



**Minutes of the 553rd Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held via zoom
Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

1. Apologies for absence: Nil

2. Attendees.

Rob Bayes Chair (RB), Keith Wood Vice Chair (KW), Nick Harris Secretary (NH), Sam Wood Treasurer (SW), Carol Wightman Rally Secretary (CW), Janine Aylmore (JA), Elizabeth Greenfield (EG), Janette Mitten (JM), Lee Mitten (LM) and Dave Wightman (DW).

RB thanked those present for attending.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the 552nd meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising. NIL

5. Actions from minutes 551. Nil

6. Notification of any other Business.

RB. Hard Drive
RB. S&L Charnley Rally
SW. Brighton Rally
JA. Xmas 2024

7. Secretary's Report.

Since last meeting we have had 49 new members, 19 rejoined, 9 re registered, 2 transferred, 3 resigned and 90 not renewed to centre.

We now have 2 life members. 1081 lead members down from 1104, 898 joint members down from 918, 21 family members up from 20. Total membership 2002 down from 2044.

19th October. E mail received from North London Centre who are having problems forming a committee and are seeking another centre to merge with. Discussed and decided we are too far away.

27th October. Email from CAMC re advertising 2024 Clubfest on our Web site. Sent to KW.

6th November E mail from CAMC announcing that Neville Chamberlain, Club Chairman and Christopher Macgowan, treasurer are standing down. Replaced by David Turner and Alison Woodhams.

8th November Email from CAMC re requesting our Rally details. Sent to CW post meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report.

£12,092.70 in current account. £3.13 in reserve account. Need to pay £165.00 to Midhurst Youth Trust. Await SER invoice re the recent AGM. Await invoice from Steyning. Await invoice from CAMC re advertising. 3rd Quarter VAT due.

9. Hon Rally Secretary's Report.

CW had nothing to report but RB stated that SER have asked that we turn our 5 day rally in Littlehampton 2024 into a family rally for them. This was discussed and it was decided that Littlehampton is not an appropriate venue but Burstow would be. RB to let SER know.

RB reported that Steve and Leslie Charnley want to hold a music evening on their rally involving a hopefully large number of musicians with ukuleles and are asking if the centre could cover travel expenses for those attending. Agreed by all.

10. Southern Centres. (SC)

RB asked that the centre AGM minutes be updated to reflect that Sue Johnson and Laurie Manning are our reps for SC.

11. South East Region. (SER)

RB reported that he attended the SER meeting which went well. An offer was made to assist centres with booking systems. NH had circulated the notes from Steve Charnley but it would seem that not everyone received them.

The term 'Rally' was discussed at the meeting and questions asked about renaming of them as some people thought it was like a car racing rally. Ways to attract younger members were discussed.

CR reported that we have received good feedback about how the rally went and about the food supplied.

RB wished to have his thanks to all those who helped, both on and off the committee, run the rally and food etc minuted.

12. Committee with responsibilities: -

- a. Rally Book 2024. CW reported that Kim is on holiday but is looking to get this done ASAP. RB then gave a Powerpoint presentation with proposal to make various changes to the layout and content of the book. All agreed the changes.
- b. Web site. KW showed us a new page that he is working on for the listing and booking of rallies. It is much more attractive than the current one. RB & CW remarked that it was very good. He is also working on a new way to notify rally officers of who has booked on.
- c. Centre Equipment. Another lightweight top will be bought when available.
- d. Plaques. For 2024 may be dark blue with white text. JM to make enquiries.
- e. Health and Welfare. EG to write a piece for the rally book.

13. Xmas/New Year get together

Discussed but decided we left it too late for this year. For Agenda 2024

14. AOB

RB. Hard Drive. RB has had our Hard Drive looked at but it is no good. Costs for attempts at data retrieval were presented. NH reported that for what we have lost its not worth it.

RB. S&L Charnley Rally. Covered at Agenda point 9.

SW. Brighton Rally. SW asked if the centre could fund the supply of mince pies and mulled wine for this rally. 15 units booked on and booking will be closed in next couple of days. Funding agreed.

JA. Xmas 2024 Can this be agenda item in 2024

15. Date and venue of next meeting.

Wednesday 13th December. Method TBA

RB thanked those present for attending.

Nick Harris.

Secretary

Meeting ended 8.30 pm