



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
5th December 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 approved the Minutes of the Meeting on the 24th October 2022. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Update on rallies.

AGM 2023. It was agreed that we would hold our 2023 AGM either on the first or second weekend of November. MW said that SL had sent her photos of a site at Lower Brailes, near Banbury, as a possibility for a venue for the 2023 AGM. She asked if a catering kitchen would be needed – it was agreed it would. StL said that we would be on grass but that the field was firm with a slight slope. He and SL had recently been to a rally there where the hall and kitchen had cost £100.00 per night. Facilities were good but space was limited. Barnstones was mentioned as another possibility but spaces would

be limited. MB suggested making the AGM rally bookable but IJ said that he didn't think it a good idea, as we wanted to encourage as many members as possible to attend. WJ suggested also contacting the Ukrainian Centre to see what their availability and costs were for November 2023, as the facilities are good and there is plenty of space. MW said she would make enquiries of each site. It was agreed by all to cancel the booking currently in place with the Ukrainian Centre for September 2023.

MW to action

Scotland trip. MW confirmed that all sites were now booked. She suggested that we open for bookings in the New Year and that they be made through her. MB said that some members had said to him that they were definitely intending to go. IJ confirmed that details were now on the website. Discussion took place concerning the taking of deposits, and it was agreed that a non refundable deposit of £30 be taken for each week, up to a maximum of £100, with balances being paid before the start of the rallies. Any member then finding themselves unable to go should only receive back their deposit if their place is filled. MW said that she had received correspondence from the Scottish group suggesting that only one van was interested in respect of only one site. It was agreed that we would give the Scottish group a short time in which to book, after which it would be open to any MCC member. The date for opening bookings to be discussed at the next meeting in January 2023.

Other possible rallies for 2023. MW said that she had been in touch with Chiltern group regarding their 2023 Easter rally and 2023/2024 New Year rally. They were running two five day consecutive rallies at Easter, the second of which had more space than the first, and spaces for 40 vans at the New Year rally and appeared keen for us to join them. Chiltern were coming back to MW with more details. MW also said she had also been in touch with West Wessex group regarding a rally they were running at Salisbury Rugby Club in July, and NW Midlands/Nth Wales group about rallies they are running in August/September at Llangollen and Salford. Again, she was waiting to receive further details.

MB asked if we were considering booking any rallies in England for May/June for members not going to Scotland. John and Pat Kirby had offered to host one if we were. MW said she thought the previous committee had agreed not to put on additional rallies during this time. After some discussion it was agreed that we would not organise alternative rallies during this time, and that there were plenty of other regional rallies taking place which members could go to. IJ said that he thought that we should in this case not give preference to members who were booking all the Scottish rallies over those

who could only attend some of them, but rather that bookings should be on a first come first serve basis. It was agreed we would think about this in January at the next meeting.

(b) Correspondence re Tina Botterill.

NB said she had received a letter from Head Office in response to her letter to them setting out details of the incident that had taken place. They said that no further action was being taken and that they were writing to Tina confirming this. Discussion took place regarding inclusion in our Rules of an anti-bullying policy. MW said that a couple of regional groups had included this in their Rules, and IJ said we used to have something in our Rules regarding this. If we were to include this in our Rules we would need to take it to our Members for their agreement. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and MB said he would look into this.

MB to action

(c) Chairman's Christmas Address for website

MB said he had written something which he had sent to IJ for the website. IJ and WJ had amended it and MB said he would put it on the Committee What's App group for all to see, after which IJ would put it on the Club website together with the photo of MB recently taken.

MB and IJ to action

(d) Christmas "e" card for members

IJ said that he was in the process of designing a card to send to MCG members. After trying out different ideas, he said he was intending to use the picture taken of members at the AGM around the Ukrainian mound with a Christmassy surround. The idea could then be used each year, using a picture of members at the AGM for that year. He said he would send the draft of the card to the committee for approval shortly, with the intention of sending the card out by the weekend.

