



The Caravan and Motorhome Club West Sussex Centre

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at 2.00 pm Saturday 5th October 2024, Rother Collage Midhurst

The Chair Rob Bays welcomed the members and Past Chairs.

He reminded everyone that only members who are correctly registered with the West Sussex Centre were allowed to speak. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to hold up your hand and wait to be unmuted. Please state your name and speak clearly so that the Secretary can record the details. Please speak 'through the chair.'

He asked the acting Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting and this was read by Nick Harris.

Apologies for absence

Kim & Ashley Cooper, Elizabeth Greenfield, Janette Mitten, Sandy Harris, Keith & Heather Maxwell, Nick & Christine Childs, Rod & Anne Mead and Mac & Marilyn Morgan.

2. Minutes of the last AGM.

The minutes were posted on the Centre web site. Proposed by Freda Dales and seconded by Pete Dales.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

4. Chairs Report

Rob Bayes presented his report. This was proposed by Caroline Ayres and seconded by Dave Wightman. There were no matters raised.

5. Treasurer's Report

Sam Wood presented her report. This was proposed by Stuart Johnson and seconded by Paul Marchant. There were no matters raised.

6. Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Secretary and Committee

Rob Bayes thanked Janine Aylmore and Lee Mitten for all they did for the Centre and presented Janine with a gift. Lee Mitten will be presented with his gift at a later stage.

Rob declared that all positions are now vacant.

Keith Wood thanked Rob for all his innovative ideas as the Centre Chairman over the last year and on behalf of all members wished the Bayes family the best of luck with their move to Australia and presented Rob with a gift.

Nick Harris announced the following:

That there was only one nomination for Chair, Keith Wood. Nick presents Keith with his chain of office and plaque.

Keith takes over the meeting and announces the following:

That there was no nomination for Vice Chairman.

That there was one nomination for Secretary, Nick Harris. Keith presents Nick with his plaque.

That there was one nomination for Treasurer, Sam Wood. Keith presents Sam with her plaque.

That there was one nomination for Rally Secretary, Carol Wightman. Keith presents Carol with her plaque.

There were 3 nominations for Committee, Elizabeth Greenfield, Janette Mitten and Dave Wightman. Dave received his plaque and the others will be presented at a later date.

After tea break Keith welcomed everyone back.

7. AOB

Stuart Johnson raised the matter that Sue Johnson's report regarding Southern Centres which was presented at the last AGM was not included in the 2023 AGM Minutes. Rob Bayes apologised for this, acknowledging that it was a mistake, and an attempt will be made to rectify this.

Bob Elkington raised the matter regarding the Centre's use of Facebook as opposed to the website informing members of quick time problems such as road closures. He reported that although he found the use of the Centre Facebook to be brilliant, he

believed it should be on both Facebook and the website. Keith Wood reported that previous trials have taken place but failed due to technical issues, various options were discussed, and this will be taken forward by the committee.

The matter of the booking system for rallies on the website was also raised by Teresa Elkington, this was discussed with various ideas being presented by those present. Keith Wood explained that he is not an expert, is fully employed and cannot always access the website remotely.

He explained that changes are being made for next year so that rally officers will get the members actual booking slip as was the case in previous years. The downside to this is that he will not hold a central record of people who have booked onto rallies, this will mean that contact with attendees is the direct responsibility of the rally officer. It was agreed that the committee will look at this and it is likely that 2 people will be given access to the website to make quick time changes. It was also agreed that an appeal will be made via our social media for anyone with website expertise who would be willing to offer help. Committee to deal.

In response to a question from Janet Fitzgerald it was confirmed that rally officers will have full details of attendees and be responsible for further contact.

Teresa Elkington thanked the committee for future actions on the matters raised.

Stuart Johnson questioned why the sum of £163 only was made in relation to advertising in the rally book and gave a precis of actions taken by Southern Centre's in relation to their advertisers in their rally book. Sam Wood explained we automatically get monies from CAMC and the Worthing Clinic have asked to advertise but we no longer produce a paper rally book. The committee have historically found great difficulty in attracting advertisers.

Pete Fitzgerald raised that the Centre has two event shelters which leak and reduces their effectiveness, Dave Wightman reported that these are sunshades and not designed to keep out rain. He will willingly investigate purchasing heavier weight items but bear in mind that this in turn will cause transportation problems due to their weight. Dave asked those present how much weight they would be prepared to carry but no positive responses were made. Stuart Johnson pointed out that weight limits with motorhomes are an issue.

Stuart Johnson raised the matter of Junior Fund spending, and it was confirmed by Sam that it was being used to fund any children's activities at the Family Rally.

Prior to the meeting Carol handed out the 2025 Rally Programme. Pete Dales asked could the Southern Centre's rally be advertised on this list and Carol responded that Southern Centre's Rally had already been included in the programme which is under construction.

There were no further matters raised and the meeting closed at 3.20 pm

20 Centre members attended (not including committee members)

Keith asked that committee members remain for a short meeting.

8. Date of next AGM

Saturday 27th September 2024 at North Hall, Loxwood.

Nick Harris.

Secretary.