

# Isle of Wight Centre of the Caravan & Motorhome Club – AGM 2023

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at The Havenstreet Rally Field, Railway View, Main Road Havenstreet, Isle of Wight PO33 4DY on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 11.00

### 1) Notice Convening the Annual General Meeting

The Secretary of the Isle of Wight Caravan & Motorhome Club Centre opened the meeting with a reading of the “Notice of Convening” of the AGM.

### 2) Chairman`s Welcome

Jeff Johnson gave a warm welcome to assembled guests and Centre members, including 3 new members attending their first Centre AGM.

The Health and Safety/Evacuation procedures were explained to the members present.

The Chairman then called for a Minute`s silence in memory of the members who had passed away this year.

### 3) Apologies for absence

David Lumley read a list of apologies received from

Heather Woodfield   Wendy Warren   Rosie Sinclair   Mike Sinclair

Anthony Prewer   Sally Prewer

There were 54 members present.

### 4) Minutes of the AGM held at The Isle of Wight Military and Heritage Museum on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

The Minutes of the AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman asked members for their approval. The Members approved the accuracy of the Minutes.

Proposed: **Andy Schofield**   Seconded: **Andy Sutton**

### 5) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

## 6) Chairman`s Report for 2023

Another year has passed us by.

Our rallies started at Southlands, back in March and it seems as though the wet conditions there seem to have set a trend for a lot of the rallies this year and there has been a lot of towing to extradite units from muddy fields. Despite that, so far the rallies have been very successful and very enjoyable.

I gather that not many Centre members in the SW Region, of which we are part, attended ClubFest this year. SW Region attempted to hold a zoom meeting recently to ascertain why this was but couldn't even get enough interest to hold the zoom meeting. I have been asked to take feedback to their next Regional meeting in November, so if anyone has anything they would like to put forward then please let me know.

Now several of the committee are stepping down for a rest, and so I must give my sincere thanks, first to David, and to Debbie for their work on the committee over the years. David has been my right hand man and a great support to me and to the Centre and has made my job a lot easier as Chairman.

Also my thanks must go to Andy and Julie, who have worked their socks off in organizing all the rallies and their efforts in recruiting the many rally marshals we now have to ensure the rallies run smoothly and successfully.

And lastly to Margaret for keeping the Newsletter going, with the help of John. It has been a real privilege to work alongside them all - committee meetings were always lighthearted affairs and we will miss them.

But I now look forward to working with the new committee and to another successful year.

And finally I must thank all the members for supporting our Charity last year, Maggies, and we managed with your help, to raise over £1000. Our Charity this year is Home Start, and we are well on the way to raising another considerable sum. Thank you everyone.

The Members accepted the Chairman`s Report

Proposed: **Julie Schofield**    Seconded: **Cliff Godwin**

## 7) Secretary's Report for 2023

Back in 2016, as I was leaving the site at the Old Barn, the late Ken Bolton asked me if I could read and write. When I confirmed that I could he said that I would do as the new Secretary of the Centre! Seven years later the time is right for me to step down to allow my wife, Debbie and I to focus on our growing family and for new blood to step on to the Committee. Since the last AGM, the Committee has met on 9 occasions to conduct business on behalf of the Centre. As is always the case, the meetings have run smoothly and often with great camaraderie and good humour. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this Committee. May I take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow Committee Members and, in addition, Margaret Honeybourne for her work in producing the Newsletter before stepping down during the year. Centre Membership has fluctuated during the year but still stands at a healthy 609. Many of the new faces have also taken part in Centre rallies. The figures represent a continuing interest in the Club, the Centre and its activities. The biggest problem with which I, as Secretary, have been faced is with Centre Membership renewals. May I take this opportunity to remind all Centre Members to renew with the Centre when renewing their Club Membership. Since the last AGM, 466 Centre Members either did not or forgot to renew for various reasons, transfer to another Centre, selling their caravan or motorhome, ill health, forgetfulness etc. I send email reminders to every one of them and subsequently around a quarter renewed with the Centre. The renewal process is not automatic and members have to opt in whenever they renew with the Club. With the full support of the Centre Committee and South West Region, I continued my campaign with the Club to get the process changed but to no avail. The Club believes that the onus is on Club Members to renew membership with a Centre. Over the last 7 years and ignoring the fact that some members had to be reminded more than once, I have sent out reminders to over 1,400 people. 28 excellent entries were submitted to the Photographic Competition this year. All were digital entries, which were shared, via the Centre's website, with Centre Members who were asked to vote for their favourite in each of the 3 categories. Many thanks to everyone who submitted the photographs and to those who voted. The Chairman will announce the results of the competition later. This is my report for 2023. I am proud of what the Centre has achieved during my tenure and I step down in the belief that I have made a difference.

**The Chairman explained to the members that as there had been no nominations received for the position of Secretary, he had asked David Lumley to remain as Secretary for the duration of the meeting. David Lumley agreed.**

The Members accepted the Secretary`s Report.

Proposed: Debbie Lumley                      Seconded: Maureen Sutton

## **8) Treasurer`s Report**

The Members accepted the Treasurer`s Report

Proposed: **Michelle Humm**                      Seconded: **John Humm**

## **9) Rally Secretary`s Report**

2023 has been a great year for our rally programme. Unlike previous years, not one rally had to be cancelled due to pandemics or extreme weather. This has meant we have been able to offer a rally every month from March to October. Despite the small geographical area of our centre compared to many mainland centres, we have developed a good range of rally venues including our own club site at Southlands and this Havenstreet location of private owner local land. There are still other venues in hand, some yet to be fully scoped, meaning our rally program can offer centre members something / somewhere different year on year. This is important as our continuing growth has meant some previously used venues are no longer suitable. In that growth has been the regular occurrence of centre members attending their first rally. I can only think of one rally where we didn't have any first time attendees and it was no surprise when we had to order some first time rally plaques.

It has been extremely encouraging to receive feedback from those attendees stating how welcoming and friendly their experience was. That hasn't just been down to the committee but to all of you, so huge thanks and congratulations!

Of course, none of these rallies would have taken place without members stepping up and undertaking the role of rally Marshall, some for the first time, others who have served the centre for many years, thank you and I do hope you will continue on next year. Pretty please!!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members. You have been so supportive, helpful and encouraging. You have made the role a lot easier and most of all, enjoyable. Thank you.

It would also be so amiss of me if I didn't extend that gratefulness to my wonderful wife Julie, who has put up with me being distracted as I have my head in the rally program or booking forms whilst she is trying to talk to me. Thanks Julie, Love ya !

Speaking of next year, if all goes to plan, by the end of today, you will have a new rally secretary.

Julie and I are stepping down due to other and family commitments often involving regular trips to the mainland.

Having said that, in any case, I do believe a three / four year change round is a good thing, giving the opportunity for new ideas and plans to keep things fresh and exciting. I am pleased to report that all the rally program, locations, contacts and several thousand emails are all in a secure, online cloud account for easy reference.

I know whoever steps up into the role will have yours and mine support, although my phone will be on silent after midnight!

I have every confidence that the IOW Centre will continue to grow and enjoy great success in 2024 being one of the most successful in the whole UK Centre Network.

To finish I just wanted to share something with you. Whilst finishing writing this report this morning, a proverb was being shared on You Tube and as often happens on daily readings, it just seem so appropriate for today

“Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty.

Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart.

Earn a reputation for living well

in God's eyes and the eyes of the people”

Thanks all.

The Members accepted the Rally Secretary`s Report

Proposed: **Cliff Godwin**    Seconded: **Mike Butler**

## **10) Notice of Motions Received**

No Notices of Motions had been received



Asst Rally Secretary: <b>Jen Godwin</b>	Proposed: Andrew Schofield
	Seconded: Julie Schofield
Equipment Officer: <b>John Humm</b>	Proposed: Brian Allegri
	Seconded: Sara Allegri
Social Secretary: <b>Michelle Humm</b>	Proposed: Sara Allegri
	Seconded: Brian Allegri
Photographic Competition Secretary: <b>Sandra Johnson</b>	Proposed: Jeff Johnson
	Seconded: Mike Butler
Committee: <b>Maureen Sutton</b>	Proposed: Paula New
	Seconded: Cliff Godwin

David Lumley informed the members that an expression of interest had been shown in taking up the role of Secretary, and that details would follow.

He also informed the members that nominations had been received from Martyn and Teresa Constantine, but that due to Teresa`s recent death, Martyn would not be standing at this time.

This concluded the Election of Officers and Committee.

## 12) **Appointment of Independent Accountant**

Sara Allegri proposed that the Centre continue to retain Whitefield Tax as our Independent Accountant.

The members agreed with the proposal.

Proposed: <b>Jen Goodwin</b>	Seconded: <b>John Humm</b>
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## 13) **Any other business**

### 13.1 **Centre Charity Update.**

John Humm gave the members a brief description of the role of our chosen Charity for 2023, HomeStart and how the funds collected are spent. The

Chairman reported that to date the members had raised nearly £1000. He then asked members for their ideas for next year`s Charity to be sent to himself, or to any Committee member, which would be announced at the Annual Christmas dinner.

## **13.2 Presentations**

### **13.2.1 Photographic Competition.**

The Chairman announced the winners of the Photographic Competition 2023.

Category 1 – Isle of Wight & Rally Book Cover

WO1 – The Needles by Pam Lockwood.

Category 2 – View from My Van

VO4 - Waverley Park by David Lumley

Category 3 – Insect Life

I12 - Bee, by Debbie Lumley

Amazon Vouchers were awarded to the winners.

### **13.2.2 Committee members standing down.**

A presentation of cards and gifts were made to David and Debbie Lumley, Andy and Julie Schofield and Margaret Honeybourne and John Gillen.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 11.35.

Sandra Johnson  
Minute Secretary  
Isle of Wight Centre  
Caravan & Motorhome Club