



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Minutes of the 6th AGM
At Greenhill Park, Salters Way, Stratford-Upon-Avon B95 6DN
Saturday 30th September 2023

The Chairman Martin Borrill opened the meeting at 11.01am and thanked all for attending. He asked that all mobile phones be turned off. He then introduced the Committee.

Himself Martin Borrill – Chairman

Ian Jefferson – Vice Chairman and Web and Social Media

Wendy Jefferson – Secretary

Sue Louch – Treasurer

Miranda Holloway-Smith – Rally Officer (not present)

Steve Louch – Safety Officer

Noreen Borrill – Scribe

Jane Cowley – Meet and Greet Chief and chief of fun and entertainment

There were no COM members present.

He explained to the members the voting procedure which will be a show of hands for general voting and ballot paper for election of members to the committee in accordance with our Supplementary Document. Only MCG members were eligible to vote. Acceptance criteria was 50% plus 1. He estimated that the meeting would last approximately 1 hour. He also said that everyone should have received a copy of last year's AGM Minutes, last years Members Meeting Minutes, the financial accounts, and a copy of the Supplementary Document and an Agenda.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to formally convene the meeting, which she duly did. There followed a 1 minutes' silence for absent friends, after which the Secretary read out the names of members who had sent apologies:

Apologies –

Pearl and Robin Spence

Graham Spence

William and Jacqui Barnes

Lyndy and Colin Swain

Nick and Patricia Gallop
Nick and Lyn Moore
Graham and Wendy Kendall
Steve and Judy Robinson
Pearl and Mel Smith
Joanne and Peter Pilkiw
Phil and Val Pragnell
Keith and Tina Botterill

Miranda and Ian Holloway-Smith
Chris Moore and Lorraine Ramsden
Paul Nelson and Joy Trickett
David and Pamela Monk
Bob and Lesley Muskett
Caroline and Richard Knight
Simon and Jackie Harrison
Ian and Sarah Cleverly

Martin then asked if everybody had had a chance to read through the Minutes of last year's AGM, and whether there were any comments regarding their accuracy. There being no comments, a vote for their approval was taken.

Proposed by: John Kirby Seconded by: Peter Clayton Abstentions: 0
A majority vote was carried in favour.

Martin asked if there were any Matters Arising on the previous Minutes. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Martin's Report was as follows:

Well, what a year we've had. We started at Weston Park near Telford where 23 of our bikes joined the many thousand bikes at the Air Ambulance Ride out. Then 6 of our vans headed up to the Lake District. Next we had 23 vans at the National in Malvern where we won the Cup for the best dressed table with our Pirates of the Caribbean Theme. Huge thanks to everyone involved. This trophy has become the MCG Cup of Kindness and it comes out now and again when we are sharing stuff. We then took the High Road to Scotland. Miranda and Ian eloped and got married at Gretna Green and we had a guard of honour with our bikes to celebrate the good news at Thomaston Farm. We had 6 more rallies all around Scotland before returning back home. August saw us in Bala and Llangollen, Wales, where we recruited more members. Finally we headed down to Wareham, Burley in the New Forest and here at Stratford Upon Avon for our final rally of the year. We have gained members at every group of rallies and to date we have organised 39 rideouts and covered 2145 miles. Our average rally numbers have been 15.84 vans (someone had a bit of their van missing!) All in all I think you will agree another successful season of rallies for the MCG.

On a serious side, we lost Ron Lyford in April this year, and we have had a few scares along the way with a few hospital admissions for heart attacks, broken ribs,

operations, various infections and a suspected stroke. Can I just ask all the group to try to keep safe, be careful on your bikes and stay off blooming ladders! Just to finish with a Disclaimer, although plenty have been eaten – “no pasties have been mentioned in this speech.”

There were no questions asked.

Secretary's Report

Wendy stated that Membership was up from last year's numbers and that we currently had 156 van members on our list. She had had a further MCC member requesting to join the MCG only yesterday so there would be 157 from next week. We tended to have around 40 vans that rallied on a fairly regular basis. As Martin had already said 2023 had been a good rallying year and with membership on the increase it could only get better.

