

## MOTOR CARAVANNERS' CLUB – ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP 23

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No. 32 – 2021

Held at Downside Centre, Furrongs, Newport, Isle of Wight Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 18.30

17 Members attended the Meeting, which commenced at 18:30.

#### Existing Committee:-

Chairman	Teresa Woolven
Secretary	Heather Jennings
Treasurer	Tracy Ringer
Rally Officer	Andrew Clapp
Social Secretaries	Cheryl Clapp & Margaret Blamey
Webmaster	Heather Jennings

1. The Chairman welcomed Members and introduced the Committee.
2. The Secretary read the Notice formally convening the meeting.
3. Apologies were received from Chris Clear, Keith & Margaret Blamey, Jack Sears, Heather North, Bob & Barbara Ferguson & Alan Ringer
4. The Minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved (*proposed by Andrew Clapp, seconded by Cheryl Clapp*).
5. There were no matters arising.
6. Chairmans Report

Well, what an unprecedented 2 years we've had, it's been difficult in many different ways for each of us. We've lost 3 of our members, Patrick De Peyer, John Wolfe and Bob Young, our sincere condolences go their wives and families.

During these difficult months the committee have continued to meet, having regular meetings by zoom, the meeting notes have been put onto the group web page, which is regularly updated, thank you Heather for doing this. I and or Heather (as the secretary) have had zoom meeting with CoMs (Committee

of Management) to keep all member up to date with the MCC safety regulations in regard to the TCS (temporary campsites).

We lost a whole year of rallying, but have made up for it since by spending as many weekends as possible at some of our favourite places, Kingsclere, The Fighting Cocks, The Fish Farm and Chine Farm, and by adding new sites to our repertoire, thank you Andrew for your continued work to gain new venues. It isn't the easiest job but I think you will agree the new additions, The Chequers and Lucketts Farm have been successful. The weather hasn't always been on our side, but in true British fashion we've made the best of it.

We've added to our equipment with the purchase of a 'Sumup' card payment machine, which I know will make it easier for the rally hosts to collect payments, thank you to Heather for organizing this.

I have designed a group information booklet for each member, which includes a space for accruing rally stamps, one for each rally attended with a bonus stamp for each rally hosted. These stamps, when added up give members a free rally night (excluding any EHU used). The booklets are available from the rally host for those who haven't already got them. Some members have already gained their free night.

The accounts and the bank balance have been ratified, thank you Tracy and Gordon.

We haven't added to the group funds with our usual raffles, but will endeavour to start again in the next rallying season.

I would like to thank the current committee for their continued hard work behind the scenes, without each of them the club wouldn't function.

## 7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary summarised the Membership situation, which is 36 vans (69 people). There were 8 (vans) new members (Chris Clear- rejoined, Nigel & Christine Cook- rejoined, John & Sarah Fullerton, Carolyn Lymn, Christina & Ian Morey, Michael & Rose Sinclair, Phil & Elaine Smith, James & Corrine Woodward.

3 members left the club ( 1 member lapsed, 1 member cancelled (sold van) and 1 member did not renew.

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 – 2020/21.

During the Financial Year August 2020 to July 2021, we held 4 rallies generating a surplus of £53.

- £10 – Lucketts
- £9 - Kingsclere

- £18 - Chine Farm
  - £16 - Chequers
- Additionally, there was £8 unbanked from the Appledurcombe rally in March 2021. Chine Farm have yet to invoice for the site fees so £336 remains in the bank and has currently been treated as a donation along with £25 that had not yet been passed back to those who benefited from the site fee reduction at the Chequers. These will be reversed as appropriate in the 2021/22 financial year.

Expenditure comprised:

- £8.49 for a stamp for the rally books
- £22.00 for a box for the xmas tree
- £86.40 Wix 3 year plan
- £32.40 Wix 3 year domain name

The opening bank balance was £3435.20 and closing bank balance was £3657.91.

£50 is held in vouchers to be refunded by HQ and this would have brought the bank balance up to £3707.91 if it had been received in year.

Of the retained funds, £2000 is ringfenced for capital expenditure.

We prefer that member payments for rallies are made by bank transfer prior to each rally, but have recently invested in a 'sum-up' machine so that credit card payments can be made on site where prior bank payments cannot be made.

The Treasurer also confirmed that The Accounts were accepted (*proposed by Andrew Clapp, seconded by Patricia Mills*).

## 8. Rally Officer Report

In spite of Covid and the restrictions that we have had to live with, we have had a reasonably successful year of camping. We have had to comply with various rules which have limited the number of sites available and of course the number of vans allowed.

I would like to thank all those who have joined the meets and helped to make the Temporary Camp Sites so successful and enjoyable.

A special thanks to Steve and Heather for allowing us to share their event shelter which allowed us to extend the evenings.

As for the following year we are hoping to get back to some kind of normality and enjoy camping even more, all subject to potential Covid restrictions.

## 9. Social Secretary Report

The Christmas Dinner is to be held at The Fighting Cocks on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 for 7.00pm. If you wish you can take your Motorhomes and stay in the car park overnight.

Menu's need to be given to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> December, and monies to be paid into the clubs bank account, also by the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please snap shot your bank transfer payment and send to Tracy and myself.

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

## 10. Review of Rally/admin fee

The rally fee has been £1 per person for the last 25 years. It was suggested to members that this is increased to £1.50. The members voted unanimously to this increase

11. Election of Committee. The Chairman advised the members that due to a lack of willing volunteers for the Committee the current 3 year rule where committee member step down after serving for 3 years does not work for our group as it is such a small group. It was suggested that we revert to the original constitution and adopt the procedure as in the main MCC Constitution where all members stand down and can then be elected by the members plus any new committee members wishing to stand. The members voted by majority with 1 exception to accept the change to the revision of the Isle of Wight supplementary and adopt the procedure as in the main MCC Constitution.

The existing committee have agreed to stand for the committee again this year (Heather Jennings does not intend to stand again next year) and their nomination documents have been received with the exception of Margaret Blamey who as yet has not indicated that she wishes to be re-elected (however she can be co-opted at a later date if she wishes to be a member of the committee this year.) The remaining committee members were voted in en bloc by the members. Edwin Jones was nominated for the committee., proposed by Martin Woolven and seconded by Steve Cragg.

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

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Treasurer	Tracy Ringer
Rally Officer	Andrew Clapp
Non-Executive Member	Cheryl Clapp
Non- executive member	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 19:30 and was immediately followed by the Members Meeting.