

MOTOR CARAVANNERS' CLUB – ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP 23

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No. 34 – 2023

Held at Downside Centre, Furlongs, Newport, Isle of Wight. 6th November 2023 at 18.30

15 Members attended the Meeting,

Existing Committee:-

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

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, Bob and Barbara Ferguson, Martyn Constantine

4. The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved (*proposed by Edwin Jones and seconded by Patricia Mills*),
5. Matters arising.

Free nights. Due to the cost of free nights it is proposed that they are stopped and a fee night for hosts (£10 limit) Proposed by Pam Cowcher. Seconded by Steve Cragg. 14 voted in favour and 1 against.

6. Chairmans Report

This has been quite a turbulent year for many of us. What with us not being able to attend quite a few of the rallies early on in the season due to family commitments, Teresa Constantines very untimely death, her and husband Martyn were new

members to the group. Martyn has expressed his sincere gratitude to the members for their support at this difficult time. And although Heather, our secretary has had several bouts of ill health during this year, she has continued to get the information needed out to the members. Thank you Heather.

The club is growing albeit slowly, and this was rewarded by the Isle of Wight winning the membership 'retention' trophy at this year's National rally.

The National MCC Rally was this year held at Malvern. Where 6 of our members attended, and I think they can say they had a fun time, ok except for the '1st time National Ralliers meeting! There is always a themed party night on the Saturday, this year it was 'films' where the groups dress up themselves and their Group table, our film was 'contagion', and with the help of scrubs borrowed from St Mary's we had a great time.

We won prizes in 3 categories, Thor in the 'puppy dog show' Heather for her brilliant crochet post box topper, and me for my 'groovi' crafting card.

2024 National(2024 MCC Inter-group festival + AGM 23rd to 28th May is going to be at Camper UK Leisure Park, Lincoln and sounds to be another great fun rally. They usually have a pre-national and / or a post national rally, which makes it a good time to spend together in our vans

Our rally officer Andrew, has worked hard finding new rally sites and persuading some of the older ones to accommodate our rallies. We know sites have increased their prices but this has been across the board, but hasn't deterred the stalwart campers from attending. And I know Andrew has another great list for next year's rallies.

Thank you to ALL the hosts who have provided their time and energy during our rallies, without hosts the rallies would not go ahead.

This club wouldn't survive without you the members, and without all the work your committee puts in, in the background, so I'd like you all to show them your gratitude.

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary summarised the Membership situation, which is 33 vans (64 people). There were 2 (vans) new members. 3 members did not renew their membership. All members are paid up to date.

There has been some amendment to the 6 metre rule and this will be circulated to all members.

The Scottish group sent a letter for all groups and this will be circulated to members

8. Treasurer's Report Financial Year – 2022/2023.

The income and expenditure had just about broken even this year, with a small deficit of £19.08. The opening balance was £3163.56 and the closing balance was £3144.48.

There were misc expenditure payments totalling £94.53 as follows:

Rally Badges £25.74
Drywipe Board £23.89
Replacement Poles for Event tent £44.90

The Charity balance in hand at 31st July 2023 was £8.45, although there was some in the 23/24, approximately £35.

We took £207.51 in Rally fees throughout the year and donations totalled £11.49
Sum up Fees totalled £2.49, this being set-off against Rally Fees

There was still a delay at the bank, in setting us up with Internet banking. I will chase to see what is happening.

9. Rally Officer Report

We have had a successful season with camping despite the wet and windy conditions that we saw on a couple of occasions, but nevertheless for the most part all attendees enjoyed the rally's, I hope.

We found a new site at GG's which was both new to the site owners and to us. It was very well attended, and the weather was spot on, the best weather all season. Also, we tried a new to us site at the Comforts Farm which went down extremely well. So well, in fact that we cancelled the rally at Camp Wight and booked Comforts Farm for the end of September, but unfortunately, they cancelled due to weather conditions, so at the last minute we managed to book Fakenham Farm in St Helens that went down well with those that managed to attend.

I would like to thank all those who managed to join the rallies, and a special thanks go out to all those that volunteered to host the rallies.
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 Saturday 9th December 6.00 for 6.30pm. If you wish you can take your Motorhome and stay in the carpark overnight. Decorating your Motorhome with some lights etc would be good.

Menu's need to be given to me by the 14th November, and monies to be paid into the clubs bank account also by the 14th November. Please snapshot your bank transfer payment to the treasurer Ann Lovejoy and myself.
Would you please bring a wrapped gift to the value of approximately £10.00 per couple for the raffle. Thankyou,

The menu for the Christmas Dinner will be available after the AGM.

11.Safety & Equipment Officers Report

The equipment is all in good working order.

We have had a few accidents this year which have been reported to comms. Please take note of your host's safety warnings. E.g wet grass, uneven ground and use of torches at night. Some issues with the event shelter in high winds this year. Please do not put the event shelter up in high winds as it is not worth the risk. Just a reminder that the Health and Safety of self and others is everyone's responsibility.

12.Election of Committee.

The existing committee have agreed to stand for the committee again this year.

The remaining committee members were voted in en bloc by the members.

Proposed by Phil Smith. Seconded by Pat Mills. The nominations were unanimously agreed by the members

The elected Members formed the Committee as below:-

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13.Examiner of Accounts

Gordon Tutton has been proposed to examine the accounts. Proposed by Martin Woolven and seconded by Pat Mills and this was unanimously accepted.

14.Supplementary Agreement.

This was circulated to all members prior to the AGM. It was approved unanimously by the members.

15.The future of the large tent with additional section.

The tent had not been used since COVID. The event shelter has proved successful and if members attending the rallies increase we can purchase another event shelter. Members agreed that the tent should be sold if possible. If there are no

buyers it will be donated to a charity. Rally Officer of the Camping and Caravan Club will be contacted to see if it is of use to them

The AGM closed at 7.40pm