



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
24th October 2022 at 7.30pm
Zoom Meeting

Present:

Martin Borrill (MB)– Chairman
Ian Jefferson (IJ)– Vice Chairman/Web Master
Sue Louch (SL)- Treasurer
Wendy Jefferson(WJ) – Secretary
Miranda Whitby (MW)– Rally Officer
Steve Louch (StL) – Safety Officer
Noreen Borrill (NB)– Scribe
Jane Cowley (JC)– Social Officer

The Meeting was formally convened by WJ and MB thanked everyone for coming.

1. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting.

MB asked for confirmation that everyone had read and approved the Minutes of the Meeting on the 28th August 2022. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Debrief re AGM 2022. MB said that the AGM had on the whole gone very well. He felt that we needed to refine the procedure for next year. The one minute silence would be either immediately after asking members to turn their phones off, or at the start of the Chairman's Report. MB also said that he would include in his Chairman's Report the average attendance at rallies, as the question was often asked. He asked if one month before the 2023 AGM we could send out the minutes of the 2022 AGM. IJ said that the members had asked for AGM and Committee

Meeting Minutes to be put on the Club website, and so as this was going to be done there would be no need to send Minutes out. There would be a separate section on the website for Minutes, starting with this year's AGM Minutes. MW said that she felt the AGM had gone very well, particularly in view of the fact that it was a fairly new committee and at an unknown venue. Lots had been going on and everything had been dealt with. MB agreed and thanked everyone for their part in making the AGM so successful. MB asked if going forward we could contact members before the AGM requesting them to send in any questions they may have. We could do this via email, whats app and facebook. MW asked if this was necessary as members were aware that the AGM was taking place and it could mean that we would be inundated with questions. SL asked if it should be restricted to just email. IJ said he felt it should just be advertised in the MCC magazine. WJ said she felt we should still allow questions on the day, which was agreed. MB said that with regard to nominations for the committee, these should be received before the meeting starts and not during the meeting. He said that point 6.69 in the CFG covered this.

(b) Date/Month of next year's AGM. MB said there had been talk of having the 2023 AGM in November and possibly include a Christmas dinner. IJ said that it would have to be without bikes at that time of year. MB said we could either have caterers or have volunteers from the members. We would of course need a hall. We would have the AGM and Members Meeting in the morning and then the meal in the evening. MW suggested an alternative to the meal could be a party. WJ suggested we just agree on whether or not to have the AGM in November now, and then discuss details at a future committee meeting. MB said he thought numbers were down at this year's AGM due to the time of year and other events going on at the same time. MW agreed we should just agree the time of year for the AGM at this meeting and sort out details later. She said she would pencil the AGM in for November 2023.

(c) Rally updates. MW reported she now had 6 out of the 7 sites booked for the Scotland tour. She was awaiting confirmation from one more site which she hoped to receive the next day. One of the sites was quite expensive (£25 pupn with electricity, water and waste) and she would try and negotiate a reduced fee. MB said he had received correspondence from somebody who had until recently been on the Scottish committee, asking for details. MW said she was dealing with Ian Clarke who was the rally officer of the Scottish group, together with his wife Aileen Clark who was the secretary, and she didn't think we should be giving information to anyone else. She said that she didn't want to start bookings until she had

got the final site. 10 places would be allocated to the Scottish group. A deadline would be given to them with regard to bookings, and then any remaining places would be added to the 15 allocated to the MCG, again with a deadline for booking. Any remaining places would then be offered to MCC members. MB said that he had heard that 6 MCC Surrey members had expressed an interest. MW said that there may not be any places left. Some of the sites might have room for one or two extras but not all of them. MW confirmed that those who were attending all sites would be given priority over those who could only attend some of the sites. With regard to other rallies next year, she now had two rally programs from other groups and also had the date of next year's National Rally. She was intending to start the MCG program from Easter 2023. MW also said that she had been in correspondence with a representative from the Ukrainian Centre where we had had our AGM. She had received a nice email from them apologising for the state of the kitchen on our arrival, and had also received a discounted invoice. Originally the fee was £750.00 for the hall, plus £75.00 for the use of the kitchen, and £7.00pupn site fees. MW had already negotiated a £100 discount from the £750.00 fee. A further £150.00 was discounted, and no charge was made for the kitchen. This meant that we were being charged £500.00 (instead of £825.00 for the hall and kitchen) and £357.00 site fees, a total of £857.00. All agreed that this was very fair and that we should pay the invoice. SL said that with the site fees we had received plus Insignia sales and raffle and auction profits, we had only made a loss of £82.73 which was far less than we had feared.

- (d) Committee Christmas meet up in December. MB asked if we were interested in meeting up on a date in December for a Christmas meal. He suggested Stratford on Avon, which was an equal distance to travel for everybody. We could have a ride out to Wetherspoons at Stratford on Avon, and have dinner. He asked JC to contact Wetherspoons to book a table. MB said he would send out suggested dates by whats app to see if we could agree one.
- (e) Insignia – NB said that she was not selling very much insignia now and thought it would be easier going forward to just condense the stock down to tee shirts and flags. IJ said that we had originally agreed to give new members window stickers. MW asked if members would want to have them stuck on their van windows. MB said we had originally agreed to give new members the opportunity to purchase a pack containing, say, two tee shirts and a flag at a discounted price. IJ said he thought current members who had paid the full prices might not be happy about this. MB said that prices had been discounted at the AGM. NB also asked about not ordering

any more white tee shirts. After some discussion it was agreed that going forward we would just order blue tee shirts, flags and small stickers.

- (f) Incident at Tuckers Grave – WJ reported that since the last committee meeting an email had been sent to Tina Botterill (as agreed by the Committee) outlining the incident at Tuckers Grave and stating that her behaviour was not acceptable. She had received a lengthy defensive response which also included a complaint about MB, and requesting an apology from him for sending the original letter. A letter had been sent in response stating that we did not intend to take the matter any further. A further letter had been received from Tina stating that if we did not respond by the 21st October with an apology, then she would take the matter to COM and ask for their assistance. Again, we have responded (14th October) stating that our position remains the same – we do not feel it appropriate to make an apology and no further correspondence will be entered into. WJ said that to date she has not heard anything further.
- (g) Publication of Minutes on club website. This has been covered under 3(a) of these Minutes.
- (h) Magazine write up over winter. NB said that she has material for the December issue, but nothing more. She had asked Sue Bocking for a write up on NABD. She asked if any of us belonged to another club and would like to write something it would be very helpful. MB suggested we ask the members as well, which NB said she would do. SL suggested that any new pillion riders could perhaps do a write up on their experience and perspective. It could help any member who is perhaps nervous about being a pillion. NB said she would ask members.
- (i) Bank Mandate forms. MB said that he had prepared a Bank Mandate form for SL to sign. Both he and WJ had signed it and it had been posted to SL. SL confirmed she had received it and because of the current postal strikes she would go into a Lloyds Bank branch personally this week. MB said that once this had been done he would do the same for MW so that she could become a signatory also, meaning that we would have 4 signatories in all.
- (j) Christmas Cards to the Membership. MB said that when the MCG had first formed, Pat Kirby who was secretary at the time had sent Christmas cards via post to the membership. This would probably now prove too expensive, and he wondered if IJ could design something that could be sent via email. MW suggested putting a Christmas message on the website from the Committee. MB said that he would like to make it more personal. IJ said that Graham Kendall when he was chairman had posted on the website a picture of himself dressed as Father Christmas and sitting on his

bike together with a festive message. After some discussion it was agreed that MB should post a picture of himself on the website together with a festive message, and that in addition committee members should send a picture of themselves together with a personal message to IJ who would create a Christmas card which would be attached to an email sent to all members. IJ asked if the email could include a note asking members to confirm that they still wanted to be a member of the MCG. After discussion it was agreed that a separate email would be sent to members in the new year asking this question.

- (k) NABD – MB said that at the Members Meeting after this year's AGM it had been suggested we sponsor this charity. IJ said that Sue Bocking who is a representative of the charity had previously said that if the Club was interested there was a club affiliation which we could do. This would give us a subscription to their magazine. MB suggested adding a £1 pupn to rallies to then pass on to the charity. He also said that it had been suggested at the members meeting that someone other than a committee member organise collecting money for the charity. SL said that this year had been a financially challenging one and that there was not a great deal of money. We needed to be mindful that things were more expensive now. After some discussion it was agreed that we would not do anything at present, but have a think about it.
- (l) (m) (n) and (o) – due to shortage of time, these items will be discussed at a future committee meeting.
- (p) Rally plaques/keyrings – MB said he had been investigating the cost of first rally plaques. He said that the cost would be between £1.00 and £1.10 per plaque, and asked what the committee thought. IJ suggested that as we were giving them away, MB should discuss the costs with SL to see if it was financially viable, and then report back to the committee. All agreed.
- (q) Officers' Reports – SL reported that the bank account was now all reconciled, and that after the relatively small loss taken at the AGM, there was around £4,000.00 in our bank account, £1,000.00 of which we owed to COM.

There were no other Officers' Reports.

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 5th December 2022 at 7.30pm.