported other Yorkshire MAG Branch Events (where held): Huddersfield MAG at the Tolson bike show
- Attended the City of Wakefield Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service, and the Royal British Legion Riders on a parade and service at Mirfield
- Hosted the now legendary Biker Quiz Nite (Leeds MAG won yet again)
- Held a well attended Christmas Do (Christmas meal at the Thatched House)
- Held a Christmas Toy Collection for Kidzaware, a local Wakefield based charity
- Held a Christmas Raffle, which made a hefty profit of £221, all of which goes to the MAG fighting Fund

POLITICAL

- Hosted an interim Wakefield MAG AGM in June
- Attended the Yorkshire Region AGM in July
- Supported National Campaigns by contacting MP's / signing petitions etc where requested by Central

MEMBERSHIP

- **2021 Membership (as @ December 2021) was 86** (9.3% increase over 2019 pre-covid pandemic & greater than past 14 year average !!!)
- Previous stats:
 - no stats available for 2020
 - 78 current members in 2019
 - 78 members in 2018
 - 85 members in 2017
 - 85 members in 2016
 - 88 members in 2015
 - 82 members in 2014
 - 93 members in 2013
 - 83 members in 2012
 - 99 members in 2011
 - 105 members in 2010
 - 113 members in 2009
 - 116 in 2008 (highest ever membership)

Average membership over past 14 years: **85**

- **N.B. Membership retention figures no longer available**
- Meeting attendance has dropped since pre-pandemic levels (6-10 weekly on average as opposed to 10-15 pre-pandemic)
- 12 Monthly newsletters produced covering local, regional and national news & updates (published on the website and plugged on Facebook too (website stats show these are widely read)
- Annual mailshot letter sent in December to advertise AGM and plug membership renewal

OTHER ACTIVITY

- Website regularly maintained with current content & event reports for all of the events and activities we get involved with. Site is regularly looked at (50, 464 hits since visitor stats first maintained (21st July 2008). Site gets a lot of praise at the NC and is held up as a model MAG Branch web site
- Facebook site maintained with current content & currently 498 members of the Wakefield MAG Facebook Group – Facebook converted site to a Public

group in November 2021 so people no longer need to apply to join the group (unfortunately, members / contributors are not all MAG members)

See also Interim AGM Minutes (held on 29th June 2021) for January – June 2021 Branch activity

ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST 2020 PLAN (*c/f* to 2021 due to Covid-19 lockdown)

- Look to introduce a new Political Campaign (locally or to support Region / National initiatives, as applicable) **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
- Continue to support Wakefield Hospice events:
 - Marshal Wakefield Hospice 10K road race et al **(Not held due to Covid-19 lockdown(s))**
- Initiate a major recruitment drive to increase membership figures within WF postcode area, and encourage 'new-blood' to the meetings (Target: circa. 10% membership increase i.e. **8 new members**) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Forge stronger ties with Wakefield based Bike & Scooter clubs (where possible) **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
- Maximise Fund raising for MAG fighting fund – Target: **£1,500** (to match previous 3 years) **[ACHIEVED]**
- As per 2019, Look to introduce a new fundraising initiative for 2020 **[ACHIEVED – revised weekly raffle introduced which has greatly increased raffle revenue – see Finance Report]**
- Continue to support other local MAG groups with their activities / events **[ACHIEVED – but few events held due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
- Continue to host our annual events:
 - Post Christmas Auction **[ACHIEVED – Virtual auction hosted in Jan-Feb due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
 - Birthday Bash (Dog racing, pub crawl et al) **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
 - Bike Show (at Wakefield Gala) **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**
 - Camping Weekend (TBA) – replacing the much loved Edinburgh MAG Rally & the Lakes Camping Barn weekends **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**

