

## THE CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB – GLOUCESTERSHIRE CENTRE

The Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club, held at Whitminster Village Hall on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 1.45 p.m. The meeting commenced 15 minutes early as all who had booked to attend were present.

Present:

Mrs Di Kalus – Chairman

Mr Graham Bevan – Secretary

Mr Mike Davis – Treasurer

Mr Phil Harris – Rally Secretary

Mr Malcolm Pellatt, Mrs Marie Wilding, Mrs Dawn Hartell, Mrs Ann Bevan, Mr Andrew Holmes, Mrs Tara Harris and 3 Centre members.

Notice convening the meeting was read by Mr G Bevan, Centre Secretary.

**Chairman's welcome:** Mrs D Kalus welcomed those attending, and expressed her disappointment at the lack of support for the meeting.

**Apologies for absence:** Mr John Harris, Mrs Judy Sims, Peter & Moira Haynes, Keith & Jeanette Seabright, John & Pam Seville, Brenda Pellatt, Dave Brown, Anne Davis and Paul Blackmore.

**The Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, which all present had received, were agreed and duly signed.

Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Malcolm Pellatt, seconded by Phil Harris and agreed as a true record.

**Matters arising from these Minutes:** None.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Good afternoon everybody

This year my report will be very short due to the emergence of the pandemic this year which has scuppered all our rallying plans.

We did manage to hold out Charity sale in Tewksbury in February, which was quite well attended and thanks must go to all those who continue to help on the stalls every time.

We enjoyed our charity lunch at Staunton beautifully cooked by our resident Chef Marie ably assisted by Jem. Thank you to both of you and also to the helpers – what a team!

And then Covid 19 reared its ugly head and in March we were forced into a long lockdown which resulted in the devastation of our rally programme.

We as a committee felt it necessary to cancel most rallies as the pandemic progressed and even with safety measures advised by the Club we felt it was too risky to rally. – bearing in mind most of our regular ralliers are in the high-risk group.

Hopefully things will improve next year – fingers crossed!

You will notice that our Committee members are few in number this year and many of us have been on Committee for a number of years. Sadly, Mike, Graham and Ann, all long standing committee members are not stepping down this year. Between them have dedicated around 50 + years between them to supporting our Centre and keeping it running successfully.

We have been appealing for the last 2-3 years for new people to come forward without much success. With only 7 of us this year we will do our very best but it leaves just a few people to the job of running the Centre

Phil has done great job in putting together rally programme for 2021 which I hope will run (with health and safety restrictions in place) depending on the progress with the Pandemic.

Again, as in previous years the same few people are volunteering to be Rally Officers.

Remember – the Gloucestershire Centre is YOUR Centre and needs your support for it to continue as a successful and viable Centre .

I wish you all the best for the coming year and let's hope we can start rallying again in the not too distant future

**Adoption of the Chairman's Report** was proposed by Tara Harris and seconded by Dawn Hartell.

**Matters arising from the Chairman's Report:** None.

**Secretary's Report:**

Good afternoon,

The year 2020 has been unlike any other year that we have experienced, with the COVID-19 virus completely changing the way we have had to lead our day to day lives.

Today is no exception and this AGM is proof of that. We had to plan this meeting based on social distancing, non-issue of documentation, and advanced booking to ensure government rules were complied with.

Sadly, by asking our members to book in advance, this has had the effect of our members showing a complete disinterest in this democratic meeting, which is taking place with just Committee members and partners being present. In different circumstances we would have had a bigger attendance, but mainly from our older members, and this highlights the total indifference to the Centre from the vast majority of our 900+ centre members.

At last year's AGM we had an agenda item to discuss the future of the Centre and various comment were raised from the floor, but nothing was gained from this discussion and so the same few members have soldiered on to keep the Centre running.

Looking at the Centre activities since last year's AGM, we did send out a mail shot pleading for more help, and it was gratifying that two people came forward to help – Andrew Holmes and Jenny Green.

Andrew has brought some new enthusiasm to the Committee, and I hope he will be a good asset in the future – although he has yet to do a rally! His first rally was due at Whitemead back in March, but of course, this rally was the first to fall foul of the virus. Good luck for 2021 Andrew!.

Jenny Green stepped in to help, but by her own admission she was not fully committed, and will not be with the Committee this coming year.

As I just mentioned, Whitemead was the first rally of the year to be cancelled, and the pandemic saw every rally go the same way as the country locked down. The committee decided, as did a lot of other centres, to cancel all rallies up until the end of September, but this has now been extended due to the start of a second wave, and the only rally left which may still go ahead this year is Whitemead Park in November. The rally is currently full and the decision as to whether it will have to be cancelled will be made over the next week or two, and will depend on the latest Government rulings. I am hopeful that it will go ahead but we will have to wait and see.

Another problem the virus caused was this change of venue for the AGM. Norton Village Hall were not able to accommodate us due to the hall being used by the school next door, and the additional cleaning and sanitising this would involve.

Whilst we have struggled with numbers for Committee, two other Centres disbanded after last year's AGM's. Our neighbours Herefordshire, and also South Glamorgan Centre. Sadly I think that the effect of this virus could well see the demise of more Centres in the near future.

