

North Staffordshire Centre - The Caravan and Motorhome Club

Minutes of the 2024 A.G.M.

The Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of the North Staffordshire Centre of The Caravan and Motorhome Club held on Saturday 28th September at Offley Hay Village Hall, Offley Hay commencing at 11am.

The meeting opened with the Chairman asking the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

1. Notice convening meeting

The Secretary read the Notice convening the meeting. The Chairman asked if there were any Notices of Motion. The Secretary replied that there were none.

2. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Centre and extended a warm welcome to former Chairmen and their partners, and all those attending the rally and AGM.

The Chairman went on to explain that only full, family and joint members whose Centre Registration had been in the hands of the Secretary at least 35 days before the meeting, were allowed to speak and vote. He went on to confirm that those attending the AGM were registered members with the Centre. All those wishing to speak were asked to raise their hand.

The Chairman thanked his wife Janet Walker and Maureen Joyce for their help this morning marking the attendance.

3. Apologies for Absence

The Secretary had received apologies in advance from:

Mr Lewis and Mrs Anne Torr, Mr Anthony and Mrs Sarah Banks, Mrs Patricia Ollerenshaw, Mr Peter Lamond.

There were no further apologies from the floor

4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The Secretary explained that all those attending the rally had received copies of the minutes of 2023 AGM, the treasurers report and balance sheet. For those attending on the day the Agenda, Minutes from 2023 and treasurers report were available. The Secretary asked if everyone had had a chance to read the minutes.

Maureen Dutton proposed that the Minutes be adopted and was seconded by Brian Joyce.

The meeting unanimously agreed that they be adopted and accepted as a true record of last year's AGM.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2023 AGM minutes

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman John Walker advised the meeting that 2026 would be the North Staffordshire centres 60th Year and with the 2025 program complete, work would commence on the 2026 program now.

The chairman appealed for more members to rally, and to marshal. He advised the meeting that the centres pool of marshals was diminishing and numbers of ralliers also had an impact on whether a venue was agreeable to further events. John thanked Sid Ollerenshaw for his help with the program and thanked all the marshals and ralliers past and present.

He went on to say that the North Staffs Centre is facing the same pressures as other centres, and all are experiencing reductions.

Finally, the Chairman mentioned previous past chairman and committee members and members who have passed away this year, including Jeff Radford, John Long, Ted Turton and Harvey and Betty Hewitt (with thoughts to their daughter Diane). He asked the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of those centre members lost this year.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman for his report and proposed the adoption of the Chairman's report. Proposer Brian Twigg, seconded by Andrew Kelsall and a majority of those in attendance were in favour.

The Secretary asked if there were any questions on the Chairman's report.

There were no questions

7. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Sharon Snape presented her report. A detailed explanation of the accounts was presented. The report is appended to these minutes to avoid repetition. Overall, the centre made a profit of £199

The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Andrew Kelsall, seconded by Brian Joyce and all in attendance were in favour of its adoption.

The secretary then asked if there were any questions from the floor on the Treasurers Report.

There were no questions.

8. Elections

The Chairman asked the Secretary to read out the Nominations for the posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary said the Nominations were as follows:

Chairman – Mr John Walker
Secretary – Mr Stephen Osborne

Vice-Chairman – No Nomination
Treasurer – Mrs Sharon Snape

There being no other Nominations the Secretary advised that a vote was not required and asked for the approval of the meeting to these nominations. The nominations were approved by a majority vote.

At this point the Secretary presented the Chairman with his badge and plaque of office and Mrs Janet Walker with her chain of office. The Chairman then presented the Secretary and Treasurer, with their badges and plaques of office.

The Chairman then asked the Secretary to read the list of nominees for Committee and asked that each candidate to stand and take one step forward as their name was read out. The nominees for Committee were as follows:

Andrew Kelsall, Mr Sidney Ollerenshaw, Mr Brian Twigg, and Mr Jon Whittingham

The Secretary then explained that, as there were no other nominations and still vacant spaces on the committee, an election was not necessary, and he asked for the approval of the meeting to these selections. The selections were approved by a majority vote.

The Secretary then asked the Chairman to present his committee with their badges.

The Secretary then thanked Maureen Dutton for here service as minute taker for the last 12 months and advised the floor that subject to the agreement of the new committee she had agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary for the Committee (as a non-Committee post) for the next 12 months.

The Chairman explained that there were no Nominations for the Junior Committee this year, and thus there would be no Junior Committee for the next 12 months. He issued an appeal to the meeting for younger persons to start rallying with the centre and step forward for the committee.

Appointment of Auditor - The retiring Chairman informed the meeting that the Committee requested consent of the meeting to appoint Barbara Martin from BJM Services, formerly of Dyke Yaxley, to act as the Centres Auditor for the coming year and then asked for the approval of the appointment. The appointment was approved by a majority vote

At this point the retiring Chairman decided not to break for Tea and Coffee and stated that this would be served at the end of the meeting

9. Rally Report

The Rally Secretary John Walker did not have a set report ready; he discussed the program for 2024 and the upcoming 2025 season. He pronounced himself to be very happy. The program for 2025 is complete but the Rally Book is being held off from being printed until closer to Christmas because the centre is awaiting feedback from the end of season rallies, in particular the holiday rally at Paignton.

The Secretary then asked if there were any questions for the Rally Secretary or the top table on the Rally Program, there were none.

The Secretary then asked for a show of appreciation for the work put in by Mr John Walker and Mr Sidney Ollerenshaw and the Rally department this year to prepare the 2024 and 2025 seasons. The floor responded with a round of applause.

10. Any Other Business

The Chairman then asked for items under Any Other Business, explaining that he may take a show of hands if he felt that it would help the new Committee.

Past Chairman Brian Joyce advised the Chairman that he had been in regular contact with Past Chairman Terry Abbot, he advised the meeting about Terry and his wife Marion's health. He asked the Chairman if it was acceptable for him to keep in communication with Terry. The Chairman confirmed he was happy for this to be continued. Brian also expressed his disappointment that the Centre had not been in contact with Terry or Marion, The Chairman replied that he accepted full responsibility for this.

Close

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and a number of people for their help in the setting up and running of the meeting, and for helping set out the room and help with refreshments.

The Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks for the Chairman and the meeting responded with a round of applause. He then presented Mrs Maureen Dutton (Minutes Secretary) and Mrs Liz Leese with Flowers as thanks for their help and support on behalf of the centre.

The meeting closed at 11:40am.

Tea and Coffee was then served to all.

Signed John Walker Chairman