- Bingo Night **[ACHIEVED]**
- Remembrance Day Services / Parades **[ACHIEVED]**
- Biker Quiz Nite **[ACHIEVED]**
- Kidzaware Christmas Toy Collection **[ACHIEVED]**
- Christmas Do (Christmas Meal & Pub Crawl) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Christmas Hamper Draw **[ACHIEVED]**
- Continue to support the major Yorkshire MAG rallies (ITV, FYP, YPR) – at least one marshalling shift p.p. for every Wakefield MAG member attending **[ACHIEVED for YPR – only MAP rally held in 2021]**
- Hold formal organised rideouts:
 - monthly Sunday ride-outs (March-October) - (including a memorial run for our dearly departed members) **[ACHIEVED August-November]**
 - Summer weekday evening ride-outs **[ACHIEVED – visit to Sheffield Speedway]**
- Get regular coverage in Wakefield Express and/or other local papers e.g. Cas & Ponte Express etc **[NOT ACHIEVED – N/A due to Covid-19 lockdown(s)]**

SUMMARY

We now celebrate 20 consecutive years as an active MAG Branch !!!!!

In those 20 years, we haven't had to reform / re-launch to keep going. Membership numbers are the highest since 2015 and greater than the past 14 year average. Meeting attendance has unfortunately dropped and this is a direct consequence of the pandemic. However, meeting attendance is circa. 11% of the WF MAG Members in the area, nationally, 10% is considered an excellent figure, so we are still above the national average.

Since we have been able to restart the 2021 weekly Branch meetings (since Tuesday 18th May), we have been very active hosting 6 Branch events / activities, 4 rideouts and absolutely smashed our fund raising target for the MAG fighting fund. It is fair to say, that in spite of our size, we really do punch well above our weight in terms of active members, activities we hold and the funds we raise for MAG.

Despite not being able to physically meet for the first five and a half months of the year, it has still been another highly successful year for the branch. A huge thanks to all our meeting regulars and all those who have supported the branch in all our activities. Hip Hip .. Hooray.

Steve Travis

Branch Rep

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[Deputy Rep Report](#)

- Attended memorial ride out for passed members
- Attended Yorkshire MAG AGM
- Laid wreath at Wakefield cenotaph, then attended RBLR event at Mirfield parade with other Wakefield mag members
- Set general knowledge questions for bikers quiz night
- Attended christmas dinner
- Deputised for branch rep when necessary

HAPPY TO STAND AGAIN

Chas Milner, Deputy Representative

[Finance Officer Report - Financial Report & Audited Accounts for 2021](#)

All things considered we had a pretty good year financially.

We started 2021 with £32.50 cash and £1,080.22 in our account and ended with £670.50 cash and £1,653.88 in account giving us a yearly increase of £1,211.66

All as detailed on account sheet.

Items which stand out are:

- Sale of donated bike which raised £500

- Bingo night raising £127
- Christmas raffle raising £221

Great work by all involved.

We have our post Christmas auction coming up at the end of January and I propose we discuss a donation to Yorkshire Fund following this.

Date	Notes	Petty Cash	Bank Account
14/12/21	Balance carried forward from last year	£32.50	£1,080.22
29/12/21	Weekly raffle running total	£410.00	
29/12/21	Closing Balance for 2021	£670.50	£1,653.88
	Total for 2021		£2,324.38

Accounts have been checked by auditors Pete Taplin and Terry Scott and signed off as being a true and accurate reflection of the Branches financial position.

Martin Burgess

Finance Officer

[Press Officer](#)

E-mails were sent to Wakefield Express for the following event:

- Bingo night in October

Sharon Scott

[Political Officer](#)

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[Products Officer](#)

A few patches and sticker sales from existing stock. Investigated options for a new supplier for products where we could set up a web shop for future orders to avoid having to buy and hold stock.

Steve Travis, Products Officer

[Social Committee](#)

Supported the few events we have been able to host in the 2nd half of 2021

Sharon Scott and Lorna Jaques, Social Committee

[Rideout Coordinator's Report](#)

Led the 3 rideouts hosted in 2021, August, September and October. Nothing could be arranged prior to this due to Covid-19 restrictions implemented.

Mick Culpan, Rideout Coordinator

[MAP Consultative Committee Representative](#)

No MAP meetings held in 2021. Attended YPR and YPR marshals briefing at Eskrick Estate. In August 2021.

