



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
31st January 2024 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
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 attending.

1. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting.

MB asked for confirmation that everyone approved the Minutes of the Meeting on the 18th November 2023. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Hosts for forthcoming rallies in Wales/Hereford

MB said that hosts were needed for two of the rallies in April and May. MH-S suggested putting it out to the members and IJ confirmed that this had already been done. SC said that he and JC would run one rally and MB said he and NB would run the other. Each couple said they would help the other couple at both rallies.

(b) Intergroup Festival (The National) 2024

After discussion on the Committee WhatsApp about the increase in rally fees for this year's event, each member of the committee had confirmed that they would not be attending. The price had increased from £90 to £150. It was agreed that MB would inform members via Facebook and WhatsApp, and that he would also email COM to inform them of our decision.

MB to action

(c) Club banner

MB confirmed that Caroline Blackwell had now hemmed up and tidied the Club banner and it was now in his possession.

(d) AGM 2024

MB began by suggesting that we have a site visit a few weeks before the AGM rally, to see the facilities. He suggested some time around the 12th August. MH-S queried whether this would give us enough time if alternative arrangements needed to be made. SL and StL confirmed they had recently attended a rally there and were happy with it. The hall could easily seat 50 plus people, and there was a separate stage for entertainment and a kitchen. JJ asked what sort of numbers we were working on. MB thought we might get 30-40 vans ie up to 80 people. SL said that could be a bit tight and that we would have to see what the licence said, and check how many chairs there were. StL said he would email the caretaker, Lisa, and find out. Regarding entertainment, MB asked StL about the singer he had previously mentioned. StL had emailed and was awaiting a response. He said that his fees were in the region of £250 if he sang alone, and £350 if he did a duo with his wife. It was suggested that we try for a disco on a different night as well, and all agreed they thought it better to do this and spend less on refreshments, particularly taking into account the different food allergies which had to be addressed. MB said he would contact the person who did the disco at the Chiltern New Year rally – he believed his fee was £250 to £300.

Discussion took place about refreshments, and it was agreed that we would have a bring and share American Supper on Friday evening, tea, coffee and biscuits at the AGM, cheese and biscuits and wine/beer on Saturday evening and bacon rolls on Monday morning. JC said that she believed you could get 2.5 litre boxes of wine from Aldi for £12.50. It was worked out that a box was equivalent to just under 20 glasses. After discussion it was agreed that we would provide 2 boxes of red wine, 2 boxes of white wine, 2 crates of beer (Budweiser?) and three bottles of lemonade. It was thought that a

selection of cheeses and some crackers would cost around £80.00. Mh-S agreed to get prices for the cheese.

SL suggested providing tea and coffee and biscuits after the AGM. She confirmed there was an urn on site. We would need to bring the tea and coffee etc but the milk could perhaps be purchased when on the rideout on Friday.

MB suggested bacon butties on the Monday before a rideout and all agreed. SL said there was a nearby bakery where we could buy the rolls on the day. MH-S said she would look at the cost of the bacon.

As we were not having the use of the hall on the Monday morning, IJ said we could each cook some bacon on our bbqs.

Raffle – it was agreed there would be a £50 limit with regard to purchasing raffle prizes. We could decide nearer the time who was happy to purchase the prizes.

Treasure Hunt – SC asked if we were thinking of doing a treasure hunt again. Discussion took place regarding the type of treasure hunt, ie a multiple choice type, or the taking of a photo at each point, after which it was agreed that MB and SC would look into it when visiting in August and decide on the best way of running it.

SC asked if committee could go the night before the start of the rally so there was less rush. MB said that there was no MCG rally immediately before and that if committee could arrive from 10am on the first day of the rally this should give us plenty of time.

StL said that the fee pupn was now £11 and not £10 as he had previously thought. The times that we could use the hall had slightly changed – they were now as follows:

Friday 13th September – 7pm to 11pm

Saturday 14th September – 10am to 2pm and then 5pm to 11pm

Sunday 15th September – 7pm to 11pm

Monday 16th September – 7.15pm to 10pm

We were being charged £12 per hour plus electricity for the hall which included use of the kitchen.

Approximate costs would work out as follows:

Hall and electricity - £230.00

Entertainment - £650.00 (max)

Food and drink - £200.00

It was agreed the program would run as follows:

Thursday 12th – A quiet evening to settle in.

Friday 13th – A rideout during the day followed by entertainment and an American Supper in the evening.

Saturday 14th – AGM in the morning followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Entertainment with cheese and biscuits, wine/beer in the evening.

Sunday 15th – A free day with a quiz and music bingo in the evening.

Monday 16th – A rideout during the day (perhaps a treasure hunt) with Jane's bingo in the evening.

Finally, JC asked what the committee thought about visitors fees. After discussion it was agreed that if a member who was not camping stayed on either Friday or Saturday when we were offering food and entertainment there should be a charge of £10 per person per evening/night. Anyone just attending the AGM would not be charged any fee. JJ reminded the committee that any visitor/guest irrespective of how long they were staying must sign in. All agreed.

All committee to action

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next committee meeting will be a zoom meeting and take place on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm.