



**Minutes of the 511th Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held at The White Swan, Arundel,
West Sussex on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

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1. Apologies for absence: Sam Wood (SW)

2. Attendees:

Peter Fitzgerald Chair (PF), Nick Harris Secretary (NH), John Woodward Treasurer (JW), Carol Wightman Rally Secretary (CW), Janine Aylmore (JA), Janet Fitzgerald (JF), Dave Wightman (DW) and Keith Wood (KW)

PF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 510th meeting were approved; having been proposed by KW and JW.

.4. Matters Arising

Nil

5.Actions from minutes 509.

Item 13. KW to research a disco. Ongoing

Item 16. cancellation of New Year Rally. NH to put this on Facebook, CW will post on web site. Done

6. Notification of any other Business

NH Easter Rally

7. Secretary's Report

Centre membership since last meeting.

Total 1887 up from 1867, Lead 1025 up from 1013, joint 830 up from 822 and family 30 no change. 2 life members.

Since last meeting we have had 42 new members, 23 re registered, 6 rejoined, 4 resigned, 1 transferred and 33 not renewed to centre.

8. Treasurer's Report

JW's report was circulated before the meeting. He explained the figures and reports he generates.

JW reported that he has been in touch with the CAMC and with the committee's agreement he can draw down funds as needed. We have spent £598.00 on a new computer for the secretary and a donation of £300.00 towards the purchase of a new computer for the treasurer as agreed at the last meeting.

9. Hon Rally Secretary's Report

CW reported that she awaits confirmation of bookings as follows.

Midhurst Collage, 12-14 Feb 2021. A new site at Ringmer 16-18 July 2021. Gatewick 23-25 July 2021 and Exbury 26-30 August 2021.

CW explained the outcomes of telephone calls she has made regarding sites suggested on the centre Facebook page.

Blacklands Farm, Henfield. Cost £12.00 per night plus £6.00 per adult. Dogs, children and awnings are extra. No rallies in high season and not guaranteed in low season.

Red House Farm, Earnley. No rallies.

Southdown Way Caravan & Camping Park, Hassocks. No definite answer.

Stubcroft Farm, East Wittering. £30.00-£40.00 per night. Grass only and in low season.

The Barn, Lancing. No response.

The Bat and Ball, Wisborough Green. No response but committee members stayed there at a cost of over £30.00 per night.

Prince of Wales, Woodgate. Number not obtainable.

Riverside Farm, Rudgwick. No rallies

Horam Manor touring park. Cannot book a year ahead only in current season. £30.00 per night.

Park Farm, Bodiam, East Sussex. £10.00 per person per night + £5.00 for EHU and cannot book until 2021.

Other sites were considered unsuitable to for a normal weekend rally.

There was a discussion on the proposal that we have an on line survey with regards to members suggestions. KW and SW are happy to progress this by possibly using Survey Monkey. The matter of what system we use and what questions to ask was discussed. I.e. What price are you willing to pay, how far are you willing to travel for a weekend rally. This will be progressed once we have made those decisions.

10. Southern Centres (SC)

Nil to report

11. South East Region (SER)

We can retain Bob Elkington and Dave Suckling as our reps.

12. Committee with responsibilities:-

- a. Rally Book 2020. Nil to report
- b. Web site. All up to date. The possible replacement of this was discussed briefly but no consensus reached.
- c. Centre equipment. DW reported that we need to consider moving away from generators to battery powered indirect heaters at some stage
- d. Plaques. Nil to report
- e. Rally Risk Assessment. A permanent ongoing item.

13. AGM 2020

This was discussed and agreed that the theme for Saturday evening will be Mexican street party.

14. Social Media.

PF raised the issue of dissatisfaction at how the centre is being run or committee decisions being aired in public via social media. This was not the purpose of creating the face book group. This was discussed and the following agreed. DW is co opted into the role of Vice Chairman. He will deal with matters raised that amount to dissatisfaction on behalf of the committee. DW does not use any form of centre social media. He e mail address can be supplied by the secretary if needed.

KW suggested that instead of loading photos onto our face book page where they eventually drop off or go out of sight, we put them on the relevant events page. Anyone can do this and the photos will not disappear. Ralliers taking photos are reminded to let others know and that consent is given.

15. VAT.

This was discussed at length as it would seem that there is still much confusion about when we should be charging VAT. JW pointed out that CW had prepared a guide which goes in every envelope for those who are running a rally. PF and JF have created their own form which they use.

Rally Officers are reminded that before any Hall, room or entertainment which costs money is booked, the relevant form in your rally officers envelope must be submitted to the secretary for authorisation.

This is a direct lift from CAMC rules.

If the event is organised by the Centre, the fee charged to members must include VAT. When the event is organised in the centres name, it is protected by the Clubs Public Liability Insurance against claims that might arise from such incidents.

Further advice can be obtained from JW.

16. Vice Chair position.

This was dealt with at agenda point 14

17. New Year Rally 2020/2021

JA reported that she is part of a team of ralliers who would run the rally. The main theme for New Years Eve is that of a Medieval Banquet. Other entertainment will be put on across the four days. The likely total cost will be £120.00 for a unit and 2 adults. A booking form will be available soon.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

Wednesday 8th April 2020. The White Swan, Arundel.

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm. JF thanked everyone for attending.

Nick Harris. Secretary

Post Meeting Note.

Next meeting now 15th April.