

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Venue: Tuddenham Caravan Park, California Sands, Norfolk

Date: Friday 19th April 2019 at 4.00pm

Present:

Mick Mead - Chairman
Robin Spence - Vice Chairman and Equipment Officer
Wendy Jefferson - Secretary
Martin Borrill – Rally Officer
Ian Jefferson – Web Master
Julie Noakes
Andy Blackwell

Apologies for absence

Emlyn Evans

Actions required in bold

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting dated 8th February 2019

These were approved by all.

Matters arising from previous Meeting

Proposed rally at Stratford 2020. – this was proving to be a problem with Severn Valley as it comes under their area. Severn Valley were approached about this and also about a rally at Bourton but will not allow us to have Stratford at all in July or Bourton in June. Mick said he had contacted head office and **he will also bring the matter up at the Groups Conference at the Nationals**. We currently have Stratford booked for the end of May next year.

Matters to be discussed

- (a) The Nationals – Mick said that the sign which Pete Randall was making had been done. The cost to the Club would be between £10 and £15. Mick had the club banner and we would have to decide on two people to carry it.

Table decorations – It was agreed to use Union Jack flags for table cloths – **Andy and Graham Spence to supply**. Some members said they were wearing “Best of British” outfits. Union Jack bowler hats were suggested by Mick for the members to wear, but it was decided not to do that as members may feel that they would not go with what they were wearing.

Discussion took place as to whether to invite the motorcycle group to eat with us one evening. It was decided to wait until the time of the Nationals to see if that were feasible.

Mick said that it was proposed that he and Martin attend the Group Conference meeting because of the issue of rallying out of our area.

A boules competition would take place at the Easter Rally to decide on our representatives.

At present 14 members from Chiltern had booked to attend the Nationals.

- (b) Mini Extravaganza at Peach Croft Farm 23rd to 26th August.

Discussion took place with regard to activities at this rally. **Martin said he would bring a dartboard. Martin, Robin and Pearl would bring various outdoor games.** Emlyn currently had the stocks and wet sponges. For the Saturday afternoon fete between 2.00 and 4.00pm, we would have a tombola (**Wendy and Ian to organise**), Guess the weight of the cake (**Julie to make**), guess the number of sweets in a jar (**Julie to organise**). We would also ask Tina to bring her "Splat the Rat".

For the Sat evening Mick had booked a male singer by the name of Nick Dodds at a cost of £250.00 through an agency recommended by Anglia Group. Martin said he had seen an impersonator recently who was very good. He thought his charge was £200.00. Discussion took place as to whether to book him for the Sunday evening, but it was decided that this would make the rally too costly as we couldn't be sure of the number of people who would attend. It was agreed instead to have a faith supper on the Sunday at 6.00pm with the Committee providing desserts for all.

The raffle budget was agreed at £50.00.

There are two barns we can use – one only during the day, and the other in the evening for music etc.

After some discussion it was agreed to make the rally bookable with a deposit of £12 payable. **Andy to ask Caroline if she would agree to take the bookings- if not then Mick/Julie will take them.**

It was agreed that Committee members could arrive at 11.00am with the rally starting at 2.00pm

(c) The AGM

Robin reported that there was now additional hardstanding on the overflow carpark at Padworth. He said he would measure to see how many additional hardstanding places there were. **Robin to work out roughly the number of vans that could be on hardstanding.**

It was suggested again that the AGM be made a free rally to encourage members to attend. It was felt that this could prove a problem as the hall was costing £400.00 and the hall is only a limited size.

Discussion followed about stopping the "free rally" altogether and it was agreed that this would in future cease.

On the Friday evening we would have games ie hoopla, etc. A female vocalist named Sarah Jameson had been booked for the Saturday evening at a cost of £250.00. It was agreed that we would provide a finger buffet prior to the entertainment.

(d) Christmas rally

It was agreed after discussion that the hook-ups at Padworth should be used by committee members and any disabled members.

The caterer had been booked by Mick – Wild Garlick who had catered last year. Mick had negotiated bigger portions and had asked that the plates be hot before the food was served. The cost this year was £32.50 a head as the caterers were now VAT registered. They required a deposit, and the balance on the night.

Mick suggested members sit where they wanted to rather than names be put on tables prior to the meal, and that they decorate their own tables. Andy pointed out that the caterers would not know where people were sitting without being given a table plan, and this could cause delay and confusion in serving. Ian said that last year's meal had gone very well with a table plan, and after discussion it was agreed that we would have one. **Julie to take bookings, menu choices and deposits.** Andy said there was a large roll of

table cloth over from last year. **Andy to bring roll of table cloth.** It was agreed by all not to have pre-dinner drinks in view of the lack of space. Dinner would be 5 to 5.30pm, after which there would be a disco – a family friend of Emlyn's had been booked to do this. Further discussion regarding Christmas Rally to continue at next meeting.

(e) Central lock up for club's equipment

Emlyn had asked that the possibility of a central lock up for equipment be considered, as where equipment was currently stored might not be available for much longer. Mick wondered if it would work, as people would be travelling to and from a central lock-up. Ian asked what was actually stored, and whether it was all used. Mick said that in the past equipment had been stored between a few members. They then liaised with each other when it was required for a rally. After some discussion it was felt that it was not viable, and that stewards wanting equipment should contact the equipment officer to say what they wanted and ask which member had last used it.

(f) Invoices sent to Treasurer

Emlyn asked that in future all invoices/receipts should be sent to him by email rather than Whats App. The original invoices and receipts should then be handed to him at a future date.

Officers Reports

Chairman

Mick said that he thought that some problems had arisen due to what he said was an over-reliance on the Committee Whats App Group. This has led to some of the team feeling concerned about responses – or lack of responses – to their posts. It was accepted that words typed on a screen do not always convey what the sender intended. General agreement suggested that better, more personal communication was needed in future.

Secretary

Wendy said we had had a few new members join but also a few members leaving for various reasons. Numbers were therefore roughly the same.

Rally Officer

Martin said that 80% of the rallies were booked for next year. He said that he would email all the committee with the up to date position. He was still unsure whether the rally at Edward Peake school would go ahead this year, or where the Christmas rally for 2020 would be. He was looking into Hurst College.

Equipment Officer

Robin said that he had had to write off shelter number 2 as nobody knew where it had gone.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.20pm. No date was set for the next meeting.