MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club

Minutes of the 8th AGM
At Barnstones Caravan Park, Main Street, Great Bourton, Banbury OX17 1QU
Saturday 27th September 2025

The Chairman Martin Borrill opened the meeting at 11.00am He thanked everyone for their patience, explaining that the bacon rolls had been prepared and eaten more quickly than anticipated, and said that he hoped everyone had enjoyed them. 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
Steve Louch – Rally Officer
Noreen Borrill – Scribe
Jane Cowley – committee member
Sean Cowley – committee member
Nick Moore – committee member

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, this year's 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 –

Andy and Caroline Blackwell	Tony and Sandra Glasgow
Robin and Pauline Sollis	Paul and Carol Taylor
Nick and Patricia Gallop	Jon and Liz Weaver
Terry and Allison Maddison	Chris Moore and Lorraine Ramsden
Graham and Wendy Kendall	Paul Nelson and Joy Trickett
Geoff and Anne Workman	David and Pamela Monk
Pearl and Mel Smith	John Newitt
Caroline and Richard Knight	Graham Spence

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: Bob Muskett 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:
"As we come to the end of another successful season of rallies, I hope you have all enjoyed your time with us, be it just a few days or most of our rallies.
Eight years, and we have all become more than just a club. I feel we have all become good friends. We all laugh together, have a drink or two together, help each other in different ways, emotionally, problems with vans, bikes, and dare I say it, accidents in ditches. Thank goodness that one ended up the way it did – it could have been so much worse.
I would like to thank everyone involved for all the advice and help you have all given throughout the years. I'm sure we have all saved a lot of money by acting on some of the advice shared amongst us. I know I have.
I would also like to thank all the tail end Charlies for their patience. That can be a thankless task because they are always going to be riding at the slowest pace, and in my view not having as much fun as the leader can. I would like to thank our Committee for all the work they have done throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you – the MCG – for supporting the committee. We do try to act on your suggestions, but obviously we can't do everything. That's all I have to say – Thank you.

Secretary's Report
Wendy's Report was as follows:
"Membership is slightly down again this year. Our current van numbers are 149. However, average attendance at rallies has remained roughly the same.
The only other thing to mention is that I, along with other secretaries of the various regional groups, have had quite a bit of correspondence with head office regarding the recent cyber attacks on the MCC data, and these are still continuing. As a result of this we are now only being provided with members names, membership numbers and expiry dates of cards, and nothing more. No addresses, email addresses or telephone numbers.
That is all I have to say. Thank you."

Treasurer's Report
Sue's Report was as follows:
"I must start with thanking the members and rally stewards again for your generosity in 2024/2025. I would also like to thank Allison Maddison for auditing the accounts this year and giving her time to the MCG for this.
We started the year with £4528.49 and ended the year with £3908.20. With £620.29 taken from club funds to cover the expenditure you see on the expenditure sheet.
There is only one additional area that has changed this year. You will see that in 2025 the banks introduced banking charges changing our account to a business platform. The charges have been offset by the interest received on the deposit account so the costs are negligible.
I would like to remind members that payments are due on the date of arrival as soon as you have yourself settled. If you are unsure of the number of nights you are staying you can pay your additional nights in cash to the rally steward. Also I would like to ask that payment for the rally is not sent before arrival if sending by Bacs. Please do not send payments for two consecutive rallies together. This does make my job easier and also that of the auditor.
Does anyone have any questions regarding the accounts for this year? If not could I have a proposer to accept the accounts as at the year ending July 2025?"
Proposed by: Lyn Moore Seconded by: Robin Spence Abstentions: 0.
A majority vote was carried in favour.

Rally Officer's Report

Steve's Report was as follows:

"This year we will have completed 11 rallies across the country, including the National. These have included new sites and also those that we have previously visited. I would like to personally thank all who have marshalled for us this year, and urge those who have never marshalled to consider doing so for 2026. Remember that without Marshalls rallies cannot go ahead. Whilst I accept that there are those who genuinely cannot run a rally, if every member was to marshall then it would mean that they would only have to do this every three years or so and ease the burden on our regulars.

For 2026 I have put together a rally program consisting of 11 rallies including the National, starting our biking season in Yorkshire and finishing with a holiday rally in Cornwall where we will be holding our AGM. In August we will be in Kent where our rallies are timed to coincide with the Heritage Sprint which is an annual racing festival for heritage bikes, and promises to be an entertaining weekend. The rally site is next door to the Sprint venue which will make it easier for members to attend.

Note that we have two rallies that are bookable, Chatsworth and Hayle. Chatsworth is purely indicative as it is an invite to East Mids group following their Cromford rally, with Hayle requiring a £50 deposit to secure your place. Costs as ever continue to be a challenge and I have found that more and more sites are requiring substantial deposits with bookings.

If any of you see a site that you think is suitable for our group please send the details across to me so that I can review and a big thank you to those that already have done so.

2027 will be my final year as Rally Officer and I will be stepping down from the committee at next years AGM, which means that this club will require a new Rally Officer. Please everyone consider putting yourselves forward for this role and if you are unsure as to what it entails then speak to myself and I can advise.

Lastly and at the risk of repeating myself please take the time to view next years rallies and consider marshalling one of them by placing your name next to the relevant rally. For those of you who have never marshalled a rally before, all you need to do is park up the motorhome and collect the money. Any additional activities are entirely up to you and can be as much or as little as you like. There are always plenty of people who are able to help or advise."

Supplementary Document

Martin confirmed that our supplementary document had not been amended in the last year, 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 chocolate money bags to all on the Committee.
He then went on to say that as per the rules, one third of the committee would be standing down, that being Ian, Sean and Nick. All three were seeking re-election. The rest of the Committee would be remaining.

Martin asked that members complete the ballot papers and hand them in. Two MCG members who were present namely Bob and Lesley Muskett counted the votes. Martin announced that all three 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

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: Bob Muskett Seconded: Adrian King Abstentions: 0
A majority vote was carried in favour.

Business Proposals
Martin announced that none had been received.

The Meeting closed at 12 noon

Chairman:………………………………………… Dated:…………………………………..

Signed:……………………………………………..