



**Minutes of the 552<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre  
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held via zoom  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

**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), and Dave Wightman (DW).

RB thanked those present for attending.

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

The minutes of the 551<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

**4. Matters Arising.** NIL

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

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

SW Brighton Rally

**7. Secretary's Report.**

Since last meeting we have had 117 new members, 33 rejoined, 34 re registered, 2 transferred, 9 resigned and 194 not renewed to centre.

We now have 2 life members. 1104 lead members down from 1149, 918 joint members down from 936, 20 family members down from 24. Total membership 2044 down from 2111.

**8. Treasurer's Report.**

£11, 0003.52 in current account. £2,220.31 in reserve account. Agreed to fund this to £2,500.

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

CW reported the following.

Await confirmation of Stedham Mill

Await information from Care Ashore.

Wicks Farm could be MacMillan morning

Pondtail Farm awaits date. Possibly Chair's rally too.

Brighton CAMC cannot be booked yet.

South London have asked for invites to some of our rallies.

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

Report circulated prior to our meeting.

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

Nil to report

#### **12. SER AGM 2023**

14 units booked on.

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

- a. Rally Book 2024. CW reported that the Dales have been removed from the Welfare role
- b. Web site. All in order
- c. Centre Equipment. One new top purchased but it is very heavy. It was decided that the centre will fund 45% of the cost of a new shed as it is mainly used for storage of centre equipment.
- d. Plaques/Welfare. RB explained a new role of Health and Welfare has been created and will be looked after by EG. It was decided that the provision of welfare items will be looked at case by case.
- e. Rally Risk Assessment. A permanent ongoing item.

#### **14. Tents on Rallies.**

NH reported that this was agenda by Janet Fitzgerald following the last family rally. 2 families pitched up large tents in their own pitches and initially did not pay for the weekend. NH reminded the committee that on normal rallies CAMC allow a tent to be erected within the space of where an awning would have been. This was discussed and agreed that in future such ralliers will pay full rally fee. NH to review our rules.

#### **15. Purchase of new defibrillator**

EG advised NH prior to the meeting that this has been resolved.

#### **AOB.**

A Covid warning notice created by EG was discussed. It was agreed that we will utilise this with an entry in the rally book, Facebook and Web page. CW, EG and KC to deal.

A 'new member' subcommittee has been formed headed up by RB and JA. The purpose of this was to engage with new ralliers and to explore ways of making rallies more interesting.

RB asked that anyone who has contacts in the entertainment world keeps them in case we can utilise them in the future.

Membership of this subcommittee is not restricted to committee members and any centre member can ask to be involved. We need to encourage new and younger members to take the centre forward.

The matter of Fire buckets was brought up as it was felt that this practice is on the wane and should be encouraged more. Reminders to be put in Rally book, website and Facebook.

### **SW Brighton Rally**

SW reported that we must pay a deposit up front and pay with a cheque for the rest on arrival. SW will invoice any ralliers who fail to attend having booked on.

Really officers are reminded that if they wish to book entertainment etc they must approach the committee first.

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

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Method TBA

RB thanked those present for attending.

Nick Harris.

Secretary

Meeting ended 8.25 pm