



**MOTORCYCLE GROUP**  
**Of the Motor Caravanners' Club**



**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
**At the Ukrainian Centre, Weston-On-Trent, Derby**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Acting Chairman Martin Borrill opened the meeting at 11.04am and thanked all for attending. He asked that all mobile phones be turned off. He then introduced the Committee.

Himself Martin Borrill – Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman (due to resignation of Keith Botterill last month/Treasurer (due to resignation of Pat Wighton earlier in the year/Rideout co-ordinator

Wendy Jefferson – Secretary

Miranda Whitby – Rally Officer (co-opted on in July 2022)

Colin Swain – Safety Officer

Noreen Borrill – Scribe

Ian Jefferson – Web Master/Social Media

He explained to the members the voting procedure which will be a show of hands for general voting and ballot paper for election of members to the committee in accordance with our Supplementary Document. He estimated that the meeting would last between 1 and 1.5 hours. He also said that everyone should have received a copy of last year's AGM Minutes, two financial reports, a copy of the proposed updated Supplementary Document and an Agenda.

The Acting Chairman asked the Secretary to formally open the meeting, which she duly did. She also read out the names of members who had sent apologies:

Apologies –

Arthur and Linda Allen

Ronald and Carolyn Barns

Nick and Patricia Gallop

Tony and Sandra Glasgow

Graham and Wendy Kendall

Philip and Jane McIntosh

William and Jacqui Barnes

Alan and Debbie Brimble

Christine Gautier

Len and Sandra Goodley

Terry and Alison Maddison

David and Pamela Monk

Nick and Lyn Moore  
Joanne and Peter Pilkiw  
Janette Sexton and John Newitt  
Mike and Jane Smart  
James Spooner  
Geoff and Ann Workman

Paul Nelson and Joy Trickett  
Alan and Gill Rogers  
Roy and Brenda Sixsmith  
Robin and Pauline Sollis  
Bill and Pat Wighton  
Roger and Christine Yetton

John Kirby stood up and told Martin there should be a minutes silence for departed members. Martin said that he had this listed in his Agenda after his Chairman's Report and would do it then.

Martin then asked if everybody had had a chance to read through the Minutes of last year's AGM, and whether there were any comments regarding their accuracy. There being no comments, a vote for their approval was taken.

Proposed by: Robin Spence          Seconded by: Debbie Kennedy    Abstentions: 2.  
A majority vote was carried in favour.

Martin asked if there were any Matters Arising on the previous Minutes. There were no matters arising.

### **Chairman's Report**

Martin announced that we would hold a two minute silence before he began his Report. (He said he also wished our late Queen to be remembered). He then went on to say that he felt the Club had had a cracking year – 13 rallies in total (8 MCG rallies, 4 invites to rallies from other groups, and the National.) There had been numerous ride-outs, and he and Noreen had covered 1648 miles overall. There had been great social evenings, and lots of help from willing members, particularly at the National where he estimated around 40 members had attended.

Martin asked if anybody had any questions. Chris Moore asked what the average attendance at a rally had been. Martin thought overall it had been between 10 and 15 – down on the previous year. He thought that was partly because of what had happened at last year's AGM and partly due to the increased fuel costs.

### **Secretary's Report**

Wendy reported that membership had increased since last year – we now had 150 van members on our membership list. She had nothing more to say other than thank you to all those who had supported her over the last difficult year due to her daughter's illness, and that the friendship had been much appreciated.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The financial reports had already been distributed to the members, and Martin explained that they had been split into two halves – the first from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and the second from the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (being the day that the club monies had been received from the previous Treasurer) until the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.) Lorraine Ramsden asked why the first set of accounts began with £10686.97 and ended with £5642.52. Martin explained that various payments had been made by the previous Committee but that some receipts had been missing and it was impossible to balance the books. Indeed there was slightly more money than was recorded. He was keen to point out that nobody was to blame, and that the current committee had decided to start again from the day the monies were received. Chris Moore asked why it had taken so long for the account to be transferred. Martin explained that Lloyds Bank would not change the names over on the account and in the end the current committee had had to open a new account and get new signatories. Sue Louch said she had been assisting Martin and she had looked in detail at the accounts for the last two year period. She had checked every bank statement, and every payment out. She felt she had done a proper job. She suggested drawing a line under it and that we should now go forward. Pat Kirby said that it had all been checked at head office when the paperwork had been handed over to Tina Botterill and that she believed that the forms that Tina had filled in had had mistakes on them, hence the delay. She said that she did not feel it was fair to blame anybody, and agreed that we should draw a line under it. Sue Louch said that the banking system is so secure and that we cant close the old bank account. Pat Kirby said that she and Wendy Kendall were the signatories on the old account and that she would contact Wendy Kendall about it.

There being no further comments, a vote for their approval was taken.

Proposed by: Peter Clayton      Seconded by: Graham Dean      Abstentions: 2.

A majority vote was carried in favour.

