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Minutes of the twenty second Annual General Meeting of the Northern Home Counties Region of the "Caravan and Motorhome Club", held at Wheatley Park School, Wheatley Near Oxford. OX33 1QH on the 17th November 2018, starting at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN – Mrs Jackie Lee
Regional Vice Chairman – Mr David Rickard
Regional Secretary – Mr Ray Daniels
Regional Treasurer – Mr Alan Cadman

79 Club Members Attended

1.0 NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Honorary Secretary read out the Notice convening the Meeting.

WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those present, including: -

- **Rodney Lambert**, Vice-Chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club with his wife Diane.
- **Adrian Hobbs**, Nominated Member of the Club Council and a Member of the Technical Sub-Committee with his wife Jackie.
- **Joan Leonard**, Nominated Member with her husband Terry.
- **Robin Blackford**, Nominated Member with his wife Jan.
- We also have the immediate past Chairman of the Region – **Phil Batchelor** and past Chairman **Dave Grover** with his wife Joyce and **Jennifer** the wife of the late Derek Preedy
- Chairmen of the Centres constitutionally associated with the Region, in attendance on the day were welcomed as follows: -

Wendy Goddard and her husband Derrick – Berkshire Centre
Carrie Irvin – Bedfordshire Centre
Kevin Allen and his wife Linda – Buckinghamshire Centre
Colin Brockwell and his wife Diane – Hertfordshire Centre
June Taylor and her husband John – Middlesex Centre
Andrew Knight and his wife Caroline – Upper Thames Centre

The Chairman asked whether there were any objections from the floor to Joan Leonard and her husband Terry and Adrian Hobbs and his wife Jackie acting as Tellers for the AGM. There were no objections.

Members were asked to check the paperwork issued on arrival. This should comprise of an Agenda, a set of Minutes consisting of 10 pages, a set of Accounts consisting of 6 pages. Agreement was given from the floor.

Before moving on with the business of the afternoon, the Chairman requested that a moments silence be observed, in memory of the friends and Members who are no longer with us.

2.0 APOLOGIES

The Secretary advised that apologies have been received from Sue and Ron Morgan, Rosemary Lucey, Helen and Maurice Dunne, Ruth and Gordon Taylor, Judy and Gerry Swain and Ann and John Moss.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE 2017 REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the adoption of the 2017 AGM Minutes. No objections were received.

The Minutes were then signed.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman then asked whether there were any matters arising from the last Minutes? There were no matters arising.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice-Chairman, Executive Member, Nominated Members, Ladies and Gentlemen

My Report will cover the period from the last Regional AGM until the present moment. Immediately after last year's AGM, my appointment as Regional Club Council Representative was ratified at the Regional Council Meeting.

Thankfully it was a smooth and successful handover from Phil Batchelor (immediate Past Regional Chairman) to me and my thanks go to Phil.

The Club Council has one traditional meeting, that this year took place on Saturday 14th April at the RAC Club London. Those invited to attend included the Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, nominated and life members, Divisional and Regional Chairmen and staff members from East Grinstead.

In addition, a Forum took place on Saturday 13th January at East Grinstead House to which three Officers of each of the Divisions/Regions were invited to attend. I was accompanied by Ray Daniels (your Regional Secretary) and Alan Cadman (your Regional Treasurer). Members of Staff from East Grinstead were also in attendance. Presentations were made by Club Staff along with an opportunity to raise and to discuss any points of concern with them.

The Caravan and Motorhome Club Annual General Meeting this year, for the first time, took place at York Racecourse. It proved a very popular location with the highest turnout of Club Members attending for some years.

2017/2018 has been a very active year for the Club during which time it has made steady progress. Member research and feedback had helped to devise values for The Club based on being Inspiring, Inclusive, Simple to deal with and Pioneering – looking to the future yet being extremely proud of what had been achieved for members in the past.

Club Revenue increased by £ 400,000 to £110.6 million and achieved an Operating Surplus after tax and one-off costs of £4.1million. After one-off charges, the Club surplus after tax was £2.2m. The balance sheet demonstrated that the Club had maintained its strong financial position and ended the year with Net Assets of £135 million.

Membership: 52,000 new households have been recruited into membership, the highest since 2011 and as a result the total membership numbers has now increased back over the milestone 352,000 households.

Sites: The sites network had a mixed year with a strong performance in the Autumn and Winter periods. Site capital expenditure was £12.6 million as a result of a step up in activity and works carried out at a number of the Club's UK sites. The Club has continued to face significant pressure each year on operating costs from unavoidable increases in the National Living Wage, energy costs, Business Rates and the Apprentice Levy and with the introduction of GDPR.

A new lease had been secured for the Club site at Buxton in the Peak District that enabled a complete redevelopment to be implemented. Further leases of land were acquired for extensions at Bridlington and Burrs Country Park. Complete site redevelopments were carried out at Black Knowle in the New Forest, Castleton in the Peak District, Hawes and Wharfedale in North Yorkshire and Hurn Lane in Somerset. Knaresborough has benefitted from a site extension, new serviced pitches and a new catering facility known as The Wanderer Bar and Kitchen. The major two-year project has now been completed at Alderstead Heath in Surrey. Throughout the network, where necessary, Site facility blocks have been improved, service pitches have been added and the provision of more hard-standing pitches that allows more pitches to be available during inclement weather. In addition, motor-home waste and service points, that are to a new friendlier design, are being phased in across the network. Two new sites have been acquired, Cayton Village on the North Yorkshire coast between Scarborough and Filey and Bingham Grange near Bridport in Dorset just a few miles from West Bay. For the 2019 both sites would be operated on Club terms and with the Club's booking system. Feedback would be gathered from members, as plans were drawn up for further investment and changes in the future.

Members made good use of the sites network with 20,000 more bookings than the previous year and occupancy the highest ever in the autumn and winter period.

The Club tries to ensure that everyone remains safe and happy when using sites and it is an achievement that the team has again been awarded a ROSPA Gold Medal award for the leisure industry sector.

There has been a continued increase in the choice of overseas sites available to those members venturing abroad. Competitive prices had been negotiated for members at over 300 sites and as a result overseas site bookings had been particularly strong for the 2017 season.

CL's: The network continued to be well supported by Club Membership. The number of CLs on the network stands at 2,305 with over 80% offering electric hook-ups. The numbers of toilets and showers available on CL's has also grown with over 40% providing Toilets. Many CL sites offer hard-standing pitches and are open all year round.

Centres: Membership of the Club's Centres was stable at around 40,000 at the end of 2017 but active members probably accounted for less than 10,000. There was a total of 69 centres which did a great deal to encourage people to enjoy caravanning in a social and friendly environment and provide holidays and weekends away at low cost. It must sadly be said that some Centres throughout the network are struggling to attract members on to the Committees.

Centres, Divisions and Regions raised the magnificent sum of £55,000 for charitable causes during the year.

Magazine: The Club Magazine was re-launched in January with a new look in line with the brand changes and from April the Magazines was produced in regional editions to encourage advertiser who wanted to reach members in a particular area of the country to do so.

In April the Club introduced the first in a number of changes to the booking processes for UK sites. The traditional Peak Booking was in December, but it is no more as members are now able to book sites on a 12months ahead rolling basis.

Insurance: 2017 was a challenging year for insurance. In response to market competition, a new Caravan Cover product has been developed to replace the 5c's. The new product launched in March took the Club back to its true roots as a mutual organisation where the Club covered the risk to the members' caravans. This brought with it an increase in control for the Club over its pricing, because it was now free from insurance underwriter influence. As a result of this The Club has been able to reduce prices for members and hoped to make further changes in the future. The Club was delighted to be recognised as Best Caravan Insurance Provider and Customer Service Champion at the Insurance Choice Awards.

Awards: The Club continues to carry out its annual Awards programme to drive forward their efforts to make better cars, caravans, trailer tents and motor-homes. Tow-Car of the Year, Caravan Design, Lightweight Leisure Trailer and Motor Caravan Design Awards all aim at helping members make informed choices for their vehicles whether buying new or second hand.

1,770 people attended caravan and motor-home training courses at one of 15 venues across the UK that is 10% high than in the previous year. Hundreds more Members take advantage of the taster sessions at major caravan and motor-home shows.

PR: The Club's Public Relations and Media team continue to promote touring and The Club, and all it has to offer as well as attending National and regional caravanning and outdoor shows. The Big Little Tent Festival has been widely publicised to encourage families to try camping for the first time in their back garden with family and friends. Club Together the on-line chat group continues to gain popularity and has many loyal and regular users.

Under the Experience Freedom banner Glamping pods, camping pods and yurts that are currently available in the Lake District, the Cotswolds and Brighton are proving popular. They utilise areas on sites that cannot be used for caravans or motor-homes and allows members to have families join them to enjoy the camping experience. Freedom Experience is also in partnership with Swift and is offering motor-home hire, although this is currently only available in the Manchester area.

For the third year in a row, The Club continued to be recognised as one of the top 50 contact centres in the UK The Club retained its title of No. 1 in the UK for the 'Travel & Hospitality Sector' and was given the accolade of 'Most Improved Overall' for Live Chat - being voted 5th in the whole country and voted 'Member of the Year' because of the work with other contact centres to share best practices.

REGION: Two Delegates from each of the 7 constituent Centres together with Rodney Lambert Vice-Chairman of The Club, Joan Leonard and Adrian Hobbs both Nominated Members have attended the five Council Meetings that took place during the year. We have also been pleased to welcome two Independent members onto the Regional Council who have brought relevant questions and different experiences and findings to the table.

At the March meeting Martin Stringer – Executive Secretary joined us and gave us an insight into his role within the Club. It is very much a co-incidence that NHCR was the first Regional Meeting Martin attended and this one is his last as he will be retiring next month.

I attended the South East Regions Question Time held at the Gatwick Aviation Museum and brought back information to NHCR on how their event was conducted and what questions were asked.

The National at Sledmere House was very successful, the weather was kind and there was much going on both daytime and the evenings. A new competition BBQ Chef of the Year was held in the main arena and thanks go to Diane and Steve Cook for representing NHCR. A Regional Reception took place in the NHCR block where members, both Centre and Non-Centre, could be introduced and socialise.

For the first time a Marquee for the use of Divisions and Regions was erected in the information food court area. It was to encourage Club Members to drop in and find out what Regions were all about. This allowed us to promote the Centre activities and encourage members to join Centres. It seemed worth-while and a success and will be repeated next year at Ragley Hall. However, for Regions to promote their Centres we do request that they provide us with as much information and posters as possible.

The results of the Rally Handbook Cover and Website Competition were announced at the opening ceremony of The National. I am delighted to advise you all that the winner of the Websites category was North London Centre.

This year was the tenth and final year that Rodney Lambert has been Chairman of the Events Committee and had overall responsibility for organising the National. I should like to extend the Regions along with my own personal thanks for all the hard work and dedication he has given to this position and also to Diane for supporting him.

The Dealer Liaison initiative is still under review and has had to take a somewhat backseat in view of the restructuring that it ongoing. It is felt that any approaches to Dealers should be channelled via the respective Centre.

GDPR has seen big changes in the way Centres have to operate regarding members information. The Club did provide training courses lasting about 20mins to offer guidance and to help alleviate any anxieties or concerns that Centre Secretaries may have had.

The Regional Committee participated in a Meet the Members weekend held on the Club Site at Burford, this enable us to promote all sections of the Club and Centres and what they have to offer to members. Your Vice-Chairman /PRO Dave Rickard will give more information in his Report.

The Region also held a very successful Question Time at the Henley Rowing Museum. Again, Dave will advise further in his Report.

I was very pleased to be able to attend the Hertfordshire Centre 60th Anniversary Celebration Rally that took place over a very sunny and enjoyable weekend at Pirton and the Buckinghamshire Centre Event run to coincide with the Windsor Horse Show.

On the weekend Fri 30th August 2019 to Sunday 1 September 2019 Centres have been asked by the Club to run rallies specifically to welcome new rally goers to attend. This would provide an opportunity for them to find out about rallying, what local Centres are and what they have to offer members. The Club will advertise the individual rallies in the Club magazine in March or April 2019 and will provide advice on how to book in. The weekend will be promoted as 'Centre Festival Weekend 2019'.

I should like to extend special thanks to John Pearson who has kindly kept our website up to date making all the Regional Information available in a most professional manner.

I should also like to thank Sandie Evans for the many years she has taken on and fulfilled the Events Co-ordinator Position. She has done a sterling job for such a long time but sadly has now decided it is now time for someone else to take over the reins.

I should like to extend thanks to my fellow officers who have supported and guided me throughout the past 12 months together with their respective spouses. Thanks also to all the Council Delegates, for their loyalty and support aided and assisted by their respective spouses.

A special thanks to Ray Daniels. Ray stepped in to become Secretary to enable the Region to be reinstated after a period of suspension. He has remained in that position for six years.

Thank you for listening. That concludes my Report on the last 12 months of the Region.'

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of her Report.

There being no objections, the Report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

There being none, she moved on.

6.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT

'Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is my sixth and final Report as your Region's Secretary.

During the past year, the Regional Council has met on five separate occasions. The first being shortly after last Year's AGM at Princes Risborough and the other meetings have been held at the Watermill Hotel at Bourne End near Hemel Hempstead.

The attendance at the Regional meetings this year is again up at 87% compared with last year's figure of 85%.

For a number of years, there hasn't been any Independent Members (sometimes referred to as Non-Centre Members) on the Region's Council. But following a relaxation in the Club's qualification criteria for Independent Members, the Club's Executive gave their approval for two interested Members to join the Region's Council as Independent Members back in February.

At the National back in May, I again undertook the role of Block Marshal for the Region's Lines together with two couples from the Buckinghamshire Centre. My special thanks again to them as they did most of the work. There were 41 units booked into our block which was closer to the centre of the activities than last year. Tea and coffee were available to Members after pitching their units, the take up again was not great but appreciated by those who came for a hot drink and a chat. The Region held a reception on the Saturday morning for all those associated with the Region.

The Region's new Flag and Banners were displayed at the National for the first time.

Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control, my wife and I were unable to participate fully as planned in the Meet the Members held at Burford in early June, nor were the new Flag and Banners available for display.

A Council meeting had been scheduled for early July, but the Officers decided to cancel the meeting due to the lack of anything new to discuss.

I have enjoyed being your Region's Secretary for the last six years, but I think it is now time to let somebody else undertake the role.

This concludes my Report for 2018.'

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Secretary's Report.

There being no objections, the Report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

There being none, she moved on.

7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

'It is my duty as Treasurer to present a Report on the finances of the Northern Home Counties Region of the Caravan and Motorhome Club and relates to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2017. These statements comprise of Income and Expenditure Account, Balance sheet, the Report from the Independent Examiners and the Statement of Committee Responsibilities and Accounting Policies. I trust everyone has a copy.

I would like to point out that the year ended with a deficit of £4 and that the Region is technically insolvent at that point without the ongoing support of the Caravan and Motorhome Club. This deficit has been created by the Caravan and Motorhomes policy in reducing grants to Regions that force them to reduce the amounts in the bank as some Regions were putting surplus funds on deposit with the Club and effectively earning interest on the Club's money. We were promised that if cash was becoming an issue then we simply ask the Club for more and they would give it to use, I requested a top up of £500 and received £250.

This was reported at last year's AGM as part of my resume' and whilst I can agree with the principal, there should a better process.

On reviewing the Financial Statements, I would like to start with the Income and Expenditure account which is itemised on page 3 of the Financial Statements.

Income

Income has reduced in 2017 from £6,524 to £5,803, a reduction of £721 and is the result of reducing the main grant from the Club by £250 and that there was no charity in 2017 reducing income by £726. These two factors have been marginally offset by increases in the Question time funding – £215 and the reception held at the National - £39, both contras with expenditure further down the page.

