

**England MGA Annual General Meeting**  
**7.00pm on Saturday 12 April 2014**  
**At West Midlands Showground, Shrewsbury**

**Present:** *Signed in (141):* H Allen, Bob Arden, Janice Arden, Lisa Aylott, Patricia Aylott, Shelley Aylott\*, Steve Aylott, Beth Bailey, Sheila Barbour, M Barclay, C Barclay Breslin, Julie Barrett, Katie Barret, Natalie Bouscarle, Isabel Brown, Lester Brown, Gayle Burns, Hannah Burns, L Burton, Sacha Cameron Clarke, Bella Capel, Jack Capel, Marcus Capel\*, Nikki Carter, Toya Clark, Trevor Clayton, Tessa Downs, J Dawson, Beccy Daykin, Daniel Drummond, Pennie Drummond, Lyn Edmonds, Julia Edwards, Les Edwards\*, Linda Edwards, V Edwards, Sally Eyre, Julie Farnsworth, Peter Farnsworth, Sarah Farnsworth, Alex Franklin, M Fullbrook\*, Julia Gardner, Glenda Garrett, Steve Garrett, Bindi Garnett, Debbie Garnett, Ellie Garnett, Jo Garnett, M Garnett, Lydia Gilham, Guy Gorvett, Maggie Gorvett, Alison Grimshaw, Richard Grimshaw, Sue Ham, C Hawkins, M Hern, Jess Hindle, E Holgate, Faye Holgate, Stephen Holgate, Carolyn James, G James, Phil James, T James, A Jenner, P Jenner, A Kitchiner, Jackie Kinsey, Phil Kinsey, Stav Laghos, A Ledger, David Leese, Kay Leese, Clare Leeson, Joanna Lock, Livvy Lock, Sadie Lock, Julie Lukehurst, Lizzie Lukehurst, Danny Marshall, A Morris, Jo Morris, Helen Myrtle, Rachel Northcott, Anita Nugent, Stuart Nugent, Clare Pearce, Heather Pearce, Alan Peck, Sheila Peck, Charlotte Pharez, Jo Pharez, Jon Pharez, T Pharez, Emma Pink, C Pinney, Tim Pinney, Karen Powell, James Reis, Debbie Roberts, Will Robinson, Sara Roff, Angharad Sims, David Ridler, Lynne Sharpe, Brad Stamp, Dawn Stamp\*, Tracey Stone, Eddie Surman, F Surman, Janey Surman, Nicky Sutton, Claire Targett, Megan Targett, S Taverner, D Thompson, Ben Thornton, Julie Tilley, Dee Tordoff, Elaine Trevor Jones, Jenny Trevor Jones, Malcolm Trevor Jones\*, Nathan Turner, Nigel Tutt, Sonia Tutt, Aron Tyler, Catherine Walters, Peter Walters, Elliot Watkins, S Wheatley, C Whiting, Darren Williams, Vicki Williams-Ward, April Wilson, Julie Wilson, Tracey Wilson, R Woods, S Woods, Mary Worth

*Present, not signed in:* Andrew Reynolds, Neil Spencer, Caroline Swann, Sue Turner, Emma Tyler plus others not recorded

\* indicates committee member.

**Apologies:** (84) Adam Barwick (11), Sarah Barwick (11), James Berry (11), Nicola Berry (11), Miale Blair (9), Clifford Carter (2), James Chick (5), Leanne Chick (5), J W Clements (8), Sam Clements (8), Matthew Clingo (4), Sheila Clingo (4), Trevor Clingo (4), Melissa Connors (4), Simon Connors (4), Gary Day (1), Mike Dyke Garfield (2), Alistair Elliott\* (5), Neil Elliott (5), Louise Fullbrook (3), Rita Gardner (10), Angela Gates (10), Chris Gates (10), Martin Gibbons (1), Brett Giles (5), Deborah Goldhawk (5), Leslie Goldhawk (5), Chloe Golding (10), Gail Golding (10), Helen Green (8), Marilyn Hackman (2), Joan Hayden (9), Nigel Hayden (9), Wenda Hobbs (5), Gundrada Hole (9), Martin Hole (9), Adrian Howell (9), Max Howell (9), Tina Howell (9), Lucy Hudson (4), Martin Hudson (4), Paula Hudson (4), Janette Irwin (8), Daryl Kibblewhite (5), Robert Lees (11), Mark Leeson (4), Perry Leeson (4), Gail Maidment (9), Danny Medcalf (5), Gemma Medcalf (5), Kate Morris (5), Leti Oyamburu (5), Dave Palmer (9), Jill Palmer (9), Sarah Peck

