



**Minutes of the 555<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre  
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held 7.0 pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
2024 via Zoom**

**1. Apologies for absence:** Keith Wood, Lee Mitten, Janette Mitten

**2. Attendees.**

Rob Bayes Chair (RB), Nick Harris Secretary (NH), Sam Wood Treasurer (SW), Carol Wightman Rally Secretary (CW), Janine Aylmore (JA), Elizabeth Greenfield (EG), Dave Wightman (DW).

RB thanked those present for attending.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the 554<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**4. Matters Arising.** NIL

**5. Actions from minutes 551.** Nil

**6. Notification of any other Business.**

Nil

**7. Secretary's Report.**

Since last meeting we have had 20 new members, 4 rejoined, 9 re registered, 0 transferred, 0 resigned and 32 not renewed to centre.

We now have 2 life members. 1079 lead members down from 1081, 899 joint members up from 898, 19 family members down from 20. Total membership 1999 down from 2002.

8<sup>th</sup> January email from CAMC regarding rally guidance which contained a reminder re 6metre spacing on rallies.

Also had request to submit new committee details which was done last year but seemingly not received.

**8. Treasurer's Report.**

£10, 339.07 in current account. £3.40 in reserve account. Last bit of VAT to pay. The auditors are now happy to deal with this via email as opposed to boxes of paper receipts. SW hopes to have the accounts submitted this week.

The new Zettle has arrived.

## **9. Hon Rally Secretary's Report.**

CW requested suggestions for sites for rallies next year, particularly for Bank Holidays. The group discussed various locations such as New Forest, Royal Victoria Country Park, Swiss Farm, and Wellington Country Park. There was also discussion about potential venues for Easter, including a return to Exbury and a new suggestion of Lower Tye Farm. The possibility of returning to Hole Park was also brought up. The group also considered alternative locations for Bank Holidays if their preferred venues are already booked. JA suggested a winter rally at Kingfisher Park.

CW reported that CAMC no longer supply rally envelopes and that we will have to buy some when the ones NH donated have run out.

The next rally at Midhurst was discussed. To date only 6 units are booked on (Whilst the meeting was in progress another person booked on) The viability of the rally was discussed. It was proposed that if less than 16 units are booked the rally may be cancelled. It was agreed that if it goes ahead the centre will fund the shortfall for the hall hire. Each unit will pay £7.50 towards the hall hire.

SW suggested that the lack of half term or other advantages might be discouraging people from booking. It was agreed to watch the situation closely and consider booking the rally for mid-February in the future.

A venue and date for our 2024 AGM was discussed. CW reported that SER want us to avoid early October as that is when they hold theirs.

CW reported that L manning has asked for the 10 pitches allowed for the Newbury show to be increased to 25.

## **10. Southern Centres. (SC)**

Nil to report

## **11. South East Region. (SER)**

RB reported that he has yet to speak to SER about their proposals for our family rally. We will retain the ownership of it. He will attend the next meeting later this month.

## **12. Committee with responsibilities: -**

- a. Rally Book 2025. Nil to report
- b. Web site. It was suggested that rally officers book onto their own rally to generate a list. It was noted that there is very little information on the initial notification.
- c. Centre Equipment. After some discussion it was agreed that the centre will rent shed space for an annual fee of £75.00 payable in January.

Centre equipment was discussed, with DW suggesting the purchase of a new lighter marquee top. Signage was discussed as we have lost so many and they are expensive to replace. It was agreed to limit signage and consider using a 'what3words' app for navigation. The potential use of battery-powered solutions for the centre was discussed and it was agreed to research the idea of purchasing portable power stations for rallies

- d. Plaques. Nil to report
- e. Health and Welfare. Nil to report
- f. New Members Committee. Nil to report

### **13. Xmas/New Year 2024**

This was discussed. It was agreed that we will not have a separate Xmas gathering as SW, KW and JA are the mainstays in running the New Year rally we are taking over from West Surrey. The rally will run 29<sup>th</sup> December o 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Entertainment for 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> has been provisionally booked.

### **14. Committee Run Rallies**

The problems of this type of rally were discussed as it was often the case that not all committee members could attend them meaning the job was left onto the few that could. No consensus reached.

### **15. AOB**

SW reorted a couple of things on the East Surrey rally programmed. Their event 5, Braemore House, still shows that the Cuckoo fayre is on which it is not.

Their event 11, Littlehampton Cricket ground 5 day rally a shows a family event. CW confirmed that this is being run by the Cricket Club but we will be welcome to attend.

### **16. Date and venue of next meeting.**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 via Zoom at 7.00pm

RB thanked those present for attending.

Nick Harris.

Secretary

Meeting ended 8.20 pm