



## **Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Meeting held at The Pier Inn, Paignton starting at 1930hrs

### **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members to this annual general meeting of BMAD (Bikers Make A Difference). He encourage all who wished to complete a committee voting slip to do so and hand it back in order that a count could be taken for the contested position of Assistant Head Marshal. He also explained that once the official part of the AGM was over he would welcome members raising any other business within an 'open forum' session. Anything matters raised would not be formally minuted but used to inform the new committee of future development members would like to see take place within BMAD.

### **1. Apologies**

Mark Williams and Sue Yates.

### **2. Minutes of the Last AGM 26/05/2010**

The chairman requested everyone to read the previous AGM minutes and asked for them to be approved. This was proposed by Les May and seconded by Charlie Garlick. The chairman then signed the minutes of the AGM 2010 as approved.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Chairman's Report**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AT THE BMAD AGM 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011.**

The last 9 months have been quite strange personally. In September last year Chris Lancaster stood down as Chairman and I was asked by the Committee to take on the role. I considered it to be an honour to Chair BMAD and readily accepted. (Having been aware as Vice Chairman, that CL intended to stand down, I canvassed all other Committee members and no one felt able to take on the job.) So, at the end of the Bike Night season I assumed the position of Chairman.

As I was already Band Co-ordinator for the bike festival and, not being able to find anyone to take on this role, I pushed on with both positions. (Very difficult as it turned out). And I will return to this point later.

The financial report for last year was given at the November Committee meeting by Tilla, who then stood down as Treasurer; we also lost Smudge as Traders Officer and Norman Hallett from Merchandising later which meant that we operated with a smaller Committee than normal.

We welcomed Jill Ellery onto Committee as Treasurer, Chris Bannister as Assistant Events Co-ordinator, John Clewer as PR officer and Carole Nesbitt as Assistant PR/Minutes officer. Later in the year we also added Mari May as Merchandising Officer. To all those people who stood down during the last year and to those who replaced them on Committee I would like to record a vote of thanks for the hours given to BMAD in pursuit of or aim of facilitating events to allow bikers and members of the public to donate money for distribution to our nominated charities and individual recipients.

Last year's donations totalled £22,792.00, which we had available to donate to charitable causes. (A sizeable sum came from Devon DA. Camping and Caravanning club, who had nominated us as the organisation they wanted to raise money for). This was a very good total overall, as it is getting more difficult to get people to part with their loose change at present, a situation which became obvious at this year's festival when the bucket collections were not as good as we had hoped for. However, overall the Festival was a huge success with many good, positive comments from both Traders and Dealers attending. We also had excellent press and radio coverage through the Herald Express and Palm 105.5. It was also pleasing to see positive letters written to the Herald about the festival and BMAD as a whole.

The Friday Bank Holiday gave us a few headaches to deal with in regard to both set-up times and extra events/entertainment needed to fill the extra time that opening at 1.00pm gave us, However, the decision to open early was the right one and the green was very busy from 12.30pm onwards.. The fireworks display on Friday evening, sponsored by Anderton and Rowlands, The Babbacombe Inn and Torbay Council was very good and we had Nick Bye,

(The Mayor of Torbay) in attendance who said some very pleasant things about BMAD and what we do.

Rideouts had been arranged throughout the year as usual although probably on a more informal basis, and, as always these were very enjoyable and, on the whole, well attended.

BMAD was once again well represented on the Ride of Respect to Wootton Bassett. Cowboy Dave did a great job in organising this for us (the last rideout through WB). A good day was had by all who went, (apart from Jed who unfortunately suffered a breakdown with his Sportster and arrived back in Brixham at 11.30pm on the back of a lorry.)

Sue Yates took over the organising and running of social events for us and has done a splendid job. Carole Nesbit organised the first BMAD Rock Night here at the Pier Inn, which was a great success.

We continued to support our nominated Charities ( DAAT, St. John's Ambulance, Torbay Young Carers,) plus we have also forged links with another charitable organisation, Devon Freewheelers, (Blood Bikes), who are solely funded by donation and will continue to be supported by us this year. We have also given out countless individual donations to disabled / disadvantaged children, details of which can be found on the Charities link on the website or by speaking to the Charities organiser.

The question always arises during the festival weekend, "do we want another festival next year". Most people who organise it and are down on the green from 7.00am the Weds before the festival weekend until 3,00pm the following Tuesday will say, "Never again, I am not doing all this work next year I am completely cream crackered". But, of course, after a couple of weeks off, and reading the good reports and hearing the nice comments, the bodily pain subsides and madness takes over and, of course, we agree to do another one. We cannot, however do it on our own, we need help from members like you, to get it done. I certainly cannot operate as Chairman, Band Co-ordinator and Supplies and Equipment organiser again, I am getting far too old. Just before opening this year I stood at the end of the Pier and looked out over the site. I was immensely proud of what a small band of like minded individuals had achieved. It is such a great event, not just for the bikers who attend from all over the country and beyond, but for the people and businesses of Paignton and Torbay. It must generate millions of pounds for the local economy. We need to tap into local business for sponsorship of the event, after all, they make bucket loads of money over the festival weekend.

