



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



Committee Meeting Minutes  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 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  
Jane Cowley (JC)– Committee Member

Apologies were received from Noreen Borrill.

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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023. All approved.

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

As arranged at the last meeting, most of the Committee had met up at the Weston Rally. The rally boxes were updated to include the new Ride Out Emergency Contact Sheet. It was agreed that one should be completed at the start of each rally and destroyed at the end. SL agreed to adjust the rally box contents sheet to include this latest form. John and Pat were given a rally box in readiness for the National which they were co-hosting. Guidance Notes for hosts were drafted, and these have since been approved and are on the website. The names of those marshalling at the National have been sent to COM.

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

#### **(a) The National**

MB said that we had 23 vans going. The theme for our group was Pirates of the Caribbean. Two rideouts had been planned and there was an active Whats App group which JC was running for those going to the National. MB and StL would attend the Members Meeting on behalf of MCG

#### **(b) Insignia**

MB said that he was taking one box of insignia to the National. He had received some orders and would be taking those as well. So far as keyrings were concerned, quite a few had now been given out by Committee Members and so MB would bring some more to stock up. It was decided not to order any more of the white t shirts or the hi viz jackets and IJ was requested to remove these from the website.

**IJ to action**

#### **(c) Scottish Rallies**

SL reported that only 4 people on the list had not paid up front for the rallies, and it was assumed that they would pay either by bank transfer or cash on arrival. She proposed that the deposit moneys which these people had paid initially were applied to the site fees payable to the two commercial sites, and that they paid for the other sites in full. After discussion it was agreed that these 4 people pay in full for each rally until their last one or two rallies, at which time their initial deposit would be deducted from the site fees. MB reported that he had got two destinations for rideouts for each of the rallies.

#### **(d) AGM 2023**

MB confirmed that entertainment was now booked for the Saturday evening – Sylvester Gold Duo. SL said that they would be arriving at 5pm to set up before the meal at 6.00pm and that they would be doing two one hour sessions throughout the evening. The cost was £500.00 and this was due 5 days before the start of the rally.

#### **(e) Gate Lock**

MB confirmed he had purchased a lock (discussed and agreed on the Committee Whats App), at a cost of £25.00. This could be used at sites to lock the gate when we go on rideouts, and also at night times.

#### **(f) Next of kin**

MB said that he and SL had started to get members going to the National and to Scotland to complete these in advance. There had been one or two

objections to this from members. WJ said that it had been previously agreed that these would be completed on the first day of a rally and destroyed at the end of a rally. It was agreed that going forward we would do this.

**(g) Noreen**

MB reported that Noreen who had been taken ill the previous weekend was now home from hospital and recovering well. He thanked the rest of the Committee for their kind words and said it had meant a lot to both of them. They were hoping to go to the National at the end of the week and then on to Scotland.

**(h) Jane's Role and Title on Committee**

JC said that although she would like to remain on the Committee she was unable to continue as Social Officer and the work that it entailed. She would be comfortable with welcoming new members on site. IJ asked if we should put the role out to MCG members, and perhaps co-opt somebody on now rather than wait until the next AGM. MW suggested we ask any members interested to express an interest. After discussion it was decided to wait until the AGM as the Committee was working well at the moment. JC would now be a committee member only.

**(i) Abingdon refund request**

SL said she had received an email from Terry and Alison requesting a refund of £20 which they had never received. It was agreed by all that this should be sent to them. IJ asked how many more on the list had not received refunds. SL said there were 4 more. IJ suggested they should all be offered the refunds to put an end to the matter and all agreed. SL said she would deal with this.

**SL to action**

**(j) Rideout sizes**

StL said he had been thinking about rideout sizes and the possibility of splitting them into two groups, each leaving at a different time. He said he thought it would be difficult for the leader to see the last bike when there were perhaps 20 plus bikes. MB confirmed that you couldn't see, and that for that reason he arranged for corners to be marked. He said that generally it worked. To have two groups would mean two leaders and two tail enders. If there were a large number of bikes which included sports bikes and mopeds then two groups would be preferable. IJ said that it also depended on the area, the roads we would be travelling on and the destination. After discussion it was agreed that two groups would be considered if there were a lot of riders or mixed ability at any rideout.

**(k) Officers' Reports**

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £9,693.81 in the account, £6336.00 being moneys paid by members for the Scotland tour, and £1,000.00 of which of course was owed to COM.

Rally Officer – MW confirmed that the rally program for 2023 was now complete and that she was starting on the 2024 program. She confirmed she had booked Salisbury Rugby Club for the 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and was going to book other rallies around this date. She had been in contact with Brailes Village Hall as a possible venue for the 2024 AGM, and the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> September was currently available. She did not wish to leave the AGM much later than this, as the grass area would not be available to use from the end of September onwards, and this would limit space available for camping. MB said that there could possibly be a casual campsite rally on at that time but that if we booked now we had plenty of time to let members know. MW said she would go back to Brailes and try and get this booked. MW said she also had Bettshanger pencilled in for the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and was liaising with Adrian on that.

**MW to action**

**(l) Any other business**

MB (speaking for NB) said that a couple of things needed updating on the website – the start time for the Llangollen rally, and that the group description for that rally needed amending to NWM and MW. IJ said he would do this.

**IJ to action**

MB also said that we still did not have hosts for the Bala rally and that he would ask if anyone was interested on the Whats App group.

**MB to action**

MW asked that anybody who sees Ann Bond at the National ask her about any dates there are for the Casual campsites in 2024 as she was thinking of MCG possibly having a rally at one.

MW queried the moneys paid to Weston Park in respect of the recent rally there. She said it looked as if one night's rally fee had not been paid. MB explained that the paperwork had been completed before one van which had originally been going home the day before the rally ended decided to stay for the final night. IJ said that the van in question had stayed the extra night due

to a breakdown. MW said that she was not comfortable with this, and after discussion it was agreed that SL would contact Weston Park and explain that we had retained an extra night's money which should have been paid to them. It was agreed that going forward we would not finalise the paperwork until the last day of the rally to avoid this happening again.

**SL 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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm.