

MCC West Country Warcombe Farm Committee Meeting 10 am

Present:

Chairman – Bob Bawden

Vice Chairman – Chas Percevicus

Treasurer – Angela Wolfe

Secretary – Jan Wilcox

Rally Officers – Jim and Jenny Ten-Bokkel

Entertainments Officer – Ken Hiles

Scribe – Sam Snell

Tim Snell

Minutes from last meeting agreed and signed by Bob Bawden.

Treasures Report:

We have continued to have successful and well-attended rallies.

All deposits for Lady's Mile and Christmas entertainment have been paid.

We have as yet still not received any money from our New Year Rally, an invoice had been requested by another group (the cancelled group), Angela did this but have not received any payment to date. Jan to write again to Avon Secretary for an update.

Previous Rallies:

Riverside- Brilliant, valentines rally was a great success and many thanks to Ken for arranging hearts to be decorated. Attended by 50 vans.

Unity Farm – Again attended very well, although the weather could have been kinder. This is booked again for next year together with rooms. We have the use of the Bucket and Spade room on Saturday night and Breakers are opening an hour early on Wednesday for the welcome meeting. It was suggested that the Country Club would offer the hire of a room for £100.00 per night for our sole use on Thursday night. This cost was agreed by the committee. Jim and Jenny now to get back to them and confirm this.

Hidden Valley – Overall very good, but the general view was that the price of the beer was very expensive, after a word to the Bar, they then agreed to bring their prices down. Sadly, there was no food available, but the site did provide a buffet for one of our evenings. For next year it has been suggested to see if delivery vans would be interested in visiting in the evenings

e.g. pizza, fish and chips etc. Ken to enquire food places to see if this delivery service would be possible.

This year we had to pay for our electric, initially we were all worried about how much this would cost but the general consensus was that it worked very well and was not expensive. This is purely an option as some vans stayed using their gas.

Hosts get rally free but it was agreed that hosts will pay £5.00 per night next year for their electric.

Committee Contributions:

Chas- Exmouth we have 70 vans booked to date and 10 on a waiting list. Jan to email Norma to ask if it would be possible to increase our numbers and for all the committee to arrive the day before the rally. As this is a committee run rally, all committee to pay half of the agreed rally fee. We have access to the club house for 2 nights, Table top sale on the Wednesday plus the charity raffle.

Normal raffle on the Sunday with coffee morning.

Bude – 57 booked so far. Bar will be open every night.

Sam – nothing

Bob – it has been brought to our attention that the Green Man Festival held during the Barnstaple Rally, has been cancelled but that the beer festival will be on. There was concern as to whether people had booked purely for the green man, so it was agreed that Jenny would inform on our facebook page and that Jan would telephone members who have booked to allow them the option of cancelling. But the rally will still go ahead.

Teignmouth – Jan wrote a letter on behalf of Bob asking if we could hold a rally on the rugby field for next year. They have been in contact with Bob and he is arranging a visit to them to discuss details.

Tim – nothing

Jim – Asked if it would be possible to invest in an event tent to be bought by the committee. This is because not all places have rooms for us to access for entertainment. The concern was storage and carrying the event tent and would this be a problem? Jim reassured us that he would be able to provide storage and transport. The committee agreed a set price on a 10M X 5M Event tent, Jim to investigate.

Jan – nothing

Ken – Ken asked if people were happy with his funding raising, but said that he was finding it difficult to come up with new things each time. The committee whole heartily said that we all appreciate Kens hard work and valued his entertainment evenings.

Ken did ask if that perhaps some crafts could be purchased to help with some activities. Ken and Sam to purchase craft materials for future events.

Angela – was delighted to say that £533.45 has so far been raised for our Chairman's chosen charity, The Children's Holiday Foundation for North Devon.

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Jenny – Mentioned the Xmas Rally, and getting members to decorate Xmas Trees which could be done in the clubhouse before the dinner and put on the tables. Again, a very special Christmas Raffle this year!

Meeting finished 11am

Next meeting Exmouth after coffee morning on the Sunday.