

MOTOR CARAVANNERS' CLUB – ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP 23

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No. 33 – 2022

Held at Downside Centre, Furrongs, Newport, Isle of Wight. 2nd November 2022 at 19.00

16 Members attended the Meeting,

Existing Committee:-

Chairman	Teresa Woolven
Secretary & Webmaster	Heather Jennings
Treasurer	Tracy Ringer
Rally Officer	Andrew Clapp
Social Secretaries	Cheryl Clapp
Committee member	Edwin Jones

1. The Chairman welcomed Members and introduced the Committee.
2. The Secretary read the Notice formally convening the meeting.
3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Elaine Smith, Alan Ringer, Rosie and Dave, Bob and Barbara Ferguson, Mr and Mrs Sinclair

4. The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved (*proposed by Steve Cragg and seconded by Edwin Jones*),
5. Matters arising.

Rally booklet stamps can be carried over to 2023
There are £10 vouchers for introducing new members
Event shelter was purchased and has proved very useful

6. Chairmans Report

Good evening everyone, this year has gone by so fast, it doesn't seem one year since we were here last time, but at least we ARE here.

I would like to welcome our new club members. We also said a heartfelt goodbye last month to our member Heather (Hev) North who died very suddenly. Our deep condolences go to her partner Jack, her family and friends. We've had some brilliant weather this year and have made the most of it. We've had 12 rallies, arranged by our rally officer. This isn't the easiest job but I'm sure you all appreciate the hard work that has been done by Andrew. He investigates new sites on a regular basis and spends time on the phone arranging rallies and has to rearrange some at short notice due to various reasons, the weather or the site circumstances changing, thank you Andrew. Our club wouldn't be effective if it wasn't for our secretary Heather's organizational hard work behind the scenes, all those information emails she sends out keeping us up to date, thank you Heather.

The National AGM and rally this year were held in June in Stafford, 6 of our members attended, gaining information about the Clubs future plans and also having fun, you may have seen our photo which was printed in the club magazine, it was a 60's party night, they aren't our usual clothes.

Our 'free nights' have been very popular, these are gained when you attend a set number of rallies, they have gone down so well, the incoming committee will be discussing the probability of having to increase the number of rallies attended to be eligible for a free night, as the club is having to foot the bill for these nights, which is depleting our funds. The finances, although not low, need to be increased due to rally sites upping their prices.

If any members have any ideas for fund raising, please can they either speak to a committee member or send an email to the secretary, we are thinking of restarting the rally raffles, but other new ideas are always welcome.

Each of our rallies requires a 'host / hosts' to organize the weekend and this year we saw some new 1st time hosts, who have done a brilliant job. If anyone else is thinking of hosting a rally please come and talk to one of the committee or any of the members who have hosted in the past. I'm sure they would tell you it isn't as daunting as they first thought. New hosts bring new ideas.

This year we had most of our committee meetings over Zoom, this not only saves us going out in the evening / morning to attend the meeting, but it keeps our discussions 'to the point' as we only have a finite amount of time.

Our Christmas dinner this year is again being held at the Fighting Cocks pub in Arreton on December 2nd. Sam is very accommodating to our club and lets us rally in the field when we want, paying only for a meal in the pub. You are encouraged to bring your motorhome overnight and to decorate it. If any member has ideas of other venues for meals or activities please let us know.

Our current treasurer Tracy Ringer is moving on from the post, thank you for your work for the club and we give you and Alan all our best wishes for the future.

For the past 2 years the position of safety / equipment officer has been vacant, but the equipment hasn't been neglected. Steve Cragg has been looking after it and has now decided to reapply to join the committee. We have also had application for the post of treasurer from Anne Lovejoy.

If anyone else would like to join the committee post please let us know before the election.

We would like to hear from members, of a local charity we could support this coming year.