I must give a special mention here to Chris Lancaster, who, knowing that we lost one of our traders officers from Committee (Smudge), and without being approached, offered to help Mark Williams with the traders position which resulted in the fact that between them, they managed to get more traders to attend the festival than ever and ensure that we have a stable financial base to be able to consider running next year's event. *ALSO PETE*  
*MURPHY FOR RUNNING THE BIKE SHOW FOR US.*

*THANK WENDY O STAFF*

It is also the case that some of the Committee have decided not to seek re-election for another year or will now seek other positions on the Committee, so to Merv, Jill, Chris B, Mark, Les and Terry, Thank you for all the hours of hard work that you have given to BMAD over the last years and don't think you can get away with not helping in the future. I know where you all live.

We now have Bike nights to look forward to (Starting on Weds June 1<sup>st</sup>, help needed from 5.00pm on the night). And also the Bar-b-que here on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please support both events. Plus please don't forget the Rally on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> July at Princetown.

From my point of view, as Chairman, I am proud of everyone who helps out no matter how small you may think your contribution may be, it is humbling to think that so many people give up so much time to ultimately help others less fortunate than themselves. I intend, if re-elected, and with committee's approval, to form a festival working party in November this year so, if anyone here feels they can contribute anything to the running of the festival, please let us know.

THANK YOU.

Andy Hobbs  
Chairman.  
BMAD.  
25.05.11.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

### BIKERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2010

	2010 12 Months	2009 9 Months
<b>INCOME</b>		
Sponsors - Festival	24310	25476
Sponsors - Bike Nights	2570	
Bike Festival	8956	16000
Bike Nights	13451	15598
Merchandising & Catering	9573	12860
Donations, Draws etc	738	299
Subscriptions	426	123
Bank Interest	2	8
Website	50	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>60076</u>	<u>70364</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Charitable Requests Granted	26893	38904
Bike Festival	26205	22247
Bike Night Prizes	440	
Merchandise	6649	7455
Insurance	1869	1400
Operating Expenses	224	309
Legal & Professional Fees	436	
Members & Committee Functions	448	
Publicity/Advertising	641	
Bank Charges	24	
Website Costs	1071	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>64900</u>	<u>70315</u>
<b>Surplus Income for Year</b>	<u>-4824</u>	<u>49</u>
<b>Add to Monies in Bank Accounts at Beginning of Year</b>	28777	28750
<b>Monies in Bank Accounts at End of Year</b>	23953	28799
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Cash Account	40	0
Monies Held at HSBC: Social Account A/C 61446959	490	406
Donations A/C 91569457	9467	10657
Current A/C 21442627	13956	17736
Adjust for Bank Reconciliation	-22	-22
	<u>23953</u>	<u>28777</u>

Signed G. A. Elley  
ACCA

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**BREAKDOWN OF AREAS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2010**

Merchandising

Income		9573
Opening Stock at 28.2.10	2890	
Purchases	6649	
Less: Closing Stock	3071	<u>6468</u>
Profit for the year		3105

Festival Income & Expenditure

Sponsor Income		24310
Donations collected		8956
Advertising	423	
Insurance	1869	
Festival Costs	26205	
		<u>28497</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		4769

Donations Collected

Festival Buckets & Gates		8956
Bike Night Buckets & Gates		13451
Charitable Requests Granted	<u>26893</u>	
Excess Donations made to Income Received		<u>-4486</u>

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## **6. Election of Committee for year 2011/2012**

The following nominations have been received for election to the BMAD committee:

<b><u>Post</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
Chairman	Andy Hobbs	Unopposed
Vice Chairman	Dave Knights	Unopposed
Secretary	Carole Nesbitt	Unopposed
Treasurer	-----	Vacant
Assistant Treasurer/Charities Officer	Stef Hobbs	Unopposed
Assistant Minutes Secretary	-----	Vacant
Head Marshal	Dave Knights	Unopposed
Assistant Head Marshal	Les May	Voted In
Public Relation Officer	John Clewer	Unopposed
Memberships Officer	Terry Butcher	Unopposed
Events Co-ordinator	-----	Vacant
Assistant Events Co-ordinator	Chris Staples	
Bands Co-ordinator	Alan Johnson	Unopposed
Traders' Co-ordinator	Chris Hitchcock	Unopposed
Assistant Traders'	-----	Vacant
Merchandising Officer	Mari May	Unopposed
Health & Safety Officer	-----	Vacant

All nominees are fully paid up BMAD members with full voting powers and have properly completed nomination forms.

Members were given voting slips on entry to the meeting to use in the contest for the post of Assistant Head Marshal.

## **7. Chairman's Closing Comments**

The Chairman thanked everyone voted in to stand for committee and everyone for their hard work and support over the past year.

## **8. Time and date of next meeting**

The time and date of the next meeting is to be confirmed at a later date and will be announced to members at that time. It is believed that it will take place towards the end of May 2012.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 2011 hours.