Our committee for this coming year is depleted even more, with myself and my wife Ann finally giving up our committee duties, as is Treasurer Mike Davies.

There is a real burden placed on the new committee, with not one single nomination from a membership of over 900 to help to keep the Centre going.

With this in mind, the current committee agreed that in 2021, the Centre would not be running the main field at RIAT Fairford, but would instead just run a 38 unit rally in the overflow field which we already operate. The main rally will now be run by the Wiltshire Centre.

At this point, I would like to thank the Committee, who have shown real commitment to the Centre, for standing again this year. Dawn has agreed to take over from Mike as Treasurer, and Phil will take over my job as Secretary, with Tara taking on Rally Secretary from Phil. Big thanks to Di Kalus for supporting the Centre for another year as Chairman. I am sure she will, with the backing of our very small but dedicated committee, give the Centre a successful 2021. I sincerely hope that the enthusiasm shown by the few will trigger a response from the Centre membership, but realistically I don't hold out much hope.

On that rather disappointing note, I bow out from the Centre committee. Ann and I have seen so much go on within the Centre during our 41 years of membership. We have made

many, lasting friendships, not only within the Centre but throughout the country. I take pride in having been the only Centre member to have held all the Officer positions in the Centre, and it was a difficult decision to stand down this year. However, the time is now, and I wish you all the very best for the future.

**Adoption of the Secretary's Report** was proposed by Jem Wilding and seconded by Andrew Holmes.

**Matters arising from the Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

As I present my report I would like to advise you that as in previous years any questions raised will be forwarded to our accountants – Wildin & Co who will respond to the committee in writing.

We have been asked this year as we are living in very strange and testing times to keep our reports as brief as possible so with this in mind I would ask you all to turn to page 3 of the accounts which gives the final totals for the year ending Balance Sheet and you will see that we finished the year with a healthy balance.

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As in previous years I would ask that you look at Rallies and Socials as one complete figure: Rallies have an income of £33146 less expenditure and the cost of Rally Plaques of £31518 leaving a profit of £1628 and Socials have an income of £320 less expenditure of £11732 leaving a deficit of £11412 so overall the total for both is a deficit of £9784 which bearing in mind that we held our 2500<sup>th</sup> rally in July where we had professional acts on every night for a five day period, and a magnificent marquee, I think this is exceptional and this was made possible by the great effort that the committee put in to keeping costs down.

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None of the figures on page 5 concern me but you will see that Bank Charges are up by a significant figure but obviously this is something beyond our control and also travelling expenses are up as we decided as a committee to pay fuel expenses to committee member for travelling to meetings

Before I close I would just like to say what a trying year 2020 has been due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, especially for me as the Treasurer.

As I close I would like to thank all the Rally Officers and all of my fellow committee members who over the years have made my job as treasurer a pleasure and I would especially like to thank Anne who has supported me over the past 30 odd years that I have been on and off committee and especially this year with all I have had to contend with.

Although I am retiring as the centre treasurer I will be staying around until the end of the year to finish off the 2020 accounts as we agreed at committee earlier this year so that the new treasurer has a fresh start for a new year and I wish them all the luck in the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen this concludes my report.

**Adoption of the Treasurer's Report** was proposed by Steve Kalus and seconded by Ann Bevan.

**Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Charity Officer's Report:** No report.

**Elections:** The nominations for Officers and Committee were as follows:

**CHAIRMAN:** Mrs Di Kalus, proposed by Mr J Wilding and seconded by Mr G Bevan. With no other nominations received, Mrs Kalus was duly elected.

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Philip Harris, proposed by Mr G Bevan and seconded by Mrs A Bevan. With no other nominations received, Mr Harris was duly elected.

**SECRETARY:** Philip Harris, proposed by Mr G Bevan and seconded by Mrs A Bevan. With no other nominations received, Mr Harris was duly elected.

**TREASURER:** Mrs Dawn Hartell, proposed by Mr G Bevan and seconded by Mrs A Bevan. With no other nominations received, Mrs Hartell was duly elected.

**RALLY SECRETARY:** Mrs Tara Harris, proposed by Mr G Bevan and seconded by Mrs A Bevan. With no other nominations received, Mrs Harris was duly elected.

**COMMITTEE:**

Mr M Pellatt, proposed by Mrs B Pellatt and seconded by Mr G Bevan

Mrs M Wilding, proposed by Mr S Kalus and seconded by Mrs A Bevan.

Mr A Holmes, proposed by Mr G Bevan and seconded by Mrs A Bevan.

Note: Many of the above were proposed/seconded by Secretary Graham Bevan and his wife Ann when they were received. This was done to avoid paperwork being passed around due to possible virus contamination.

**Approval of Centre Auditor:** Wildin & Co were again willing to continue to audit the Centre accounts, and approval was proposed by Mrs Ann Bevan, seconded by Mr Steve Kalus and agreed by a show of hands.

**Presentations:** With no trophies for presentation, the only presentations made were Flowers for Retiring Committee member Ann Bevan, and for the Chairman Di Kalus. Retirement gifts for Secretary Graham Bevan and Treasurer Mike Davis were not made at the meeting due to current covid restrictions.

**Motions:** None received.

**Any other business:** None.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was then declared closed at 2.10 p.m.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman