



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
4th March 2023 at 2.45pm
Stratton Arms, Turweston, Nr Brackley

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 18th January 2023. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

IJ confirmed that he had put the additional wording previously discussed in the Rally Rules on the website, and had added a link on the website to the CFG. He had also looked into the bingo equipment discussed at the last meeting and would be passing this to JC.

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Bank Account Signatory update

SL said she had visited the bank again as nothing more had been heard. She had got new documents and MB had signed these. She gave these to MW for completion and signature by her. MW confirmed she would take these to her local branch with ID documents in the hope that she could be set up as an account signatory. SL said that the bank had agreed to keep her informed

as to progress by way of text. She will chase them again if she does not hear anything.

SL to action

(b) AGM venue and date

MW said that she was struggling to find a venue. She had investigated various places which had proved to be unsuitable for different reasons. The Ukrainian Centre had not replied to her requests. Discussion took place about various places and times, and it was agreed that we should have the AGM earlier in the year. We already had a rally booked at Stow-in-the-Wold from the 26th September to the 1st October where there was a rugby club and MW said she would make enquiries to see if the Rugby club was free on the Saturday 30th September so that our AGM could take place then. She would at that time ask about catering and costs. IJ said that he would personally prefer the club to contribute towards the cost of the AGM rather than spend it at the National this year, and all agreed.

MW to action

(c) 2023 National

MB said that about 11 vans had confirmed attendance. He thought that that number might increase to about 20. The theme "Wild Hogs" previously suggested by IJ was agreed. John and Pat Kirby had kindly offered to be the hosts. IJ said he would put the theme and names of the hosts on the website. MB said he would put this information on WhatsApp and Facebook and SL said she would contact Sue Pilkiw of COM to tell her we were expecting up to 20 MCG vans at the National.

MW said that she had contacted Severn Valley Group who were running a pre National rally about the group attending, but had not heard back.

IJ, MB and SL to action

(d) Tour of Scotland update

MW said that all deposits had been received and that we were now paying out deposits to sites that we were staying at for the pitches allocated. MW said that at the end of this month she would contact the sites to confirm numbers. Discussion took place between MW and SL as to how moneys will be paid to each site. SL said she would prefer one payment from each van for the total cost of the site fees, about 7 days before they went to their first site.

MW to action

(e) 2023 Rally Program update

MW reported on the latest rallies booked for the year and confirmed that the program was now complete apart from confirmation regarding the AGM. All agreed that it was very good and thanked MW for her hard work.

(f) **Adrian King's friend who could lead rides**

MW said she had received a call from Adrian King who informed her he had a friend in Scotland who was offering to lead a couple of rides. He had a van and had suggested he may stay on site the night before. All agreed that this was a very nice offer and were happy for him to do this, but that he would need to be a member of MCC in order to stay overnight.

(g) **Adrian King's "21st" birthday**

MW said that Adrian had informed her that it was his birthday on the 8th June which was during the Scottish trip. He said that he would like to celebrate it in some way, and it was agreed that JC should liaise with him to see what he had in mind.

JC to action

(h) **Website feedback**

MW reported that she had received favourable feedback regarding our website from Jane Sturdy with whom she had booked a rally at Trigon farm on the 16th to the 21st September. Jane Sturdy had told her that she thought it very organised and professional, and MW wanted to bring it to the attention of the Committee.

(i) **Ian Clarke's Scottish member's query re deposit**

MW said she had been contacted by Ian Clarke of the Scottish group querying why a deposit was needed for the Scottish rallies, as their group never took deposits. MW had responded saying that we were having to pay deposits to sites and therefore needed to take them from people booking. She said that we had not received any bookings from the Scottish group and wondered if they would just turn up to rallies. All agreed that if that happened and there were spaces then we would of course allow them to attend.

(j) **NABD**

Discussion took place regarding Sue Bocking's offer to bring NABD materials to an MCG rally. All agreed she was welcome to do so, and MB said he would respond to her suggesting the AGM be a good rally for this.

MB to action

(k) **Insignia Order**

MB said that we had no small vinyl stickers left and all agreed that we should purchase some more. IJ said we could use some of the stickers in Scotland to

leave at notice boards on sites we had stayed on. MB said he was not sure where the original ones had come from, and SL said she would contact Sue Pilkiw of COM and ask her where they got theirs from. All agreed also for MB to order 30 more of the normal round stickers and 10 more of each of the small, medium and large t-shirts.

SL and MB to action

(l) Enquiries from Chiltern Group

JC said she had been approached by Sharon Heritage of Chiltern Group asking how we were able to have rallies for longer than 5 days, and where she could find our MCG program. She had also said that we should have permission to rally in other group's areas. MW confirmed she had also received the same enquiries by email and had replied saying that the only rallies we held that were longer than 5 days were on commercial sites, that the MCG program could be found on our website, and that we did not need permission to have rallies in other group's areas as we were a national special interest group who did not have a designated area. Nothing more had been heard from Sharon.

(m) Officers' Reports

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £5,055.65 in the account. She had one cheque for £100 to pay in. This figure included all deposits received for the Scottish rally. She confirmed she had finally received the refund in respect of a voucher which she had been chasing for some time. SL said she would prepare a spreadsheet showing who had the club keyrings to give out/sell and who had received them etc.

SL to action

Secretary – WJ reported that she had received two new requests for membership as a result of the recent caravan and motorhome show at the NEC.

Scribe – NB said she had not got a report to go in next month's magazine other than to mention the forthcoming rallies.

Social Officer – JC said we needed to decide on a rally for the gin tasting competition and suggested one of the Scottish rallies. IJ suggested the AGM and all agreed. JC said she would contact Joy who had been asking.

JC confirmed she was happy with the bingo equipment that IJ had supplied.

JC to action

(n) Any other business

WJ said she had various motorbike related items to sell and asked if we could have a table top sale at one of the rallies. It was agreed that we would do

this at the Ride for Life rally in April, and limit it to motorbike and motorhome items. IJ said he would advertise it on the website and MB would put it on Whatsapp and Facebook.

IJ and MB to action

MW said she had received a phone call from Adrian King regarding a biking event at Betteshanger Park in August 2024. There would be an area for camping. He was going to look into it a bit more. It was agreed that we were interested and MW said she would reply to Adrian telling him this.

MW to action

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 5.00pm. The date of the next zoom meeting was set for Wednesday the 12th April at 7.30pm