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary summarised the Membership situation, which is 34 vans (65 people). There were 3 (vans) new members including 1 transfer from the Essex Group. 5 members did not renew their membership

The secretary also explained how the sum up card machine works by taking contactless payments or via chip and pin. There is no contract but there is a 1.6% charge for each transaction. It has been used at a rally this year and was well received by those members unable to pay by bank transfer

8. Treasurer's Report Financial Year – 2021/22.

Income

11 rallies were held during the year including 3 at the Fighting Cocks where no pitch fee is paid as a meal is taken in the pub. 10 free nights were given which resulted in a deficit of pitch fees of £201.

Chequers Inn gave a credit of £5 to each of 5 motorhomes last year which was recorded as an incoming donation last year and a donation expenditure this year as the credit was utilised. One further van was given a £5 credit in error which has been added to the rally deficit.

Rally fees totalled £168.50

1 MCC £5 voucher is in hand for sending to HQ (treated as cash in the accounts).

Expiry date on these is September 2022. Last year's vouchers (£50) were refunded to the bank account during the year.

1 member paid for an xmas dinner (£22.95) but cancelled and is due a refund. This hasn't been actioned to date and is treated as a donation in the accounts. This will be reversed (as per Chequers above) when refund is given.

Assets

A number of items were bought in the year totalling £444.73:

- Event shelter - £199.00
- Extra doors for shelter - £88.75
- Lights for shelter - £30.00
- Sum up machine - £126.98

Other expenditure

Sum up fees totalled £8.17.

Bank charges (prior to bank switch) were £20.40 – we now bank with Nat West as HSBC introduced charges.

Gas bottle - £26.50

Opening balance -	£3707.91
• Add Income -	£191.45
• Deduct Expenditure –	£730.80
Balance -	£3168.56
• Bank -	£3163.56
• Voucher -	£5.00

9. Rally Officer Report

We have had a far better camping season, now that some of the Covid restrictions have been lifted. We have had to comply with various rules which have limited the number of sites available and of course the number of vans allowed. Also, the weather has played a big part. Whippance Farm, South Thorness Farm and Rodgebrook Farm all proved to be very well attended.

Unfortunately, Covid and fuel costs have given certain sites a reason to raise their costs to higher than anticipated, so we are looking for different venues.

I would like to thank all those who have joined the meets and helped to make the Temporary Camp Sites so successful and enjoyable. Not to forget those that have offered to host various rallies during this season.

Once again the event shelter has proven to be very useful.

As soon as agreed we will issue the next years T C S programme.

10. Social Secretary Report

The Christmas Dinner is to be held at The Fighting Cocks on Friday 2nd December, 6.30 for 7.00pm. If you wish you can take your Motorhomes and stay in the car park overnight. Decorating your Motorhome with a few lights would be good.

Menu's need to be given to me by the 11th November, and monies to be paid into the club's bank account, also by the 11th November. Please snap

shot your bank transfer payment and send to the treasurer Ann Lovejoy and myself.

Would you please bring a wrapped gift to the value of approximately £10.00.

The menu will be available after the AGM.

11. Election of Committee.

The existing committee have agreed to stand for the committee again this year with the exception of Tracy Ringer
2 new nominations have been received for the committee as well as nominations from the existing committee. Ann Lovejoy as Treasurer and Steve Cragg as Safety and Equipment Officer. The remaining committee members were voted in en bloc by the members. The nominations were unanimously agreed by the members

12. The elected Members formed the Committee as below:-

Chairman	Teresa Woolven
Secretary	Heather Jennings
Treasurer	Ann Lovejoy
Rally Officer	Andrew Clapp
Safety & Equipment Officer	Steve Cragg
Social Secretary	Cheryl Clapp
Vice Chairman	Edwin Jones
Webmaster	Heather Jennings

13. Gordon Tutton has been proposed to be the Examiner of Accounts, and this was unanimously accepted.

14. The Meeting closed at 19:32 and was immediately followed by the Members Meeting.