Committee Meeting 16/10/21

St Peters School, Old Windsor

Present:

Mick Mead, Emlyn Evans, Steve Wynn, Sharon Heritage, Marion Wynn, Julie Noakes, Pete Ingham, Shirley Ingham, Paul Walker

Apologies:

Roy Ward, Carole Ward

1. Forthcoming meets in 2022

There has been concern around the offer by Craig and Tara to steward the meet to be held at Cottesloe School, Wing next year. In the current season, they have either failed to attend, or arrived late at, several meets with little or no notice. This has cast doubt on the likelihood of their being reliable enough for the meet in question, especially as the venue is not only new to the group, but have offered us their facilities as a first-ever venture into rallies themselves.

In order to avoid any potential problems, it was suggested that a 'shadow' be provided for them at the Wing rally – Pete & Shirley Ingham have agreed to do this on behalf of the committee.

Going forward, can we organize a system to avoid the late arrival/no-show situations arising?

MW asked whether it would be possible to state a date by which bookings should be made?

A CaMC-style system of placing 'offenders' on a warning was discussed for repeat occurrences, and it was suggested that placing people on a 'provisional' booking list after 3 such events be employed. This was agreed to be a workable idea, and a note to this effect will be emailed to members, as well as added to the banner line on the group website.

A separate note specific to Craig & Tara would also be sent.

2. Group President

Following the resignation of our President Peter Randall, a selection of potential replacements was discussed – these included several members with long membership.

The question of 'qualifications' for the role was discussed, and it was stated that the person chosen should be a long-time member that had given extended service to the group.

The matter was shelved until the New Year, with the intention of announcing a replacement at the 60th anniversary meet in June.

3. Xmas 2021 meet

- Bookings are to close on October 31st
- Reception drinks Bucks Fizz was suggested SH & PW will source this and flutes
- Parking is no problem, but booking in will need arranging
- Paper Roll for tables has been sourced by RW & CW
- There will be a 'sit where you like' policy rather than set placings
- Members will be encouraged to set up and decorate their tables on Sat PM (8 to a table)
- The hall is available to us Fri evening, all day Sat, and Sun PM at a cost of 600 all-in
- Fri evening entertainments suggested include Motorhome Racing, Beetle Drive etc

- Sat AM Coffee and mince pies will be provided (at group cost) PI & SI to source
- Sat PM early tables to be set up and decorated members to do this.
- Wine for tables based on numbers, at least 36 bottles will be needed MM & JN to source
- Soft drinks to be decided
- Crackers and serviettes CW to source
- Raffle and game prizes 100 expenditure agreed MM & JN to source

4. 60th Anniversary meet – June 2022

This is scheduled for 2nd-5th June 2022 at Hurst College, with a midday start.

It may be possible for committee members to arrive the day before, but this is TBC

MM will ask for the hall to be available to us as follows:

Thurs evening 7:30-11:00 pm

Friday all day

Saturday all day

Sunday until noon

EE will check whether the Disco is available.

MW & SW have sourced a supplier of acrylic plaques as a possible memento of the anniversary, and MW showed the committee a mock-up of a possible design.

This was agreed to be suitable, and an approach will be made to the potential supplier – there was discussion around probable quantities, with breaks of 100 and 250 being mentioned. This would depend on whether we were wanting to offer a plaque to all members or just those attending the meet – no decision was made on this.

There was also discussion as to whether it would be possible/preferable to produce a diamond-shaped plaque as the meet is our Diamond Anniversary (this would be asked of the supplier, as it may affect pricing) – colouring of Diamond White on blue was agreed to be suitable as per the mock-up.

5. General matters

SH undertook to canvass potential stewards on the idea of starting meets at earlier times than we have previously done (say, 10AM) unless otherwise stated in the Rally Program. There was some concern that this time might be too early, but there was no objection to the general idea.

(Post-meeting, SH reported that all stewards were OK with the idea, so would look at possible timings based on the individual meets and venues as some may not be available early enough for morning starts)

SH also queried the criteria for meets being bookable – the two main reasons given were where a venue had limited spaces available and/or where the group were providing catering, when numbers would be needed ahead of time.