## **Rally Officer's Report**

Miranda said that she had been co-opted on to the Committee in July 2022, after Tina Botterill's resignation. She thanked Tina for her handover, and also thanked Martin who had done quite a bit of the proposed Scottish tour research. She said she had almost completed the Scottish tour rally, and that the details she had to date were displayed on the board in the hall. She had been in touch with the MCC Scottish group who had been very helpful. Some of their members were keen to join us for the rally. Booking details would be available once the last venue had been sorted. Miranda mentioned the Lincoln rally that had taken place at the beginning of September where 14 vans had attended. Members had taken part in

a Ride of Thanks for the Air Ambulance. Lee Deakin asked how many bikes overall had taken part in the Ride, and it was thought that the number was approximately 280. Finally, Miranda said she had received lots of ideas from members for which she was grateful and asked members to keep ideas coming.

### **Web Master's Report**

Ian explained that as well as managing the MCG website he had taken on the social media site as well, following Tina Botterill's resignation. He said that as long as posts were not abusive or offensive or of a bullying nature, they would not be taken down. He said that it was for the members and belonged to the members. He did ask that if the committee put up a post advertising an event, that members didn't immediately bombard the site with lots of posts not relevant to that advert. Chris Moore said that there used to be a link on the website where Minutes could be posted, but that it had been taken down. Ian said that he would look into it and make sure there was a link and that we would post AGM and Committee Meeting Minutes on it for members to see. Chris said that matters needed to be more open – for example when Pat Wighton had left the Committee, the members had not been told. It was explained that the Chairman at that time had not wanted the information to be passed on, although the rest of the Committee Members had wanted to. Martin said that going forward we would keep in touch with the members as much as possible, using social media a lot more than previously.

### **Safety Officer's Report**

Colin said that he would be stepping down this year, due to him being unable to attend many rallies. He felt that his role should be carried out by somebody who can attend more rallies. He said that he had enjoyed his year on the committee.

### **Supplementary Document**

Martin said that there were a couple of changes that needed to be made to our existing Supplementary Document. Firstly at 5.7 we needed to add the words "and by ballot paper for election of members to the Committee". Secondly at 7.1 we needed to change the address, account number and sort code of Lloyds Bank, as a new account had been opened. John Kirby asked if 9.16 could be changed, taking out the words "to allocate space to firm bookings, then", and instead at the end of the clause add the words "unless it is a bookable rally."

A vote for the amendments was taken.

Proposed by: John Kirby      Seconded by: Lee Deakin      Abstentions: 0.

A majority vote was carried in favour.

## **Election of Group Committee**

Martin thanked all the current Committee for their help and also gave thanks to Sue Louch for her help with the accounts. He presented flowers to Sue, and also to Wendy, Miranda and Noreen.

He then went on to say that as per the rules, one third of the committee would be standing down, that being himself, Colin and Ian. Martin and Ian would be seeking re-election. Miranda would also need to be formally voted on. Wendy and Noreen would be remaining. In addition Sue and Steve Louch and Jane Cowley had completed proposal forms. John Kirby asked that Miranda, Sue, Steve and Jane should say something about themselves, this having been discussed at last year's Members Meeting. Miranda said that she had been a member of the MCG for 3 years, that she worked for the NHS as a Team Manager. She had found that the good organisational skills needed for her job had come in very useful in her role as rally officer since July. She was a people's person and found that a good approach had helped when trying to arrange rallies.

Sue Louch said that she had verified the accounts last year. She was a financial director with 30 years experience, which she felt would be of benefit to the committee, and would also be a friend to all. Steve Louch said he was a self employed engineering manager with health and safety qualifications. He had a passion for motorbikes. Finally Jane Cowley said that she wanted to be able to work with the committee and provide some fun for the group.

John Kirby stood up and asked if we were taking nominations from the floor. He then approached the committee table and handed back the proposal form he had requested the previous day from the secretary. This was blank and had not been filled in.

There being no nominations from the floor, Martin asked that members complete the ballot papers and hand them in. Two MCC members who were present counted the votes. Wendy announced that all nominees had received well in excess of the required number of votes.

## **Election of Independent Accounts Examiner**

Martin announced that Alison Maddison had been approached and was happy to be nominated as the Independent Accounts Examiner. She was not present.

A vote was taken.

Proposed: Lorraine Ramsden      Seconded: Pat Kirby      Abstentions: 2

A majority vote was carried in favour.

There was then a short break to enable the Committee to have a meeting to decide on the posts to be filled.

The Committee returned and the following was announced:

Chairman – Martin Borrill  
Vice Chairman/Webmaster – Ian Jefferson  
Secretary – Wendy Jefferson  
Treasurer – Sue Louch  
Rally Officer – Miranda Whitby  
Scribe – Noreen Borrill  
Safety Officer – Steve Louch  
Social Officer – Jane Cowley

The Meeting closed at 12.55pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Signed:.....