Treasurer's Report

Sue's Report was as follows:

“Firstly I would like to thank Martin for his handover of the accounts from the previous financial year. Thanks Martin.

I'm enjoying the role of treasurer working alongside your committee. We've got on so well and it has been lovely to be a part of this.

Steve and I have made some wonderful memories from the rallies this year and what a busy year we have had.

I've tried to pre-empt any questions that may arise. OBA is opening balance adjustment where payments are yet to clear.

Refunds for the “Scottish Tour”. Members attended on different dates, different venues and departing at different times. Yes it was a challenge as members plans changed, but were able to negotiate with the sites so we were able to refund payment made. A couple of refunds were given in 22/23 for the Abingdon Airshow. These were for members who had assisted on the gates but hadn't been refunded and this has now been done. There will be no further refunds going forward for this.

New to the role this year I recognise where I can improve but please bear with me whilst wearing my different hats of mum, boss, treasurer and of course Saint Susie Nightingale to my most important fan!

One thing that would really help me would be where rallies run back to back to make payments scheduled for the actual rally start date if paying by bank transfer. This in turn makes the auditing much more efficient and less time consuming. Obviously this wouldn't apply with a planned tour such as Scotland but you understand the general picture.

I would like to thank Allison Maddison for giving her time in auditing the accounts for the club and Terry for bringing her. Thank you both.”

There being no questions raised, a vote for their approval was taken.

Proposed by: Tony Glasgow Seconded by: Adrian King Abstentions: 0.

A majority vote was carried in favour.

Rally Officer's Report

In Miranda's absence Wendy read out her report as follows:

“I am reading Miranda's report as she is unable to attend today due to family illness. Firstly, as always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Be it attending rallies, suggesting sites, hosting, helping out in the lots of ways you do, or simply by joining in. I know that I have enjoyed rallying with you all this year. We have been to some amazing places and enjoyed very many memorable ride-outs. We have met up with friends both old and new which is always great. I would secondly like to thank Martin and Noreen, Steve and Sue and Ian and Wendy for booking up sites for next year when I wasn't able to. We seem to have ended this year's season in style! But once again everyone has “rallied” round in true MCG spirit. I am very much looking forward to our 2024 season and hope to see you all soon.”

Supplementary Document

Martin confirmed that our supplementary document had been amended in accordance with last year's AGM Minutes and that at the request of COM it had been reviewed and was up to date.

Election of Group Committee

Martin thanked all the current Committee for their help and presented flowers to the ladies on the Committee who were present, namely Sue, Jane, Wendy and Noreen.

He then went on to say that as per the rules, one third of the committee would be standing down, that being Wendy, Noreen and Jane. They were all seeking re-election. Ian, Steve, Martin, Sue and Miranda would be remaining. In addition Nick Moore and Sean Cowley had completed proposal forms. Martin asked Sean to say why he would like to join the committee. Sean said that he enjoyed attending rallies and liked to help out wherever he could. He felt he had ideas which he could bring to the committee.

Martin asked that members complete the ballot papers and hand them in. Two MCG members who were present namely Shaun and Tina McCready counted the votes. Martin announced that all nominees had received a maximum number of votes.

There was then a short break to enable the Committee to have a meeting to decide on the posts to be filled.

The Committee returned and the following was announced:

Chairman – Martin Borrill

Vice Chairman/Webmaster – Ian Jefferson

Secretary – Wendy Jefferson

Treasurer – Sue Louch

Rally Officer – Steve Louch

Scribe – Noreen Borrill

Ordinary Committee Members – Nick Moore, Jane Cowley, Sean Cowley, Miranda Whitby

The Committee returned and Martin announced the new Committee members for 2023/2024 and their roles.

Election of Independent Accounts Examiner

Sue announced that Allison Maddison had confirmed that she was again happy to be nominated as the Independent Accounts Examiner.

A vote was taken.

Proposed: Debbie Kennedy Seconded: Peter Clayton Abstentions: 0

A majority vote was carried in favour.

Business Proposals

Martin announced that none had been received.

The Meeting closed at 11.40am

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Signed:.....