



**Minutes of the 473<sup>rd</sup> Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre  
of the Caravan Club held at The White Swan, Arundel,  
West Sussex on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

7.30 p.m.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Nil. FP welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Attendees.**

Fran Phillips Chairperson (FP), Dave Wightman Vice Chair (DW), Nick Harris Secretary (NH), John Woodward Treasurer (JW), Carol Wightman Rally Sec (CW), Janine Aylmore (JA), Pete Dales (PD), Janet Fitzgerald (JF), Peter Fitzgerald (PF), John Kane (JK), Steve Leverington (SL).

**3. Minutes of the previous meetings.**

The minutes of the 472<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved. Proposed by JA and seconded by PD.

**4. Matters Arising.**

NIL

**5. Actions from Minutes 472**

Item 13. JW to research outside caterers for SER AGM. Done without success.

**6. Notification of any other Business**

NIL

**7. Hon Secretary's Report**

23<sup>rd</sup> January. E mail received from Jane Phillips, CC Events manager sending new rules on caravan reversing competition. Sent to committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> February. E mail received from Darren Charnock with Southern Centres minutes etc. Circulated to committee.

Centre membership since last meeting. Total 1614 down from 1627, Lead 870 down from 876, joint 723 down from 730 an17 re registered, 5 resigned, 0 transferred and 28 not renewed to centre.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

JW circulated his report prior to the meeting but pointed out that we have accrued £75.78 interest since he prepared the figures.

Investment with Caravan Club = £7,615.93, Youth Account = £851.80, Charity Account = £232.65 and Business Account = £3,520.19.

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

CW has prepared the 2018 rally calendar. The Bank Holidays and various venues were discussed. There is a new venue at Colts Farm, Odiham which is alongside the Basingstoke canal. Subject to successful bookings the following was agreed. Easter BH 29-31 March 2018 will be held at Sharnfold. Early May BH 5-7 May 2018 at Ardingly show ground. Spring BH 26-28 May 2018 at Greenhill Farm, Landford.

NH reminded the committee that 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of our centres creation.

This was discussed and agreed that the West Sussex Centre 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary rally will be held over 25-27 August 2018 at Butcherland Farm, Ebernoe.

The WSCC AGM will be 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Steyning. (subject to booking)

## **10. Southern Centres.**

Next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> February. As of 20<sup>th</sup> January there are 131 units booked on this years Southern Centres rally. There is a limit of 250 units.

## **11. South East Region.**

FP reported that The National 2018 will be held at Holkham Hall, Norfolk. Centres have been asked to have a stall at a garden party with the theme of 90 years of caravanning. Question time will be on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Mercure Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. Meet the Members will be on the Daleacres Club site 28-29<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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

- a. **Rally Book 2017** Nil to report
- b. **Centre Sales** Nil to report
- c. **Web Site**

CW reported that the site reported that the Web site is up to date and running without any reported problems. The recent 'hacking' problems were discussed as was the 'purchase' of a new site. Various views were put forward. It was agreed that advice will be taken from Caravan Club HQ. **DW to deal.**

- d. **Centre Equipment/Signs** Nil to report.

- e. **Welfare/Plaques**

The welfare of three of our current members was discussed. Cards have been sent where appropriate.

## **13. SER AGM 2017.**

FP reported that she has a quote from the London Pie Company who will provide a meal for £10.00 a head. It was agreed we will reconsider this after this weekends rally at Steyning when we can test the kitchen facilities.

**14. NH- 2018 Rally.**

Dealt with at agenda item 9.

**15. AOB.**

SL. Family Rally.

SL reported that he and Fiona have taken over the rally at Birdham in August 2017. They have decided to change the theme from a Games rally to a Family rally aimed at children.

Please can members collect empty yoghurt pots and shower caps. Don't ask!

NH reported that in view of that he and Sandy will change the Childrens themed rally at Stedham to a laid back weekend as Birdham is a better time of year due to school holidays.

**NH to amend when sending out rally books.**

Chairman's Rally.

Historically this rally is invite only at the discretion of the Chair. Normally people who have run rallies or assisted the centre are invited and in the past this has been a free rally for those attending. Some years ago due to financial pressure the then committee decided that attendees would have to pay in part towards the rally. The Chair was given a grant of £200.00 towards the cost. This was reduced from the previous grant of £400.00.

There was a discussion about this with various views being out forward including that it should be a free rally to attendees. NH reported that when he was Chair he made enquiries which at that time revealed that no other centre in our region laid on a Chairmans rally at no charge to attendees.

FP asked if consideration could be given to increasing the grant as prices have changed and the current grant will not even cover the rally fees.

Discussed and agreed to reinstate the previous grant.

FP thanked all for attending the meeting. Meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, The White Swan, Arundel.

Nick Harris.  
Secretary