



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
8th August 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 Holloway-Smith (MH-S)– Rally Officer
Steve Louch (StL) – Safety Officer
Noreen Borrill (NB) - Scribe
Jane Cowley (JC)– Committee Member

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 23rd May 2023. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

MB said that the Emergency Contact Details forms had been introduced but that they had proved to be a hassle, with not everyone happy about them. After discussion it was decided to stop using them. IJ had given out helmet cards where personal details could be recorded for members to use if they so wished, but the forms would not be used at any future rallies. Those forms that had been used during the Scotland tour were destroyed at the end of the Scotland rallies.

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Scotland Tour

MB reported that the tour had gone well and everyone agreed. He thanked the Committee for their part in making it work, with special thanks to Miranda and her husband Ian for all their hard work in planning the tour.

(b) Insignia

MB said that we had run out of size 3XL T shirts and that he couldn't get any more in that size. He had purchased a further 10 size 2XL. He had done a stock check and would be passing this information to SL in order for her to finalise the accounts in readiness for the AGM.

MB to action

(c) AGM 2023

NB confirmed that she had sent the details in readiness for the September magazine and MB said he had put details on Facebook. SL was finalising accounts in readiness for the AGM and was liaising with Allison Maddison who was auditing the accounts. MH-S said she had received an email from COM asking for confirmation of the start time. This was 11.00am (not 1pm as COM thought) and MH-S confirmed she would reply to COM with the correct start time. Entertainment was booked. MH-S said she had received a call from a lady called Maria from Stowe Rugby Club where the AGM was taking place. Apparently they had double booked the room where we were to have our AGM – it was their President's lunch and there was also a home game that day. They were suggesting we use an upstairs room which could accommodate up to 50 people for our AGM and then eat in the bigger room in the evening. They would waive their £100.00 fee for the bigger room. Maria said there may still be people in there from the rugby match and asked if we minded that. IJ said we had paid for the bar staff for our evening do, which needed to be taken into account, and SL said that we shouldn't have to pay this if others are using the bar. Tea and coffee after the AGM might also be a problem if in a different room – SL said she could bring an urn and we could do our own if necessary. After some discussion it was agreed that MH-S would go back to Maria and ask about access to the room upstairs, how many people from the rugby match were likely to be there, the costs regarding the bar staff and how much notice they required regarding numbers for food orders. MB suggested changing the date of the AGM to the day before but this would not be possible as the date had now been advertised and the entertainment booked.

All current committee members confirmed they were happy to stay on the Committee for the next year.

MB said that at the recent Monturpie rally the site owners had given the club an extra free pitch, resulting in £50 less being paid. MB suggested we use this at the AGM and offer bacon rolls to the members on the Friday morning. All agreed, and JC said she would get the bacon. The rolls would be purchased the day before.

(d) Amendments to CFG

WJ said there had been some amendments to the CFG. She had received instructions to replace certain pages of the CFG which she had done. The disciplinary procedure had been amended to add that if any misconduct occurred at a Club national event then COM would deal with it rather than the regional committee. Changes to spacing on sites had also been made – if space was limited then units could be sited with a 4m space rather than the current 6m space, provided awnings weren't being used. Finally there was a new risk assessment form, which in fact we had been using for some time now. COM had involved Natural England with regard to these decisions – Natural England confirmed they only recommend and cannot enforce any rulings.

(e) Motorway Speeds

StL said that during a recent very wet rideout on the motorway the group had got split up. A bike in front of him had stuck at 50mph in order for those behind him to catch up, which StL felt had put him in an unsafe position. StL felt that this procedure should not be adopted on a motorway. It was agreed that in this situation riders should be able to overtake if they felt it safer to do so. MH-S said that people are responsible for their own safety. She suggested having a de-brief after a rideout to iron out any issues. MB said that people are not really interested in doing that, and SL said they could go on for a long time and get heated. IJ said that if a member wants to do 50mph on a motorway, then they should do so but wave others past. Everyone knows the destination.

(f) Officers' Reports

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £4,118.91 in the account, £1,000.00 of which of course was owed to COM. She needed to meet with Allison Maddison with the finalised accounts so they could be audited. They lived 110 miles away and were hoping to meet up half way. She asked if the Committee would agree to mileage expenses – all agreed. She was hoping it would all be done by the Llangollen rally at the end of August.

Rally Officer – MH-S confirmed that she had now drawn up the outline plan for the rally program for 2024 but needed to book sites. She had been given details of Bettshanger from Adrian. Members had also suggested Cornwall and Derbyshire and had offered to look at sites for her. There were two MCC

holiday camps in Cornwall which she would look at. MB said that next year's National was at the end of May in the Lincoln area and we could possibly go to the peak district after. MH-S said she was still looking at Brailes Village Hall for the 2024 AGM, for either the weekend of the 6th/7th September or the following weekend. This meant that we could also use the grass area which would give extra space.

MH-S to action

Secretary – WJ said that COM now had a new webmaster – Peter Heale had left. It was an IT company called IOCEA who were taking over – they already looked after the company database. The webmaster was called Anna and her husband Gary looked after the IT side. They were both MCC members. WJ said we had two new members, taking our total membership to 154 vans.

Scribe – NB said that she had prepared and sent a two page spread of the Scotland tour which would be in the next magazine.

(g) Any other business

JC said that rally hosts did not always have contact details for their sites. MH-S said that a booking in form had been created by SL with all details on it – venue, address, contact details etc. Going forward, as soon as a rally had been booked, the form would be completed and passed to the rally host. JC also asked IJ if we could change the first group photo on the website, as there were lots of people she didn't know in it. IJ said it was taken at the first AGM and that he needed to have a group photo to replace it with. He would look into it.

IJ 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 6th September 2023 at 7.30pm.