



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
18th November 2023 at 12.30pm
Greenhill Park, Stratford on Avon

Present:

Martin Borrill (MB)– Chairman
Ian Jefferson (IJ)– Vice Chairman/Web Master
Sue Louch (SL)- Treasurer
Wendy Jefferson(WJ) – Secretary
Steve Louch (StL) – Rally Officer
Noreen Borrill (NB) - Scribe
Miranda Holloway-Smith (MH-S) – Committee Member
Jane Cowley (JC)– Committee Member
Sean Cowley (SC) – Committee Member
Nick Moore (NM) – 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 6th September 2023. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Welcome to new Committee Members

MB welcomed both Sean Cowley and Nick Moore to the Committee and said he was sure that they would both be an asset to the Committee.

(b) Confirmation from all Committee Members that they are happy with their roles

MB asked each member in turn to confirm that they were happy with their role within the Committee. All confirmed that they were. SL said that the

way in which the keyrings were accounted for needed to be in a different format. JC said that on that note she would give some of her keyring supply to NM so that he had some to give out when necessary.

JC to action

NB said she would happily pass on the role of Scribe if anybody wanted to take it on. It was difficult to get material for the magazine each month. After discussion it was agreed that the hosts at each rally would be asked to do a write up to pass on for the magazine. It was also suggested that Richard and Caroline Knight be asked if they could do a write up about their current trip abroad.

NB to action

(c) De-brief re 2023 AGM

WJ said that she wanted to minute the fact that despite so many problems with this year's AGM ie covid outbreak, last minute change of venue, the rally and AGM itself had been very successful. It was decided after some discussion that going forward the committee should do a "reccy" before the next AGM and not have a rally immediately beforehand in order to reduce the risk of covid. SL suggested a site visit be made at least a month before the AGM so that all details could be confirmed. It was generally felt that this should be done wherever possible for all rallies.

(d) Rally boxes and Equipment (Banner and Flag)

MB said that we needed to make sure that we had enough paperwork in each of the two boxes – ie booking in forms, expense sheets etc. It was agreed that MB, NB, JC and SC would go through the boxes after the meeting and that WJ would print off extra sheets required and bring them to the New Year rally. SL asked if we could purchase plastic discs as they would be handy for spacing out for parking up vans. NM said he would investigate and report back. SC suggested that as there was now a lot to carry in the rally boxes that we have a separate box with each rally box for the paperwork. The fire extinguishers carried the main weight, but as they had another two years shelf life left, it was felt that we should leave things as they are.

NM to action

WJ to action

So far as the Banner was concerned, this was ripped and would probably need replacing next year. MB had asked Caroline Blackwell to hem the frayed part and generally tidy it up a bit and this she was doing. MB would contact her and see whether she had done this. SL and StL currently had the square flag and confirmed that this was ok.

MB to action

(e) AGM 2024

StL confirmed that we had the hall booked for our AGM at Brailes next year. The rally started on Thursday 12th September and the hall was currently booked for 10am to 2pm and then 5pm to 11pm on Saturday 14th, and from 10am to 12 noon on Sunday 15th. We were being charged £12 per hour plus electricity for the hall which included use of the kitchen. After discussion it was agreed to also book the hall for Friday 13th from 7pm to 11pm, for Sunday from 7pm to 11pm and for Monday 16th from 7pm to 10pm. We were also being charged £10pupn. SL asked how much of the club funds the committee wanted to use at the AGM. MB said that as we hadn't been able to do too much at this years AGM he thought we should put in a reasonable amount. After some discussion re costs and food and entertainment for 1 or 2 nights, it was agreed that we were looking at £1,000 outlay for the AGM. It was suggested we charge £15 pupn to cover some of the outlay, the Club putting in the rest. SL said it was important to keep some money in the bank. So far as entertainment was concerned, MB said he knew of an impressionist that he would contact, and he would also make enquiries with regard to the DJ that Chiltern Group use.

MB to action

(f) New Year Rally with Chiltern Group

MB said that as a result of the invite from Chiltern Group to the MCG to their New Year Rally we had 27 members going. Chiltern were putting out tables for 8 people each, and he said he would start chat on Whats App with regard to a theme for the 4 tables we would need.

MB to action

(g) Rallies for 2024

StL said that there were two rallies next year with different prices pupn depending on the number attending, and asked how best to advertise them. After discussion it was decided to advertise the higher price, and if we got the required number of vans to be charged the lower price pupn we would give refunds. It was decided to make these two rallies cash only so that it would be easy to give refunds if we were able to.

StL said that hosts were required for three rallies next year – Caldicot, Hereford and Ashover and MB said he would put out a request for hosts on Facebook. NB commented that it generally worked well for two couples to host rallies where possible.

MB to action

IJ said that he had been approached by a member of Anglia committee who said that MCG were welcome to come to any of their rallies, space permitting. StL said that he would look into this for 2025.

StL said that there were 3 days immediately after the 2024 National rally where there was a gap before our next rally. He said he would probably not try to find somewhere for the group, it being mid week and only for 3 days. StL said that he had received details of bike shows and other places for the group to visit, which may be suitable for rideouts at rallies.

SL asked if anyone had ideas for rallies for 2025 – Cornwall, France, the Isle of Wight, Ireland and the Isle of Mann were all mentioned. MH-S said that she had been approached by John Newitt who had told her that the Northern Ireland group were interested in inviting us to one of their rallies.

(h) Officers' Reports

Treasurer – SL confirmed that the bank account was balanced and that there is currently the sum of £3,980.63 in the account, £1,000.00 of which of course was owed to COM. Although we had previously agreed to pay back the £1,000.00 owed to COM, SL felt we should keep it for the time being as we often had to pay deposits out for rallies and rally expenses. After discussion it was agreed by all that we should leave it where it is. IJ asked if it could be recorded separately as at present the bank balance suggested the club owned more money than it actually does. SL said she could put it in a high interest deposit account where it would earn a bit of interest. She said she could keep most of the rest in a deposit account to earn a little interest and just keep back a small amount in the current account.

SL to action

Scribe – NB said she had done a write up of the 2023 AGM together with a photograph for the December magazine. She had nothing for Jan and Feb 2024. After discussion it was agreed that MB would do a write up of the New Year rally with Chiltern, and NB would ask Richard and Caroline to do a write up of their trip.

NB to action

(i) Any other business

IJ said that some MCC members who joined our facebook page assumed that they were automatically MCG members and that this is not the case. To become a member WJ has to ask COM to add them to our membership list.

MH-S asked whether the paperwork regarding her being a signatory had been sorted out. SL said that it was still pending. After discussion it was decided not to pursue the application and leave the account with just the three signatories which was working well.

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 2.45pm. The next committee meeting will be a zoom meeting and take place on Wednesday the 31st January 2024 at 7.00pm. This meeting would be solely to discuss the 2024 AGM.