

**WEST COUNTRY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING AT BARNSTAPLE R.F.C.
14TH JULY 2018.**

Present. Chairman My Johnny Harrison

Vice Chairman Mr Bob Bawden.

Secretary Mrs Shirley Down

Treasurer Mr Bryan Down

Committee.

Mr Brian Mitchell.

Mrs Angela Watkins.

Meeting opened at 6.00pm.

Apologies. Mr C Brimble Mr & Mrs Huxtable.

Minutes of the meeting held at the Corn Dolly 9th Feb 2018. Bryan Down proposed that they be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Mr Bob Bawden. All in agreement.

Chairman's report.

He has attended 8 rallies so far this year and has been the host on 4 of them. He feels that too many other groups are holding rallies on our area, It should be made clear to them that they should ask us first. As we should ask other groups when we visit their area, and that SWP should not be using Bude without asking us first. Would Shirley ring Rosemary and Jenny to check that we are asking permission to visit other groups areas. Whilst Johnny was at Dawlish he was asked by Rosemary to check that the Lady's Mile site charged £10 per night inc.

electric for us to use for rallies. Mike Woodman checked and confirmed this to be correct but it does not apply to peak seasons. It is best if this is checked by our Rally Officers to confirm this. Johnny is to carry the electric urn and Bob Bawden is to get it safety tested. Johnny said he has the canvas for our small equipment tent but he does not have the poles.

Secretary's report.

The M.C.C. have asked us to distribute small advertising cards to our committee for them to put under any motor home windscreens when they are out and about in order to increase membership for the club.

We have been instructed by headquarters that a

Mr A Horwood membership No. 02130333 is to be banned from all M.C.C. activities. Avon has requested for them to rally at Northam Farm 28th Feb 2019 - 3rd March 2019, also to use the Castlebook facility 20 - 26th Aug 2019. This information to be passed to our Rally officers. The committee were read a letter received from Kate Jones ref.G.D.P.R this letter to be kept on file. A request from Headquarters to declare any assets we have, it was decided we have none at present as all our items are written off annually. The Committee were shown a welcome letter that I have produced for Exmouth rally all were happy to proceed and get this printed.

Treasurer's report.

No accounts were printed as there have been very few transactions. Bryan has produced the paperwork for nominees for the 2018 - 2019 committee. Bryan also requested that we hold a committee meeting at the Bude rally to finalise this years accounts after Kate Jones has checked them.

Brian Mitchell said that as our charity account had not been well supported to date he proposed all that the profits from Barsntaple. Newton Abbot and Exmouth rallies be donated to our charity. All in favour.

Bob Bawden was asked to spend £60 on raffle prizes for the Exmouth rally.

Nominations for our charity for 2018 - 2019 were Devon Air Ambulance or the North Devon children's holiday foundation. After discussion the committee decided that Devon Air ambulance to be our charity for 2018 - 2019. All present in favour.

The Exmouth rally is to open at 10.30am Brian Mitchell to notify E & S computing to put this information on our Web site. Also to advertise the table top sale to be held at Exmouth as usual at the cost of £1. per table to go to our charity.

Ken Hiles has asked if we can put the groups mobile number on our web site Brian Mitchell to action this. Ken has suggested to the committee that perhaps it would be a good idea to survey the members asking what exactly they want from rallies, It was discussed and agreed this was a good idea and the best time to implement this would be with the new rally book to save postage costs. It was also suggested that people attending the A.G.M. would receive a questionnaire along with their welcome letter.

The Scribe write-ups. As we have no Scribe at present Jade from Countrywide publications has contacted Bryan and he has posted reports as best he could.

Bob has requested that we have an inventory of all our equipment that is available to use on rallies. He will collate a list A.S.A.P.

It was also decided after discussion that all West Country Members attending the A.G.M. for 2 nights and attending the A.G.M. get 1 night free as usual.

Brian said Maureen will do a jar of sweets at Exmouth where you have to guess how many sweets are in the jar all proceeds to go to our charity.

The Xmas dinner booking form to be put on our web site as previously agreed with Linda & Roy Crook. and should be pushed at all coffee mornings etc.

Brian Mitchell said that in the past all proposed rallies were brought to the committee for approval. This should be adhered to.

Brian also proposed that Roy & Rosemary Totterdell be allowed to come to the Exmouth rally and pay no fees. This was fully discussed and agreed that the previous ruling that committee members must attend the rally from the first day of the working party to qualify for a free rally and all other members must pay for five days.

The Woodlands rally. So far we have only 4 bookings We must have 10 at least by the end of the Exmouth rally or it will have to be cancelled.

At present we only have 1 nomination for the next committee. This must be pushed at every opportunity.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

The next meeting to be held at the Bude rally.