

West Country Motorcarvanners Club
AGM Saturday 12th October 2024 @ 2.30pm
Riverside Caravan Park.

Present:

Chairman – Bob Bawden

Vice Chairman – Chas Percevicius

Secretary – Jan Wilcox

Treasurer – Angela Wolfe

Rally Officers – Jim and Jenny Ten-Bokkel

Entertainments Officer – Ken Hiles

Scribe – Jackie Birch

Meeting opened to members at 2.30pm

Chairmans Introduction

The meeting was opened by the Chairman who welcomed everyone and asked if everyone had a voting card and also if there was anyone who was attending but not a member of the West Country who would be willing to count votes. As there was no-one he asked for volunteers – Kate Jones and Chris Brimble offered. He introduced all the committee present and announced the planned duration of the meeting and requested the secretary to read the notice formally convening the AM.

Jan apologised that she had made an error and had not put 2023 on the minutes, she asked if everyone was happy for her to amend. There was no objection. She then formally opened the meeting

Apologies were received from: Mr and Mrs T Poole, Mr and Mrs R Archer, Mr and Mrs S White, Mr and Mrs M Crook, Mrs P Stennard, Mr and Mrs S Crowle and Mr and Mrs Bull.

Minutes of the previous AGM The minutes were read out. The Chairman asked for any comments on the accuracy of the minutes the Chairman then asked for votes. Voted unanimously.

Matters Arising

One person raised the question as to why we have to charge for extra people.

This was answered by the Treasurer - The person was happy with the reason why.

Chairman Report

He thanked all the committee for their hard work and said we had had good rallies for the year, but reminded members that there were many people who had booked and did not attend that rally. He reminded people that please could you telephone as hosts wait for your arrival.

Secretary Report

This is my 2nd year and reminded members that minutes of meetings were available for everyone to see either in hardback or on the website.

We have 335 individual members, 28 have cancelled this year and we have 30 lapsed members, it was explained that these were members whose membership was due in September/October and had not rejoined as yet.

The secretary wanted also for it to be in the minutes her particular thanks to Ken for all his hard work in making 'kit' which he had donated and of course his evening entertainments.

Also, a particular thanks to Brian who supplied his much beloved vintage cars for our charity fund raising.

And again, thanked everyone for their continued support in her role.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer stated that we had a very successful year having held 16 rallies, including the Merry Harriers Charity Rally in May, all of which were very well attended.

A copy of the certified accounts for the year were handed out and it showed that we had made a profit of £775.91 and this has been added to our reserves brought forward. We had £6,492.17 in the current bank account and £6,894.82 in the deposit account as of 31 July 2024 as disclosed in the balance sheet.

We have continued to raise money for the Chairman's charity, the Children's Holiday Foundation for North Devon. We have raised £2,200 since last year's AGM and this will now be paid to the charity following this meeting. Questions were invited.- none received. The Chairman asked members for their vote – All agreed.

The Chairman of the Childrens Charity was invited to speak, he thanked everyone and said what a privilege it was in accepting the money and how much it made a difference, we were within the top 5 fund raiser for the charity. Many, thanks and their next holiday would be April 2025.

Other Reports

Jim our Rally Officer thanked everyone who had attended this year and that 13 rallies had been booked for 2025 with 2 more pending.

Election of Group Committee

Chairman – Bob Bawden Proposed by J. Wilcox Seconded by J Birch – voted unanimously

Vice Chairman – Chas Percevicius proposed by I Wolfe Seconded by J. Ten-bokkel – voted unanimously

Treasurer – Angela Wolfe proposed by Jim Ten-bokkel seconded by Jenny Ten-bokkel – voted unanimously

Secretary – Jan Wilcox proposed by J Birch seconded R Bawden – voted unanimously

Rally Booking Officer J Birch proposed by J Wilcox seconded by R Bawden – voted unanimously

Committee P Browncy proposed by J Birch seconded by J Wilcox – voted unanimously

Kate Jones agreed to continue as accounts adjudicator proposed by Angela Wolfe Seconded by J Birch voted unanimously.

The Chairman gave thanks for the out going committee of Jim and Jenny Ten-bokkel and Ken Hiles who were presented with thank you gifts.

Business proposal

The Chairman explained our business proposal - £5.00 per night for any additional non dependant adult.

£10.00 deposit per van per rally. This would be added to the supplementary document which was explained to the members. All voted unanimously.

The Chairman closed the meeting for a short recess but asked that members may wish to think of questions they would like to ask. And think about hosting a rally. Meeting closed 3.08 pm.

New Committee Meeting

Start Time 3.25pm

The Chairman introduced the new committee. And Welcomed Pat.

At the start of the meeting Bob asked for a minute silence.

Questions from the members.

Could it be possible to have it clearly written in the hand book regarding the times etc of generators?

Can we have less rallies here (Riverside) change venue for Christmas next year maybe Brean?

With the resignation of Ken as entertainment officer I feel its time we took money from funds for entertainment for 1 night. Where rooms permit?

These would be put to the committee at their next meeting.

Jackie explained how bookings would take place. Booking forms will be in rally book for next year. You will be able to email, text or what-app, or post directly to our booking officer - Jackie but no telephone booking directly would be taken. You would receive a confirmation of your booking when the deposit had been received and you will get a number. £10.00 per rally deposit non-refundable unless otherwise stated or at the discretion of the committee (eg for medical reasons etc)

Jackie also stated that she had heard that Unity had been sold so slightly unsure about this rally and that it may have to change.

Exmouth Rally will be open from the 1st –21st January to West Country members only to start with.

Jan read out to members to make all members aware of 9.10 in the constitution.

Animals shall be kept under control and physically restrained at all times. When tethered the length of head shall not exceed 3m (10^{foot}) Animals shall be exercised away from the rally field and fouling cleared immediately. Animals other than assistance dogs shall not be taken into halls, marquees, or group tents.

A member asked who had won the most rallies for this year.

Congratulations to Steve and Sarah White who will receive their prize.

Chas thanked Jenny and Angela for the baking of the cakes.

Bob again explained the need for hosts.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 4.04pm