

Minutes of the 20th AGM for MCC NI Groups 24 & 42, held on 12th October 2019 in Sperrin Integrated College, Magherafelt.

Attendance

A total of 98 Members attended the meeting on presentation of a valid membership card.

Committee in attendance

Joe Little (Chairman), Geraldine Brown (Vice Chair/Treasurer), Julie Irwin (Rally Officer), David Gilmore (Secretary), Ruth Ross (Insignia Officer), Enda Carolan, Jack Little, Selma McMullan BEM, Ben Robinson and Norman Willis.

The Chairman Joe Little opened the meeting at 10.00 am by welcoming all the Members.

Members observed a minute silence in memory of 'Absent Friends' who had passed away and those who had been bereaved since our last AGM.

Formal Notice: was read by David Gilmore

"I hereby announce that this meeting is the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Ireland Group of The Motorcaravanners' Club Ltd and that the meeting is now convened."

Apologies

Tom & Agnes Adair, John & Irene Smyth, Joe & Florence McClune, John & Joyce McMillen and Drew & Annette Hemphill.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with "The Motor caravanners' Club Ltd" Constitution for Groups and our Group Supplementary document which was approved at the EGM on the 4th May 2018.

Purpose

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct the formal business of the Group and elect the committee for the 2019/2020 year. He said that the meeting was scheduled to last around 1 hour. The Chairperson advised the members that all decisions taken at this meeting will be binding on the 2019/2020 Committee to be elected later.

At this point the Chairman wished to express his thanks to all the committee members for their support throughout the past year, with a special mention to those who were standing down. He also introduced our Honorary President Dessie Ross.

Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held in Antrim on 29th September 2018 were proposed by David Morrison, seconded by Jane Horner and passed by members. (A copy of the minutes was included in the members welcome pack). There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman began by saying that he was happy to report that the Group had another excellent year. The membership of Group 24 has increased to 344 while Group 42 has decreased to 18. Overall this is an increase in membership of 14 compared to last year. During the past year the group had hosted 26 rallies with an average attendance of over 50 at each rally which is similar to last year. A well-attended Dinner Dance was also held at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.

He concluded his report by thanking our Honorary President Dessie Ross, the outgoing Committee, our photographers, our Rally Hosts, our tea makers and their helpers, the members that attend rallies and everyone that makes our group so successful.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer's report was delivered by the Chairman as Geraldine was recovering from an operation. A copy of the accounts that had been prepared by Peter Gribben of Hill Vellacott, Chartered Accountants was

included in the welcome pack. The Chairman advised members that we had incurred a deficit for the year amounting to £1728. The income from rally fees was up but the expenditure on site fees was also up, both mainly due to increased payments to Portrush Primary school. The balance at the 31 July was £12,433. The Chairman stated that it was his intention to keep our balance at £10K during the next year if possible. No questions were raised. The report was proposed by Victor Lennox, seconded by Suzanne Warwick and passed by all the members.

Election of Committee for 2019/2020

The Chairman asked the Honorary President Dessie Ross to take over the Chair in order that the election of the new Committee for the year 2019/2020 could take place as per the guidance laid down in the Constitution. At this point all the current members of the committee vacated their posts. The Honorary President took the Chair and began by thanking the outgoing Committee for their hard work over the previous year and said that the success of the Group was down to the dedication of the committee. He explained that those standing for election had been properly proposed, seconded and signed their willingness to accept a term in post in accordance with the Constitution. Only one nomination had been received for each post so voting would be by a show of hands. The following Committee was duly elected: - Chairman – Joe Little; Secretary – David Gilmore; Treasurer – Gary Little; Rally Officer – Julie Irwin; Committee – Enda Carolan, George Craig, Selma McMullan BEM; Ben Robinson, Norman Willis. During the election of the Treasurer post Betty Stewart had pointed out two members of the same family could not sign group cheques. The chairman said he was already aware of this rule and would appoint another committee member to sign cheques instead of him. Rhonda Smith who had been nominated for a committee position did not attend the meeting and as there was no explanation given the Chairman ruled that she could not be elected in her absence. The Chairman thanked Dessie for carrying out the election. He then congratulated all the officers and committee elected for 2019/2020 year and thanked them for coming forward to serve in this important role. He explained that as no nominations for Vice Chair had been received he would nominate one from the committee.

Independent Accounts Examiner

The Chairman advised the members that Peter Gribben of Hill Vellacott, Chartered Accountants, had again prepared the accounts which he has done for the last 8 years and recommended that he be appointed for the 2019/2020 year. This was proposed by Betty Stewart, seconded by Jim Douglas and approved by all the members.

Business Motion

The required notice of the Business Motion was given by publication on the Website and displayed at rallies.

“Members are being asked to approve the Group Supplementary Document updated on 5th August 2019.” There are some changes which bring the Paragraph numbers into line with revisions in the Constitution. However, the main changes are:

- a) Maximum number of committee members is raised from 10 to 12.
- b) Makes provision for co-opting members, subject to the maximum of 12.

The reason for these changes was succession planning in the future.

It was proposed by Geraldine Brown, seconded by Robert Grant and agreed by all that the motion be approved.

Close

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.00 am, by thanking everyone for attending and invited them to return for the Members Meeting at 11.30 pm after the refreshments.