(6), Tom Pharez (10), Laura Pratt (12), Mark Pratt (12), Brian Prentice (10), Carol Prentice (10), Robert Reeve (11), Tina Reeve (11), Clare Ridler (8), Nigel Robins (12), Gill Scott (7), John Scott\* (7), Claire Smith (5), Danny Spencer (10), Naomi Spencer (10), Neil Spencer (10), Pam Stansfield (10), Steve Stansfield (10), Nicky Sutton (5), Neil Thornton (8), Rosie Thornton (8), Terry Tordoff (9), Thelma Tordoff (9), Kim Wainwright (12), Andrew Wass (4), Sarah Wass (4), Louise Watkins (12), Jeff Watson (4), Lisa Watson (4)  
*Proxy vote given to (1) Shelley Aylott, (2) Nikki Carter, (3) Matt Fullbrook, (4) Clare Leeson, (5) Jo Morris, (6) Alan Peck, (7) Tim Pinney, (8) Dave Ridler, (9) Dee Tordoff, (10) Nathan Turner, (11) Sue Turner, (12) Elliot Watkins*

### **Appointment of Chairman for the Meeting**

Nikki Carter proposed that Andrew Reynolds as Chairman of MGAGB should act as Chairman for the first AGM of England MGA. This was agreed by show of hands

Andrew Reynolds welcomed members to the meeting and was delighted to see so many people present.

### **Welcome by the Acting Chairmen**

Jo Morris as Joint Acting Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

She explained that England MGA had been set up as a democratic nation within MGAGB in response to the need for England to meet IMGGA membership criteria in order to continue to compete internationally. This had necessitated rewriting the Articles of MGAGB.

The intention is that England MGA should be a transparent and open group aiming to select winning teams fairly.

### **Acting Chairmen's Report**

Tim Pinney read a report from himself and Jo Morris as Acting Chairmen

*The England committee serves several important functions. It brings together the collective views and thoughts of North and South via a committee made up of representatives from both bodies. Until now, England as a Nation has not officially existed in the eyes of the rest of the world.*

*Through our IMGGA representative Nikki Carter, England's views can be heard by the rest of the world, plus we have our say on important issues that affect our sport. It has to be remembered that MGA is now a Global sport and IMGGA brings together the views of all member countries.*

*England will also be responsible for selecting our National teams. In the past, whilst the system has worked to a degree, in future the selection process is accountable to the members (all of you here). The selectors are invited to apply and democratically chosen by a voting procedure involving all members of the England Committee.*

*For a number of years now, I have strived to bring this unity to England and I am delighted to say that I had the agreement of the new Southern Chairman Jo Morris. Before we could do this, we both had to gain the approval of both Northern and Southern Committees. I am delighted that we were able to achieve this.*

*To form a successful Committee, it was important that we had articles by which to work. Nikki Carter put a great deal of effort into producing these and they were presented to the membership at an EGM held prior to the AGM of MGAGB held in early March.*

*In forming England, one of the key issues was to make the committee business open, fair and transparent, to listen to the views of the membership and act upon their wishes. At every stage, we have kept our members informed throughout the process via bulk emails and information freely available on the England MGA website.*

*There is still much to do. We have to start somewhere. IMGA required compliance checks and Nikki put many hours of work into creating a huge dossier to present to IMGA. We are pleased to say that this was well received.*

*The previous selection system was open to some criticism by some of our membership. Some wanted trials and some wished to stay with a similar system to what we have used in the past. For this year, we have settled on a system which uses groups of four selectors for each age group, two from North and two from South. I would emphasise that not all four will be watching all of the time and not all selectors will be at every show, however they work as teams and will collate all of their information to create a squad of riders who will then trial at the John Scott Championships from which the selectors will agree on the final teams.*

*As always, there will be some disappointment and there will be some joy, however I would stress that the selection process is to choose teams who will win for England. That is our priority and we don't apologise for that. A team is based on a blend of riders working together and not necessarily all of the fastest riders out there.*

*For this year, this is the selection method that we have discussed and are using. It may be in following years that the system may change based upon how it works. The Committee will look at this following the Championships and canvass all members' opinions.*

*We have come a long way in a short period of time, but these are early days. We will build on what we have for future years and the newly elected officers, whoever they are, will make sure that this happens.*

*Above all, remember that England MGA is here to represent your views and to act upon your wishes. It will keep you informed and it will listen to its members.*

### **Short question and answer session with Candidates**

Candidates were asked if southern selectors watched southern riders and northern reps watched northern riders but Jo Morris assured the meeting that every selector watched every rider.

### **Election of Officers**

**Treasurer:** Matt Fullbrook was elected unopposed

**Riders' Representative:** Jess Hindle was elected unopposed as Annie Morris withdrew her nomination

Ballot papers were collected and counted

**Chairman:** Voting: Jo Morris (95), Tim Pinney (17), Nathan Turner (115).  
Nathan Turner was elected and took the Chair.

**Secretary:** Voting: Nikki Carter (131), Sue Turner (106)  
Nikki Carter was elected

**Vice Chairman:** Candidates: Jo Morris, Tim Pinney and Dave Ridler  
Jo Morris and Tim Pinney stood down so Dave Ridler was elected  
unopposed

**Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed

**OPEN MEETING OF ENGLAND MGA**

There were no questions from the floor so Nathan Turner declare the meeting closed