

MOTOR CARAVANNERS' CLUB – ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP 23

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No. 35 – 2024

Held at Downside Centre, Furlongs, Newport, Isle of Wight. 26th October 2024 at 18.15

16 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

1. The Chairman welcomed Members and introduced the Committee.
2. The Secretary read the Notice formally convening the meeting.
3. Apologies Tina & John Teece, Edwin Jones and Patricia Mills
4. The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved (*proposed by Steve Cragg and seconded by Rose Young*),
5. Matters arising.
6. Chairmans Report

Well, this year has had its ups and downs. Since the last AGM we've had the Christmas Dinner, with fun receiving our 'Secret Santa' presents.

The committee had regular zoom meetings during January and February, discussing various agenda points.

This years rally programme started at the beginning of April and has been a great success with ralliers enjoying quizzes and games arranged by the hosts. I want to express a sincere THANK YOU to those who have hosted these rallies, without hosts, NO rallies would go ahead. This shouldn't always be left to the

committee. We say this every year. It isn't a difficult job and there will always be someone to help and advise members on hosting rallies.

In May it was the National MCC Rally, this year it was held in Lincoln and renamed as, the Inter-Group Festival which incorporated the National AGM. We had 4 vans (which included Chris Clear, one of our previous members who has moved up to Yorkshire, he asked to be parked with us). The Saturday themed 'party night' was school days, never before has there been so many reprobates under one roof. The Isle of Wight Group won the 'Founders' trophy for the most vans attending and the farthest travelled. The National was preceded by a rally at the local rugby ground. We haven't been informed of where or when next years 'National' will be, but all the information can be found in the monthly magazine. This includes the 'Haven' special offers.

Martin is organising a 4 night rally under the MCC at Woodside Fields in Bristol. 25th – 29th April cost will be £65.

Admittedly the weather at some of our rallies could have been better, but we don't have a magic wand to conjure up sunshine or stop the wind, but a good time is always made by the ralliers themselves.

We said goodbye to Bob Ferguson who had been suffering from cancer for some time, we sent our best wishes to Barb his wife.

As you know our equipment officer Steve has had a serious bout of illness during the year, but is now seeing light at the end of the tunnel, we wish him continued health improvement. During Steves illness Heather has continued to carry out her secretarial duties behind the scene, sending emails, messages and welcome packs to new members. THANK YOU.

The 'Fred Print' memorial trophy for pétanque was again this year won by the men!! Come on ladies.

Two members from the North Island joined our rally at Comforts farm in September, and expressed how friendly and warm our group is, they also contacted Head Office to reiterate this.

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary summarised the Membership situation, which is 29 vans (55 people). There was only 1 new member this year (Mike and Denise Jones) 4 members cancelled their membership(2 deceased)

The club has amended the 6metre rule and a copy will be sent to members. There is a new disciplinary procedure and it is available on The Motor Caravanners Club website if people wish to read it. There is also clarification of the £10 voucher for introducing new members and a copy will be sent to members.

8. Treasurer's Report Financial Year – 2022/23.

Accounts Report at the AGM 24th October 2024

The income and expenditure this year has a small deficit of £34.47. The opening balance was £3144.48 and the closing balance was £3110.01.

There was a misc expenditure payment of £291.60 as follows:

Internet/Domain £291.60

The Charity balance in hand at 31st July 2023 £8.45, in 23/24 we collected a further £91, a total of £99.45 being held.

We took £211.50 in Rally fees throughout the year and donations totalled £29.55. Sum-up Fees totalled £1.92, this being set-off against Rally Fees.

We are now set-up with internet banking, making checking for fees being paid into the bank direct easier.

9. Rally Officer Report

We have had a successful season with camping despite the extreme wet and windy conditions that we saw on several occasions, especially when camping at GG's. But nevertheless, for the most part all attendees enjoyed the rally's, I hope.

Due to the uncertainty around Water Mill Heights (Calbourne Mill) due to the Mill being up for sale. We managed to book Stoats Farm near Totland with mixed views from members regarding the access with very narrow roads. Once on site all agreed that the facilities were excellent. Also, we had to change the second visit to Watermill Heights and Ann arranged camping at Thorncross Farm which worked out well, the site is quite flat and well maintained.

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

When camping at Stoats Farm Totland we had a nice group meal in a private room at The Highdown Inn.

Those that attended the Fighting Cocks enjoyed their meals.

The Christmas Dinner for 2024 is to be held at The Fighting Cocks on Saturday 7th December 6.30 for 7.00pm. If you wish you can take your Motorhome and stay in the car park overnight. Decorating your Motorhome with some lights etc would be good.

Menu's need to be given to me by the 15th November, and monies to be paid into the clubs account also by the 15th November. Please snapshot your bank transfer payment to the treasurer and myself.

Would you please bring a boxed and wrapped gift to the value of approximately £10.00 for the raffle. Thankyou.

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

11. Safety and Equipment Officer Report

Steve thanked everyone for taking care of the equipment and feels well enough now to resume his role, The existing club tent was offered to The Camping and Caravan Club but they have purchased event shelters so it is not required. Steve agreed to send photos to Ann and Phil, Phil and Elaine, Martyn and Rose who may know of someone who is interested. Its asset value is only £55 now.

12. Election of Committee.

The existing committee have agreed to stand for the committee again this year. Phil Lovejoy has been nominated to join the committee. The remaining committee members were voted in en bloc by the members. The nominations were unanimously agreed by the members

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

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

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

15. The Meeting closed at 19:00 and was immediately followed by the Members Meeting.