Steve Travis, MAP Consultative Committee Representative (Deputy)

[Clubs Liaison](#)

No report, position vacant

[Fund Raising Officer](#)

- Help organise weekly raffle
- Called bingo, our first bingo since covid-19 lockdown in early 2020
- Collected and delivered Christmas presents from members for Kidzaware
- Collected and organised Christmas hamper raffle prizes donated by members

A big THANK YOU to members for supporting and donating prizes for these events
HAPPY TO STAND AGAIN

Chas Milner, Fund Raising Officer

[Membership Secretary](#)

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[Webmaster](#)

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5) Election / Re-election of branch officers for 2022

The following officers were elected / re-elected onto the 2022 branch committee, unanimously in all cases:

- Rep: **Steve Travis** [Proposed: Chas Milner; Seconded: Mick Culpan] (Re-elected)

- Deputy Rep: **Chas Milner** [Proposed: Mick Culpan; Seconded: Steve Travis] (Re-elected)
- Treasurer: **Martin Burgess** [Proposed: John; Seconded: Allen Archbold] (Re-elected)
- Products Officer: **Steve Travis** [Proposed: Mick Culpan; Seconded: Martin Burgess] (Re-elected)
- Political Officer: **Henry Grainger** [Proposed: Steve Travis; Seconded: Chas Milner] (Elected)
- Auditor x 2: **Pete Taplin, Terry Scott** [Proposed: Martin Burgess, Seconded: Mick Culpan] (Re-elected)
- Social Committee: **Terry Scott, Sharon Scott** [Proposed: Martin Burgess; Seconded: Steve Travis] (Elected / Re-elected respectively)
- Rideout Coordinator: **Mick Culpan** [Proposed: Chas Milner, Seconded: Martin Burgess] (Re-elected)
- MAP Consultative Committee - Wakefield Rep: **Steve Travis** [Proposed: Martin Burgess; Seconded: Terry Scott] (Elected)
- MAP Consultative Committee - Deputy Wakefield Rep: **Martin Burgess** [Proposed: Steve Travis; Seconded: Terry Scott] (Elected)
- Press Officer: **Sharon Scott** [Proposed: Steve Travis; Seconded: Pete Taplin] (Re-elected)
- Membership Secretary: **Steve Travis** [part of Reps role]
- Clubs Liaison Officer: **Vacant**, although agreed to be part of every members remit to promote MAG to fellow bikers
- Fundraising Officer: **Chas Milner** [Proposed: Martin Burgess; Seconded: Carrie Scott-Huby] (Re-elected)

6) Motions

No motions submitted

7) Objectives and branch development plan for the forthcoming year (2022)

- Look to introduce a new Political Campaign (locally or to support Region / National initiatives, as applicable)
- Continue to support Wakefield Hospice events:

- Marshal Wakefield Hospice 10K road race
- Increase membership figures within WF postcode area, and encourage 'new-blood' to the meetings (Target: **5% membership increase i.e. 4 new MAG members in WF catchment area** / increase meeting attendance to pre-pandemic levels i.e. **10-15 average weekly attendance**)
- Forge stronger ties with Wakefield based Bike & Scooter clubs (where possible – not many clubs in the WF postcode area)
- Maximise Fund raising for MAG fighting fund – Target: **£1,500**
- Look to introduce a new fundraising initiative for 2022 (1-90 raffle to win £50 / £40 to MAG funds)
- Continue to support other local MAG groups with their activities / events
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8) Presentation to branch heroes

Awards were presented for the branch heroes of 2021, based on points accumulated by members for attendance/participation in MAG/Branch events over the course of the year.

Our branch heroes for 2021 were:

- Most attendances: **Martin Burgess** (415 points)
- Most attendances runner-up: **Chas Milner** (400)
- Most attendances to Branch meetings on a bike: **Mick Culpan** (12)
- Charman's Award: Biggest contribution to the Branch): **Martin Burgess**

9) Any other business

None raised

10) Date of Next AGM

The date of the next AGM was set for Tuesday 17th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.

Region Observer concurred the meeting had been run in an open, professional and democratic manner.

Steve Travis
Wakefield MAG Rep (since the early Carboniferous Period)
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