



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes
13th April 2026 at 5.00pm
Zoom Meeting

Present:

Martin Borrill (MB)– Chairman
Ian Jefferson (IJ)– Vice Chairman/Web Master
Wendy Jefferson(WJ) – Secretary
Sue Louch (SL) – Treasurer
Steve Louch (StL) – Rally Officer
Noreen Borrill (NB) - Scribe
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 last meeting. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None other than those mentioned below.

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) AGM 2026

MB said that he had contacted Ron Harris at Head Office asking him for details of this year's AGM. He had received a response regarding prices, and not being able to take your own drinks into the marquee. He had informed our members of this via our WhatsApp group and this had been reposted on Facebook by a member. Ron Harris had contacted him again and had told him that this should immediately be removed. MB also said he had recently spoken on the telephone to Paul Maguire the COM Treasurer, and asked him

if the fact that our Club had been asked to repay the £1,000.00 which was loaned to us when MCG formed had been triggered by the fact that MCG were not attending this year's National as a group. Paul Maguire said it had not. He did say however that COM were not happy that MCG had decided not to go.

(b) NABD Update

WJ confirmed she had contacted Sue Bocking informing her that the Committee had agreed that the Club should sponsor NABD and had asked for bank details and the current sponsorship fee so that this could be done. Sue Bocking had responded thanking us, and saying she would pass the details over once her club had had its next committee meeting.

(c) MCG AGM 2026

StL reported that he had 28 vans booked so far (22 on electric pitches). There were another 4 places available. If more were needed, he could contact the site owner. The nearby hall had been booked for the whole of Saturday 12th September, the day of the AGM, but nothing else. He said he would be away from the beginning of May until the 25th, and so the contact details regarding the booking of this and also the Chatsworth rally needed to be changed during this period. He had 40 bookings for Chatsworth, with another 30 places available. MB said he would take any bookings during this period. IJ said he would change the website to record this.

Discussion took place regarding entertainment and food for the AGM day and it was agreed we would try to get a disco and have a faith meal.

We agreed to discuss this more at our next committee meeting.

IJ to action

(d) Insignia update

IJ said that we had previously discussed caps with our logo on, and having the logo on members own sweatshirts etc. The logo had proved to be too big for caps, and he had got no further with the idea of putting the logo on to sweatshirts. After discussion it was agreed not to investigate this any further, and just leave things as they are.

(e) Hi Vis Jackets for Leader and Tail End Charlie

IJ said he had looked into this, and our current insignia suppliers did orange Hi Vis zipped jackets for £11.50 plus a cost for the logo. It was agreed after discussion that we should not do any more about this at present.

(f) Separate E mail addresses

IJ said he had set up separate email addresses for the rally officer, treasurer, chairman and secretary. There was already one for the webmaster. These needed to be finalised and it was agreed that we would do this at the Yorkshire rally in May when most of the Committee would be there.

(g) Fire extinguishers and rally boxes

IJ said he had spoken to Keith Poole the Health and Safety Officer for COM. He had confirmed that as every van should be carrying a fire extinguisher and blanket there was no need for the Club to have separate ones. These could now be written off. MB said that he had purchased new rally boxes at a cost of £15 each. The old ones could now be disposed of.

(h) Officers Reports

Treasurer – SL said that income from the beginning of the financial year totalled £5,439.12 and expenditure for the same period totalled £7,561.15, meaning that we had spent just over £2,000.00 more than we had received. This included the £1,000.00 loan that COM had requested the return of, and a £700.00 deposit for the Walford Village Hall rally in June. The current account balance was £1,325.36 and the deposit account balance was £1,300.00. A further £700.00 would shortly need to be paid to Walford Village Hall prior to the rally, and it should be noted that the deposit account balance of £1,300.00 consisted solely of deposits for the AGM rally that members had paid. It followed that we only had a floating balance of £1,325.36, which would shortly be reduced by £700.00. At this point, the Club had less money than when it had first formed. In addition, interest on the deposit account received during the last financial year amounted to £10.72 but we had spent £29.75 in bank charges.

IJ suggested we don't book any halls for a while and just have rallies in fields to cut down on costs. StL said that the only hall booked for 2027 was one for the AGM. Further discussion took place as to how we could make a bit of money for the Club and suggestions of a raffle and games at some of the bigger rallies were made.

This year's AGM was discussed again and a suggestion was made that we have the AGM later in the day followed by a faith supper and music, rather than a disco. This would reduce the cost of the hire of the hall for the day, and the cost of a disco. It was agreed that we would discuss this further at the next committee meeting.

Rally Officer – StL confirmed that next year's rallies were all booked. There was one which couldn't be confirmed finally until January 2027.

With regard to this year's rally at Drax, he had been informed that there was a rally there immediately before ours, and we couldn't therefore start ours until 3.00pm. IJ said he would alter the start time on the website and StL said he would put a message on our WhatsApp Announcement page. All committee members had now been made admin of this page.

IJ and StL to action

Finally, StL said that so far nobody had come forward to take over the role of Rally Officer going forward from September 2026 when he would be standing down.

Secretary – WJ said she had received a letter from Alastair Bartlam, the COM Group Liaison Lead, asking if we had any concerns that we would like answered. It was agreed that we hadn't and WJ said she would respond accordingly.

WJ also said we had received an email from COM regarding this year's National and asking for the names of our two marshals. She had responded confirming that MCG were not attending as a group this year. No response had been received to date.

WJ to action

Webmaster – IJ confirmed he had now set up a QR code, which could be used to go directly to our website.

Scribe – NB said she would be stepping down from the Committee at this year's AGM. She confirmed she would carry on being the Scribe until somebody took over.

NM asked for confirmation of the number of places at the AGM rally in Cornwall. StL confirmed there were 28 booked (22 electric) and 4 still available (electric).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.15pm. The next committee meeting will take place during the Drax rally in May.