



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES
At Women's Institute Hall, Turnpike Road,
Connor Downs, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5DT
Saturday 12th September 2026

The meeting commenced at 12.08pm

The Chairman Martin Borrill asked for confirmation that everyone had received copies of last year's Members Meeting Minutes and that they were happy with them. There were no matters arising.

Martin asked for a vote to be taken to accept last year's Members Meeting minutes:

Proposed: Allison Maddison Seconded: Katrina Williamson Abstentions: 1

Majority carried in favour

Martin said that we had not received any topics for discussion and asked if anybody had any questions.

Paul Nelson mentioned rideouts. He said we had been going for 9 years now and needed to keep together. On the rideout the day before we had been a mile apart at one time. He urged people to keep up. Martin said that there were too many bikes to filter but that we had all arrived together at the end. On main roads we should try to stick together otherwise vans etc got in the way. He said however that you should always ride for yourself. Jane Cowley said that it was other traffic getting in the way that kept the bikes apart. Ian Jefferson and Leigh Deakin said that it was not always possible to keep together. There was general discussion with various members giving their opinions after which Tony Glasgow said that although everyone's comments were right, with 25 bikes a rideout would never run smoothly without outriders, which we did not use. It would be better to have two smaller rideouts but that would need more leaders and tail enders. Further discussion again ensued, including having a rider staying in the middle of the group to liaise with the leader and tail ender, reading the club rules regarding rideouts, and making some drop off points less dangerous. Martin asked for a show of hands regarding volunteers for leading and tail ending rideouts – 4 or 5 members said they were willing. Martin said he would split the next large rideout and see how it went. Lyn Moore suggested avoiding Fridays Saturdays and Sundays for rideouts as these were busy days on the roads. Tony Glasgow said that the committee would take into consideration all that had been said.

Pat Kirby asked if the AGM papers could be given out the night before the AGM rather than on the day so that members could be given longer to read them. This was agreed. It was pointed out however that the Minutes of the previous AGM were always on the website for almost the

whole of the year. Tony Glasgow suggested they be emailed to save paper, but after discussion it was thought that this might not be suitable for everyone.

Shon Gosling mentioned that the Committee had said at last year's Members Meeting that they would discuss the affiliation to the NABD Charity. Sue Louch confirmed that this had been done in April of this year for one year, but that to date we had not received any paperwork at all.

Keith Bottrill commented that the parking on site at the holiday rally was all around a large field and asked why we couldn't have all been nearer and down the middle of the field. Steve Louch said that we had complied with the site's rules.

Sandra Glasgow enquired about Insignia and the recent fleeces we had been shown. Ian Jefferson said that we had received very little interest and so the committee had decided not to proceed. John Newitt was however in the process of getting a fleece with our logo made for himself and would show this to us and let us know the cost. We would then let the members know.

Miranda Holloway-Smith said she had looked on our website and couldn't see any Minutes of Committee meetings since April of this year. Ian Jefferson said there had only been one committee meeting since then, and because it contained info about Shon Gosling's 80th birthday party and a gift that was being made to Allison Maddison, it had been decided to delay publishing the Minutes until after the AGM when these events would have taken place. Tina McCready said that although we had around 140 members, it was the same few who attended rallies and maybe it was time to look at the membership list. Tony Glasgow said that it was something he had been intending to look at, and maybe send an email to all members asking them to respond if they wished to continue to be members. Wendy Jefferson said we would have to check with head office to see if we were allowed to cancel MCG membership on this basis. Ian Jefferson explained how members joined at the outset, and Martin Borrill said that some on our facebook page thought they were automatically members. John Kirby said he couldn't see the problem of having a large membership when only a core few attended rallies. Discussion ensued with various members giving their opinions. Pat Kirby said she used to keep spreadsheets from which one could see who was supporting the Club. Sue Louch said that other groups supported us and gave the Chatsworth rally as an example where we had members from many groups attend. Tina McCready said that at our rallies MCG members should be offered places first before other MCC members. Sue Louch said that that had been the case at the bookable rallies this year. Sean Cowley said that members only needed to have an interest in bikes to become MCG members – the group was started on that basis. Chris Moore said that an MCC member whose name he didn't know had spoken to an MCG committee member and said that he wanted to join and had a 50cc moped. He was told that he would not be able to keep up on a rideout and so did not join. A discussion took place about different bikes and their abilities and Ian Jefferson pointed out that the website stated that all bikes were welcome on rideouts, whatever their capabilities.

Martin Borrill wound up the discussion by thanking all for their opinions and points and said that we had a great group. John Kirby said well done to all the Committee.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 1.15pm