



**Minutes of the 504<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre  
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held at The White Swan, Arundel,  
West Sussex on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

7.35 p.m.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dave Wightman

2. **Attendees:**

Nick Harris, Chair (NH), Peter Fitzgerald Vice Chair (PJ), Sandy Harris, Secretary (SH), John Woodward, Treasurer (JW), Carol Wightman, Rally Secretary (CW), John Cottee (JC), Wendy Cottee (WC) and Janet Fitzgerald (JF).

NH welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the 503<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved; proposed by CW and seconded by JF.

4. **Matters Arising**

Nil

5. **Actions from minutes 503.**

Nil

6. **Notification of any other Business**

PF. Air Marquee.

JC. AGM.

SH. Facebook

SH. Postage/Rally books

7. **Secretary's Report**

Centre membership since June. Total 1872 up from 1846 Life 3, Lead 1011 up from 996, joint 823 up from 812 and family 35 same. 3 life members.

Since last meeting we have had 90 new, 23 re registered, 13 rejoined, 0 transferred, 11 resigned and 78 not renewed to centre.

SH had received an e mail from South London centre informing us of the death of one of their long time members Kim Duffield.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

JW's report was circulated shortly before the meeting and he apologised for this but he is very busy. JW explained his report and rally income.

Investment with Caravan Club = £7,769.40, Youth Account = £851.80, Charity Account = £54.02 and Business Account = £5,561.46

The charity account has been boosted by donations at the Stedham rally. The free rally voucher we gave to Southern Centres was used at the Loxwood rally.

Monies raised at the Barnham rally were given to the MacMillan charity.

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

CW reported that she now has rally officers for all rallies in 2020 but was then advised that JC and WC can now not run the Stedham one due to family commitments.

In 2020 South London centre are holding their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary rally for which we will receive and invite. They have asked it goes in our rally book. They are also hosting the South East Region AGM. Both events will be held at Tillingbourne school as they have no appropriate venue available.

## **10. Southern Centres**

NH reported that he had received an e mail from Laurie Manning thanking us for the loan of the equipment for Southern Centres. He also reported that our CLO's did a great job and our centre received much praise from other centre members in our lines. A thorough search had been made for a missing pole from one of our flags to no avail.

**JW to research a replacement.**

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

NH reported that following the message he put on Facebook about support for the committee he was contacted by a member of SER regarding this being mentioned at SER on 5<sup>th</sup> September but the message was left the day he went on holiday so didn't get it. NH reported that he would not have wanted it minuted at SER at this time. NH was advised that he has been informed that 7 centres have folded this year with another 9 struggling.

This was discussed with various views being put forward as to why this was. PF suggested that we offer an incentive to attract new ralliers such as cash incentive with money off a rally. JC suggested we hold a 'new ralliers' rally and that we 'mail shot' new ralliers re this event.

He also reported that at another centre he visited recently they offer a second rally at half price rally to a first time rallier.

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

- a. Rally Book 2019. We have two advertisers booked and Kim Cooper has started putting the book together.
- b. Centre Sales. JC will hand his stock to NH this weekend.
- c. Web Site. All up to date.

- d. Centre Equipment/Signs. JF reported that there had been problems with the new air tent deflating. This was discussed. Users of the tent were impressed with the quality and warmth of the tent. The problems have been reported to the supplier who has sent some new bladders and valves. It was agreed that as all the committee are at this weekends rally we will erect the tent and try to sort the problem. We will then make a decision on its future.

The storage of it was discussed as DW/CW cannot take this on. This will be discussed also.

CW reported that DW is increasingly frustrated that centre signs and equipment are not being returned at the end of some rallies. Due to the nature of his work DW is sometimes able to use discarded and unwanted materials to use for signs etc. PF will assist with fabricating sign poles.

Storage of equipment in a central place which can be visited by rally officers was discussed. **NH to make enquiries with companies in the Worthing area.**

PLEASE if you use centre signs etc ensure that all of it is returned to the best of your ability. Damage should be reported to DW immediately.

- e. Welfare and Plaques. Retiring committee plaques discussed and WC will order them.
- f. Rally Risk Assessment. A permanent ongoing item.

### **13. New Year Rally 2019**

Booking form now available on our web site. 4 booked on so far.

### **14. AOB**

JC queried the start time of the AGM as it is not shown under the rally info. Information found in notice of AGM at rear of rally book. 2.30 pm. The AGM was discussed and agreed that we will hold an American Supper in the evening.

PF. Air Marquee. Dealt with at agenda point 12 d

SH. Facebook. SH reported that she had recently needed to remove a post which contained an advertisement which attracted a negative remark seemingly aimed at a committee member. This was discussed and agreed by all that our Facebook page is not there for adverts and this is the third such post that has been removed. Posts that are in the view of our Facebook page administrators contrary to the rules we advertise will not be allowed to remain.

SH. SH Raised the matter of the sending out of rally books. Currently we do not send books to every member. New members and regular attendees get one. Many are sent via e mail to save postage. Should this be reconsidered? Discussed briefly but will be referred to next committee.

Next meeting. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The White Swan, Arundel.

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm. NH thanked everyone for attending.

Sandy Harris

Secretary

