



The Hertfordshire Centre Caravan & Motorhome Club
Minutes of committee meeting held on 23 August 2022
Video conference

Position	Members	Initials	Attended
Chairman / Website Editor	Alan Evans	AE	Yes
Treasurer	Vanessa Cannon	VC	Yes
Secretary	Jean Hickman	JH	Yes
Rally Secretary	Sandie Evans	SE	Yes
Social Secretary	Jenny Vardon	JV	Yes
Rally Equipment Officer / Health and Safety Officer	Gordon Percy	GP	Yes
Public Relations Officer	Michele Gilbert	MG	Yes
Attendance Officer	Doreen Page	DP	No
Audio Equipment Officer	Mick Lucas	ML	Yes

MEETING MINUTES

	Discussion	Action To Be Taken By	When
1.	Welcome		
1.1	The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed committee members.		
2.	Apologies for absence		
2.1	Apologies for absence were received from DP.		
3.	Minutes of meetings held on 17 May 2022		
3.1	6.2. VC advised that this minute should read; 'although it was recommended to have insurance, it was not compulsory'. 8.1. SE highlighted that this minute should read '76 people were booked' for the Summer Ball and not '76 units'.		
3.2	With the exception of the amendments reported above, the minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.		
4.	Matters arising from previous meetings		
4.1	There were no matters arising.		
5.	Chairman's report		
5.1	AE reported that it had been a quiet time for the Centre. There had been two recent rallies, the fishing rally at Home Farm, Saffron Walden and a long weekend at Homestead Park, Weeley, Essex. Both had gone well and had been well attended. The next rally would be held at the Blue Lias, Southam. There had been 20 new bookings come in over the last few weeks.		
5.2	It was noted that John Rowlinshaw's funeral has recently taken place and the Herts Centre had been well represented.		
6.			
6.1	VC presented the Treasure's report. The bank balance at the end of April had been £15,882 and at the end of May £17,601. Expenditure had been £1,225, mainly for Bibury site fees, expenses and various refunds. Income had been £2,945 mainly pre-payments for the Summer ball and Sywell rallies.		
6.2	The bank balance at the end of May had been £17,601 and at the end of June £15,538. Expenditure had been £4,876 mainly from Summer Ball costs, site fees, hall fees, entertainment, food etc. Income had been £2,813. This was the last of the rally income for the Summer ball, but mostly pre-payments for the Sywell rally.		
6.3	The bank balance at the end of June had been £15,538 and at the end of July £18,380. Expenditure had been £30.00 for 200 club winnings and expenses. Income had been £2,871, mainly due to income for the Sywell rally and some other rally income.		
6.4	VC went on to report that it had always been planned to spend some of the Centre's excess monies on subsidising rallies for the benefit of all ralliers and the Summer Ball rally had been one of those rallies. The loss to the Centre on the rally had been £2,437, which had been expected. The Committee agreed that it had been a special occasion and money well spent.		
6.5	In response to a question by GP, VC confirmed that Len Denbigh's request for a refund had been sorted.		
7.	Secretary's report		
7.1	JH reported that she had sent a condolence card to Terri Rowlinshaw on the death John. She had also been sending a welcome email to new Centre members and had sent out the most recent newsletter to all Herts members.		

8.	Rally secretary's report		
8.1	SE said a big thank you to everyone who had helped at the Summer Ball. The rally had been a great success with superb entertainment and nice food. SE advised that she had received a lovely letter from Liz and Grenville Chamberlain, Chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club, which she would publish in the next edition of the Centre's newsletter. SE reported that many members had asked if the Centre planned to run the weekend as an annual event. She noted that this would need serious consideration as it had cost the Centre over £2,000. SE proposed that the Centre run a Caribbean evening with a steel band in 2023, however she warned that this type of entertainment came at a big price of around £900. She asked the Committee to think about whether it would support this type of initiative.		
8.2	<p><u>2022 rally programme</u></p> <p><u>Past rallies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rallies at the Highfield Trust and Oakland College in St Albans were both cancelled due to a lack of bookings. • The fishing rally went well. Alison and Phil Godfrey were thanked for running the rally. • A birthday weekend in Weeley in Clacton went well. Jean and Steve Hickman were congratulated for an excellent rally. <p><u>Future rallies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Blue Lias Public House, Southam had 26 families booked on with some visitors from other centres. It was reported that a number of North London members were booking onto Herts rallies as their Centre looked like it might have to go into hibernation next year as not enough members were stepping up to join the committee or wanting to run rallies. • Hurley had 15 families booked on. • Sywell Classic had 124 booked to date and the event would be advertised again in the Club magazine. It was expected to bring a minimum of £2000 profit. Plans were in place to do a demo about rallying at the event to promote the Herts Centre to non-centre members. • Searles in October had 17 bookings to date. • Bookings for the Christmas party and New Year rallies were coming in too. 		
	<p><u>Rallies 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were still a few rallies not covered with rally officers. The plan was to plug these at the Blue Lias rally and other future rallies. • Crowmarsh Villas venue had not returned any emails or phone calls. There was a new campsite in Lincoln next to the Bateman's Brewery with electric hook-up which was available the same weekend. This may need to be considered for the long weekend break if Crowmarsh did not confirm. 		
9.	AGM – 1 October 2022		
9.1	a. Nominations		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AE, SE, GP, JV, MG, VC and ML confirmed that they would like to stay on the Committee in 2022/23. • BP to be asked if she would like to continue on the Committee. • Further nominations would be sort at rallies and on Facebook. 	JH MG	08/22 08/22
9.2	<p>b. Arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The usual format for the meeting would be employed. • Phil Crouch to be asked to be a teller. • Colin Brockwell had asked if he could give the closing speech. • DP or JV would present the fellowship and competition awards. • Papers for the meeting would be sent out in advance and a few copies to be printed. • JV and DP to provide tea and coffee. • Nominations form to be updated and sent to all the Committee for completion and return. 	SE JH JH SE	08/22 08/22 08/22 08/22
10.	Any Other Business		
10.1	MG asked if the Committee would like her to arrange a Christmas meal. A date of Thursday 15 December was agreed. The Lytton Arms in Stevenage was suggested as a good place to have the meal.	MG	09/22
10.2	<p>The Committee discussed some issues that had arisen at the fishing rally regarding the children's competition and trophies. AE advised that the problems had caused some bad feelings and noted that it should be a friendly sporting event. After discussion, it was agreed to draw a line under this year's rally and to change the rules for future fishing rallies. The rule changes are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unless there are two or more people in each category, adults and children, the competition cannot go ahead. 2. Unless outside sponsorship is received, there will be no monetary prize given. 		
10.3	MG noted that the Centre's gazebos had missing parts and often fell apart. She suggested the Centre should invest some money on better gazebos or framed tent, particularly for winter rallies to prevent members getting cold and wet.		
10.4	It was noted that some members had asked if they could have a printed rally book again, even if it was only a small book with limited information. SE advised that the information could be printed off the website if needed. It was agreed that this issue would be raised at the AGM for discussion.		
10.5	JV reported that 54 adults and 28 children were coming to Colin Vardon's weekend. It was being well supported by Herts members and family and friends.		
10.6	AE advised that future regional meetings would be held in Buckinghamshire and he would not be attending as he did not feel that it was beneficial to the Centre.		

11.	Close		
11.1	The meeting closed at 8.45pm.		