IJ to action

(e) Extra rallies in England during Scottish rallies.

This has been discussed under 3(a)

(f) Publication of Minutes on club website.

IJ confirmed that this had now been done.

(g) Keyring update.

MB said he had sent an email on the 1st December to the people producing our keyrings, requesting 400 as agreed by the committee in Whatsapp correspondence. He was waiting to hear back from them.

(h) **Bank account – new signatory.**

MB said that we now had three signatories – himself, WJ and SL. He asked MW if she would be willing to be a fourth signatory, to which she agreed. MB said he would prepare the forms in readiness for her signature.

MB to action

(i) **Promotional pictures/MCG poster for Teresa Guyver at Warner shows.**

MB said that Teresa Guyver had asked for promotional pictures/MCG posters that she could have on display at Warner shows. IJ said he would get in touch with Teresa and thereafter prepare some paperwork for her.

IJ to action

(j) **Membership – joining process at shows, census, membership cards, membership renewal.**

MB said that at present people were joining the MCC at shows, and given the option of joining the MCG. They would then become members without us knowing. WJ said that she thought people should join the MCC and belong to a regional group first, and then contact us either by email or by attending an MCG rally, rather than just join at a show and perhaps not have any interest in motorbikes. IJ said he would mention this to Teresa when he next spoke to her.

IJ to action

So far as the census was concerned, IJ suggested we include a line in the Christmas “e” card, requesting members to confirm or otherwise if they would like to remain a member. All agreed.

WJ/IJ to action

It was decided not to pursue the provision of membership cards.

With regard to membership renewal, it was decided to see what response we received from members to the census we were conducting, before discussing further the possibility of membership fees.

(k) **Rally box paperwork and contents**

MB said that we had two rally boxes – one currently held by him and the other by IJ. His box needed more attendance sheets and risk assessment forms. He would get copies made for the box. SL asked to see a copy of the risk assessment form. WJ pointed out that she had received a draft of the new risk assessment form from the COM safety officer, and that it would shortly be substituted in the CFG for the current one. MW asked if there was a rally sheet template for the rally officer to complete when booking a site. She only had a handwritten one. As no-one has such a form she said she would make a template. MB said that the site fees per night must have a £1 added to them to cover any costs. SL said that this also helped to subsidise the AGM which usually made a loss due to the additional expense of

entertainment etc. IJ said that if we had entertainment at rallies we should charge more than an additional £1 per unit per night.

MW to action

(l) MCG Assets – list for Treasurer

MB said that he would send SL a list of the Club's assets which consisted of two rally boxes including fire extinguishers, and flags, a total value of around £500.00.

MB to action

(m) Officers' Reports

Rally Officer – MW asked if there should be any single supplement with regard to the Scottish rallies. All agreed that the costs are per unit regardless of whether there are one or two adults. MW also asked if we had a joblist for hosts, as she was intending to ask for hosts in respect of each rally in Scotland. MB said there was one in the rally boxes. IJ said he would scan one and send it to MW

IJ to action

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced, and that there is currently the sum of £4,055.41 in the account. The Ukrainian Centre had been paid for the hire of their centre for our 2022 AGM.

Entertainments Officer – JC said that she had got together some ideas for games to play at next year's rallies.

Scribe – NB said she had put a message on our Whatsapp group requesting material for her MCC magazine write up. She had not as yet received anything. For the January edition she had done a write up regarding being a pillion passenger but had nothing after that.

(n) Any other Business

MB said that he had heard that next year's theme at the National was "movies". NB suggested ours could be the film "Easy Rider". This could be discussed nearer the time.

MB said that the committee Christmas dinner he had tried to organise had proved difficult as not everybody could make the same date. It was decided to postpone this, and instead have a weekend meet with a meal, possibly somewhere like Stoke Bruerne. This could be discussed at the next meeting.

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 Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm.