



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



Committee Meeting Minutes  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 approved the Minutes of the Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. All approved.

**2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.**

MB said that he had looked into the question of adding a disciplinary procedure to our Supplementary Document and read out his suggestion. IJ said that this was in the CFG and for that reason he didn't think it should be in our Supplementary Document, which would also mean getting permission of the members. After some discussion it was agreed by all that we put a link to the CFG on our website, and just add the following to our Rally Rules: "All members of the club are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and not engage in any form of bullying, aggressive behaviour, harassment, discrimination, victimisation or sexual misconduct."

**IJ to action**

### **3. Matters to be discussed**

#### **(a) Bank Account Signatory update**

MB said that SL was now arranging for MW to be an additional signatory to our bank account. The paperwork had now been submitted to the Bank and she was hoping to hear from them shortly.

#### **(b) Keyring update**

MB said that he had now received the keyrings and given some to all committee members, both for themselves and to give out to members and anyone who had attended an MCG rally. He asked that we keep a record as to who had received them. Some would be given to those attending rallies for the first time, and the rest would be kept with the Insignia. Anyone wishing to purchase additional keyrings would be charged £1.00 per keyring.

#### **(c) 2023 National**

MB asked if anyone knew whether they were attending this year's National. He said he would put out a general message on WhatsApp to get an idea of numbers, and we would discuss further at our next Committee Meeting. This year's theme is films, and we could perhaps think of a film for the MCG to use.

**MB to action**

#### **(d) Scottish Rallies**

MB asked MW when she was intending to open for bookings. MW said that once the booking form which she had prepared was on the website she was happy to open for bookings. IJ suggested we put out an opening date for members now to give them time to see it. MW said that she wanted the bookings to be sent to her by email only and for non refundable deposits to be paid once she had sent confirmation back. MW had sent the draft booking form to committee members for approval. Slight tweaks were discussed and made. The booking form could be printed, completed and then emailed back to MW. An opening date of 12 noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> January was agreed, and IJ said that he would put a message on the website, facebook and whatsapp informing members of the date and process. MB said that there was a Nene Valley holiday rally in Exmouth during the Scottish rally where MCG members were more than welcome to attend and he suggested putting a notice out informing our members of this alternative. After some discussion it was felt by the majority that we shouldn't be advertising other rallies, but rather promoting the Scottish rally only.

**IJ to action**

#### **(e) 2023 Summer Rallies**

MB asked MW if there were any further rallies booked for the summer months. MW said she would report on this in her Rally Officer's Report.

(f) **2023 AGM**

Again, MW said she would cover this in her Rally Officer's Report.

(g) **Next of kin info for Rideouts**

MB said he felt we should have next of kin details available, just in case something awful happened whilst on a rideout. The Police would want an emergency contact number in this event. After some discussion SL suggested the hosts have a sheet at each rally where members going on rideouts would record an emergency contact name and their telephone number. This could then be taken on rideouts for that particular rally. By doing it this way the emergency details would be up to date. All agreed.

(h) **Stoke Bruerne Committee meeting for March**

MB said it would be nice for the committee to have a weekend together to include a committee meeting and suggested Stoke Bruerne. All agreed and the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March was suitable for all. WJ said she would phone the site re availability. It was agreed that we would of course pay our own way.

**WJ to action**

(i) **Procedure for recovery of a bike from a Rideout.**

MB suggested that in the event of somebody breaking down on a rideout that we see if a committee member with a trailer can go out and help bring them and the bike back. IJ said that rather than have a procedure he felt we should play it by ear if such an incident happened. All agreed.

(j) **Purchase of a bingo machine**

JC said that she had found a good bingo machine at a cost of £176 but felt it was a lot of money. SL had seen one for £127. SL suggested we could perhaps keep a couple of pounds back each time we played bingo to put towards the cost of the machine and tickets. MB said he thought we had to give all of the money taken back as winnings. SL said it was perfectly in order to keep a little back towards expenses. StL asked how often it would be used and whether it was enough to justify the cost. JC said that on reflection it might be easier and cheaper to use a program on a laptop to call the numbers. IJ said he had an old Windows 10 tablet, which if it worked the Club could use it for that purpose. He said he would look at it. JC suggested we try it at Stoke Bruerne.

**IJ to action**

(k) **Officers' Reports**

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £3,515.65 in the account. A deposit of £300 had been paid for the Scottish Rally. She was pursuing a refund in respect of a voucher which had not yet been received.

Web Master – IJ said he had spoken to Teresa Guyver regarding promotional pictures/MCG posters. She just wants one A4 portrait page with our logo, a picture and contact details for the exhibition tent. IJ said he would be doing this. With regard to members joining the MCG group, IJ had said that we would prefer people to join the MCC first and go to their regional groups, and thereafter join the MCG. Teresa Guyver had agreed with this and said they would proceed in future in this way.

IJ reported that there had been a few new members joining the Facebook group.

Lastly with regard to the Christmas E card that had been sent to members in December, he did not think many members had actually looked at the card as the census which had been mentioned in the email with the card had not had many responses. He did not think the time and effort taken with regard to the card merited us doing it again.

**IJ to action**

Secretary – WJ reported that only around half of the members had responded to the census sent out before Christmas, and this after a second reminder. Only one of those who responded had asked to be removed. She said she had emailed Head Office and had had that person removed from the membership list and had asked where we stood with regard to those who had not responded – ie could we ask to have them removed. She was going to chase Head Office for a response.

**WJ to action**

WJ said that we had had a few new members, and thought it likely that it was as a result of NB's report in the last magazine about being a pillion passenger.

Scribe – NB said she had got a report to go in next month's magazine but needed material after that.

Chairman – MB said that he believed we needed some new Insignia and would check to see before our next meeting.

**MB to action**

Rally Officer – MW said that with regard to the 2023 AGM she had contacted Lower Brailles, but that there would not be enough hardstanding and they did not allow parking on grass after October. She had emailed the Ukrainian Centre and was waiting to hear back. She was also awaiting contact details for Cottesloe School as another possibility.

She had secured 15 places at Chiltern's New Year rally for MCG members and had booked a rally at Weston for the Bike for Life ride. These were on the website.

MW said she had received an invite from Camper UK to their rally on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March. She was negotiating a free space, and would confirm shortly. There would not be space for bikes.

She was making enquiries of the relevant regional group with regard to three back to back rallies in the Lake District at the end of April and would come back to us once confirmed. The National started on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and then the Scottish rallies would take place between the 5<sup>th</sup> June and the 10<sup>th</sup> July. MW had booked a rally at Llangollen over the August Bank holiday (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August) and was making enquiries of Salford Caravan Park near Porthmadog, perhaps for a week or so before Llangollen.

She was looking at Salisbury and around Wareham and the New Forest for two to three weeks in September and would let us have details once confirmed. The AGM would then be October/November.

Once all rallies were confirmed she would look to see if any gaps could be filled.

MW said she thought it might be easier to book rallies and then let the regional group know we had done it. If she could do that she could start looking at bookings for 2024. IJ said that we could do this as we are a special interest group.

IJ asked about doing the air ambulance charity rideout again this year, but MW said we would be in the Salisbury area at that time.

**MW to action**

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting was set for the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March when the committee were getting together.