



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
12th March 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 31st January 2024. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) Upcoming rallies in Wales and Yorkshire

MB confirmed that we now had hosts for all of the Welsh and Yorkshire rallies. He asked who was attending the Welsh rallies – all said they were intending to go to at least some of them, if not all.

(b) Return to COM of the Cup of Kindness

MB confirmed that he had given the Cup of Kindness to Carole and Roy Ward at a Chiltern Rally the previous weekend. They had agreed to return this to COM.

(c) AGM 2024 update

MB confirmed that we now had entertainment booked for Friday and Saturday – a singer and a disco as previously discussed. They were both happy to be paid on the night. It was agreed we would discuss this and the AGM generally in more detail at the next committee meeting.

(d) Keyring Ownership

SL said she would like someone else to take the management of this on. JJ agreed to do this. SL thanked him and said she would email details to him. NM said he did not have any keyrings to hand out and MB said he would pass some on to him.

SL to action

(e) 2025 Rallies

StL reported that he had got quite a few rallies booked for 2025. These were five night rallies, and he was trying to get three rallies together back to back so that they ran for 15 days at a time. They were from the 29th May to the end of July. Two of the bookings required deposits and he would arrange this with SL for the deposits to be paid. He had found that prices had gone up generally and he was trying to keep the costs to around £15 pupn. Two of the rallies required a minimum of 10 vans and 15 vans. StL asked if the Committee felt we should arrange for rallies in April. Easter day 2025 falls on the 20th April, and as many members attended their regional Easter rallies it was agreed that we should not start rallying before the end of April at the earliest.

Other sites which were discussed were Cookham and Barnstones. StL said he had details for these and would contact them, perhaps with a view to rallying at these sites in August. He suggested having rallies to mid August and then breaking for the bank holiday and meeting up again in September for the 2025 AGM. MH-S said that Barnstones got booked up quickly. MB asked StL if he had informed the regional groups where he had booked rallies. StL said that he hadn't yet but that he was planning to. He said he had booked rallies in Ashbourne, Warwickshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire, and then back to Stratford. SL said that they only had very limited contact details in respect of previous MCG rallies, other

than the paperwork that MH-S had given them. MB said that he had got a list of all the MCG rallies that had taken place over the years. MH-S suggested that the details be kept electronically. MB suggested that we meet up at one of the Welsh rallies to give all the details we had to StL. IJ reminded StL that Anglia were very happy to invite us to one or more of their rallies. WJ said that Anglia had virtually finished their 2025 program which ran along the same lines as their 2024 program. StL said he would look into this.

(f) Officers Reports

Treasurer – SL said that we currently had £3,942.63 in the bank. She was in the process of setting up a deposit account but it was proving long winded. She had set up the application at the beginning of January and had phoned the bank twice and paid them a visit. She had today raised a complaint and they had promised to phone her the next day. She needed addresses for the last 3 years for the signatories in order for the deposit account to be set up. The deposit account paid interest at a rate of 1.3%. It was not a high interest rate but there were no restrictions regarding withdrawals or transfer of moneys backwards and forwards and it would make a bit of interest particularly in the winter months when the account was not generally used.

SL to action

Scribe – NB said it was difficult to find material to put into the monthly magazine. A write up for the Chiltern New Year rally which the group had been invited to had been put in the magazine, and until the end of April when the MCG rallies start again NB said she would just advertise this years rallies. NM suggested a write up about all the MCG members who had purchased new bikes over the winter.

(g) Any Other Business

StL said that he had heard that for the Intergroup Festival 2024 to just break even, 200 units would need to attend. Only those with trailers were being grouped together – all other units were going to be parked up in order of arrival. MB said he did not know of any MCG members going this year, due to the hefty rise in costs. Discussion took place generally regarding the National and dwindling numbers, which SL said seemed to be the case with most groups.

NM said he had investigated the purchase of cones to be used when parking up vans at rallies. A pack of 50 was about £15.00, and came either in one colour or a mix of 4 or 5 colours. All agreed they should be purchased, with a

pack of different colours being favoured. We could put 25 in each rally box. NM said he would deal with this. So far as the rally boxes were concerned, WJ confirmed she had photocopied various sheets and would bring them when we next met.

NM to action

MB reminded the group of the forthcoming Biker Down course on the 20th April and suggested that we go for a meal at The Kensington in Great Holm after the course. MH-S said she may be able to get a discount and would organise the booking for 12 people at 5.00pm on the day.

MH-S to action

MH-S said that she had got a large pack of First Aid equipment. She said she would wait and see if we got any guidance at the Biker Down course, and would then put together a couple of packs for the leader and TEC. Following that she was happy to distribute anything left to the club. MB mentioned that he had just completed a first aid course.

MB said he had seen a video on fire sticks – fire extinguishers that were small in size and only weighed 1k. They worked very well but were costly – in the region of £80 each, although a discount was given if two were purchased. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting, but that in any event our current fire extinguishers were still in date.

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next committee meeting would take place during the Welsh rallies at a convenient time when most/all of the committee were present.