



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



Committee Meeting Minutes  
6<sup>th</sup> September 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023. All approved.

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

None

**3. Matters to be discussed**

**(a) Welsh Rallies**

MB reported that the two recent rallies in Wales, Bala and Llangollen, had been well attended and very successful. The Welsh group who were hosting Llangollen had been very inviting. We had gained around 5 new members from those rallies. IJ said that he had received facebook requests, some of whom had not answered the mandatory questions and so had been declined by facebook. We already had a message on our facebook page about this, and it may be that those who did not answer the questions were not in fact MCC members.

**(b) Photographs for website**

MB suggested he ask members to send a few photos from any rally they had attended to IJ so that he could add them to the website. IJ asked that they name them with the name of the rally. NB suggested we ask members to send photos to IJ from which he would choose a few to use, so that members would be aware that they would not all be used. IJ said he would create a new email address for them to be sent to before MB asked members.

**IJ and MB to action**

**(c) Changes to Supplementary document**

MB said that due to a couple of incidents regarding smoking and dogs in shelters, he had wondered whether we should consider making changes to our Supplementary document. As these points were covered in the CFG it was decided to leave things as they were. IJ pointed out that notice needed to be given of any proposed changes at least 28 days before the AGM so that members were aware. They would then need to be brought up at the AGM.

**(d) AGM**

MB said that under our Supplementary document rules one third of our current committee would need to stand down at the AGM and be elected back on. WJ NB and JC would stand down. WJ and NB said they were happy to stand for election again, but JC said that she did not wish to. This would leave 7 members on the committee. Notice had been given on our website and on Facebook of our forthcoming AGM with a request that if any member wished to stand for the committee they could complete a nomination form up to the start of the AGM on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. WJ said she had not as yet received any requests. So far as the Agenda and format of the AGM was concerned, WJ and MB would meet at the next rally in Wareham to go through this. MB said he would start a Whats App group shortly and invite members who were going to join.

**WJ and MB to action**

**(e) AGM rally itinerary**

MB had prepared a draft rally itinerary and emailed it to Committee members. This was discussed. SL said she would take money/cards from members on arrival. It was agreed to do a raffle. WJ and IJ said they would get the raffle prizes up to a value of £50.00. MB said he would ask members to bring a raffle prize as well. JC would organise a game of bingo – we would sell bingo books at £5.00 each. It was agreed we would buy a bingo program at a cost of £12.50 which IJ would put on his old tablet. It was agreed we would do a Mini Olympics one afternoon where all committee members would organise a game. Points would be gained at each game, and the

winning team would receive a prize. We would have a quiz one evening, and Robin Sollis had offered to organise a treasure hunt. WJ and IJ said they would get three prizes. Bacon and rolls would be purchased on the Thursday for the committee to cook on Friday morning for all members. It was decided to ask members to bring their own tea and coffee on the Friday morning. We would also purchase biscuits for the AGM. SL said she had two platters which she would bring for the biscuits. SL said she had an urn which she could bring. MH-S and NB will check membership cards before the start of the AGM. SL and StL agreed to meet the band on their arrival. It was agreed that we would ask for 2 longer sessions with a break in the middle for the raffle and prize giving. Members would pay a discounted rate of £5.00 each for a meal on the Saturday evening – it was agreed that this money would be taken at the start of the rally when rally fees were taken. IJ said he would make some “food vouchers” to be handed out to members on receipt of the food money. MH-S will contact Stow Rugby Club to confirm food details. WJ said she would confirm the itinerary with MB at Wareham and type it up and copy it ready so members attending could each have a copy.

**All Committee to action**

**(f) AGM finances**

SL said that she would work this out and confirm the cost in due course.

**SL to action**

**(g) Rallies for 2024**

MB said that we had all been working hard to book rallies for 2024 and we now had quite a few booked. WJ said that she had provisional bookings for the April/May period, but that the fees were higher than we were used to for some sites. All agreed they were experiencing the same. After discussion it was agreed that WJ should confirm these bookings. Sites fees were generally increasing and there was nothing we could do about it. Both MB and SL had booked quite a few rallies. MH-S said she had got a site booked at Salisbury for the August bank holiday 2024. IJ said that Imber village would possibly be open at that time and we could have a rideout to it.

**All Committee to action**

**(h) Officers' Reports**

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £4,149.17 in the account, £1,000.00 of which of course was owed to COM. We would make a little profit from the next couple of rallies and we had a little money from Insignia sales. IJ asked members what they thought about paying the £1,000.00 back to COM. Our bank balance would then reflect exactly what we had. SL agreed that

keeping it gave an artificial balance and that we could pay it back in the next financial year. All agreed we should pay it back.

**SL to action**

Rally Officer – MH-S said she had received a call from Pearl Spence saying she and Robin were not able to host the Valley Farm rally from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October. MB said that Phil and Val Pragnell would not now be able to co-host Trigon Farm with himself and NB from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September but that he would be asking Shon Gosling. Hosts would be needed for Valley Farm. MH-S thanked all committee members for helping out with the booking of rallies for 2024 as did MB. MH-S said she would email booking forms to WJ SL and MB to complete with details of the rallies they had booked and return to her. She would then send IJ a list of all rallies booked for him to print on an A3 sheet which could then be displayed at the AGM. Members could then see next years program and offer to host.

**MH-S to action**

Secretary – WJ suggested we send Get Well cards to Phil Pragnell and Graham Spence both of whom were currently recovering from an accident/unwell – this was agreed by all.

**WJ to action**

**(i) Any other business**

SL said she would like a separate email address to her personal one for committee business. IJ said he would investigate to see if he could create one for her.

**IJ to action**

IJ said that he could get hold of a marquee for the AGM. All agreed it would be a good idea.

**IJ to action**

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 10.10pm. The next committee meeting will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 after the AGM.