



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

At Greenhill Park, Salters Lane, Stratford Upon Avon B95 6DN
Saturday 30th September 2023 at 11.42am

The Chairman Martin Borrill asked for confirmation that everyone had received copies of last year's Members Meeting Minutes and that they were happy with them. There were no matters arising.

Martin asked for a vote to be taken to accept last year's Members Meeting minutes:

Proposed: Pat Kirby Seconded: Allison Maddison Abstentions: 0
Majority carried in favour

Martin said that we had not received any topics for discussion from any member. He had a few matters which he wished to raise as follows:

Rally start times – Martin stated that our rally start times generally were 1.00pm. Liability insurance covered us from this time. If members arrived earlier they would not be covered by the insurance and it did not give the hosts a chance to set up and be organised for the rally. It was up to individual groups to decide on rally start times and arrange for COM to be given those details. There was some discussion – Ian said that if we allowed members to gain early access particularly to a rally where there was limited space, then members arriving at the proper start time might find the rally is full. Tony said that it was sometimes a problem going from one rally to the next one when you had to be off site some hours before being allowed on the next one. It was reiterated that liability insurance only began at the advertised start time. Martin said that the committee were of the opinion that members were not allowed to go on to a rally field before the advertised start time. Ian said we were hoping to produce a booklet/sheet in November of rallies for 2024 with start times so everybody was aware. Adrian suggested that the start time be displayed at the top of the rally program. John said that we had the website which gave details of all rallies and that there was no need for a booklet. Adrian agreed, saying that details change sometimes and the website would have the up to date information. For anybody who did not have access to the internet, the rallies would be in the MCC Handbook for 2024. Finally

Martin said that we had a list of the 2024 rallies up on the door, and he invited everyone to have a look, and if they were able to, to offer to host one of them.

Martin said that there had been an incident at the Burley rally the previous week where they had had some “visitors” at 3.30am one morning who had attempted to steal bikes and had broken into about 4 trailers. The standard procedure was to sound the horn and put the hazard lights on. Sean suggested members should always check for any danger before running out of their vans. Discussion took place with regard to sounding the horn. Anne Workman said that she had tried to sound the horn at a rally when somebody had had a heart attack. Nobody had come over. She then shouted for help and somebody had come over to assist. With regard to a medical emergency, Adrian asked if we could get a defibrillator. Martin said that COM had fairly recently looked into this and it was going to cost each group in the region of £1,000.00 which we felt we could not afford. Liz Cox said that she knew of portable defibrillators that cost in the region of £330 plus £130 a year. After 2 years a replacement one was given. Martin said that if we did this we may have to increase the rally fees. He asked for a show of hands of those in favour of paying an additional £1 per night rally fee. Most members were in favour. Peter Clayton said that people might be worried about being sued if they did something wrong when using them. Chris Cox said that the Good Samaritan Act covered anybody trying to help someone. Martin said that the matter would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

Lee Deakin suggested we have a fire drill every so often. Caroline Blackwell said she thought members should let someone know when they were going off site. Shon Gosling asked if the Next of Kin list was still being used. Martin said that we had stopped it because some members were not keen on giving personal details. Some members kept cards in their helmets with personal details in case of emergency. Discussion took place as to alternative methods used by members of keeping personal details in case of emergency. Adrian King suggested we have somewhere on our website giving details of different ways of keeping personal information. Pat Kirby said that if a member was out on their own they definitely needed to have contact details in/on their helmets in case of emergency.

Visitors – Martin said that we had been a bit lapse, but that going forward and as from next year, any visitors on site must notify the hosts so that their details could be recorded. If any visitors were going to take part in any entertainment then an appropriate fee would be payable. Similarly, going forward, the rally fee was for two adults per unit per night. If there were extra adults in a van then an additional fee would be payable as from next year, and their details recorded.

Adrian King asked if when Committee Meeting Minutes were put on the website, that we put a message on Whatsapp informing members that they were on.

Martin said that we would try to, but pointed out that the Minutes always gave the date of the next meeting at the end, and that they were usually uploaded to the website approximately a week after that date.

Ride-outs – Martin said that he had recently been using different members to tail end the rides, which had been working well. He asked that if a ride-out spread out too much, that members slow down if they can't see the bike behind, so that eventually Martin would be aware that the bikes were not all together.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 12.23pm