Expenditure

Expenditure has increased over the year by £177, but as there was no charity expenditure of £726 this actually meant expenditure has increased by £903.

The areas of expenditure contributing to this increase are as follows:

Regional Council meetings expenditure is £3,125 for 2017 which is an increase of £443 over the preceding year. This is a result of room hire costs and catering costs being increased in 2017 as a result of new ownership and the effect of minimum wages/work place pensions etc, which I reported at the last AGM. Previously the contract had been in place for the past 3 years and the Region had been lucky enough not to experience any inflationary costs.

AGM expenditure is similar to the previous year in total with a small increase of £100 being in presentations as a result of honorarium for retiring officers.

Other meetings/Events have increased by £282 relating to increases in cost of the national reception and Question time but are offset partly by income. Most of these events are to promote the services of the Club and enable members to raise question to officials. These events are anticipated to continue into future years.

Other expenditure now includes

- An events leaflet of £580 – previous year was included in Telephone, postage and Printing and has increased by £170 as a result of an additional print run.
- Officers Official Duties remain more or less the same as previous year and include:
- Officers meetings in Wendover £122
- Other mileage and sundry expenses – postage etc £196

In summary the Region has excess expenditure over income received of £1,555 which whilst most costs have been kept in line with previous years can be attributable to the fall in the Regional grant and increase in meeting costs.

Balance Sheet

Moving to the Balance sheet shown on page 2

Current account shows a balance of £3,398 after accounting for any unrepresented cheques and includes the receipt of the Grant for the 2018 Financial Year of £3,500 which is shown as Pre-paid Receipts. For 2017 the grant was paid in January so is not included in the balance as at 31st December 2016.

VAT relates to recoverable VAT for the last quarter of 2017 and is paid by the Caravan Club in 2018.

Region Independent Examinations fee is recoverable from the Caravan Club and for transparency is shown as accrued expenses.

This arrives at a Net Asset position for the Region, i.e. what the Region is worth of £4 deficit. The financed section shows the balance brought forward from the previous year adjusted by the deficit from the Income and Expenditure account of £1,555 arriving at the Net Asset position of £4 deficit which shows the accounts are in balance.

The Statement of Region Committees' Responsibilities, shown on page 4 outlines that the Committee has applied accounting policies laid down by the Caravan Club, have kept proper accounting records and that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The Independent Examiners Report on page 1, to you the members of this Region outline the Accountants responsibilities and that there are no issues to report.

Finally, I must thank my wife for her support during the year in discharging my responsibilities as Treasurer.'

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his Report and asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

There being no objections, the Report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

There being none, she moved on.

The Chairman asked the Treasurer to give a résumé of the current year to date but advised that this information is not for discussion at this time.

'The Grant from the Caravan and Motorhome Club for 2018 is £3,500 which is substantially lower than the Region's running cost. In January I attended a forum for Regions and Divisions at East Grinstead House with Jackie and Ray where we brought up the issue of lack of funding and which appeared to be received with a luke warm reception. I then wrote a business case together with a budget and suggestions that we as a Region would have to slash expenditure with the result of all the good work under taken by the Region would be lost. Eventually I received additional grant of £1,550.

The contract with the hotel has been rolled forward with no additional uplifts in cost and the Region did cancel one of the Council Meetings as there was no new business to discuss. There will be a slight increase in the variable cost in 2019.

Other anticipated expenditure will be more or less in line with the previous year although we did purchase some new Banners and a Sail-Flag, but we did receive funding for this – c £300.

Unfortunately, these banners and flags along with some other equipment were loaded in Ray's van to go to Burford which was stolen, and the Club has given financial recompense c £500 so that replacements could be procured.

The Region arranged Your Club in Your Region at Burford, Question Time at Henley on Thames and a reception for members attending the National rally. The expenditure for these events is mainly covered by grants from the Caravan and Motorhome Club.

The Officers of the Council will continue to strive to reduce costs and continue to gain best value for money in every element of cost.

Hopefully the Region will continue to help and support all Centres and I look forward to continuing for another year as your Treasurer.'

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his résumé of the current year to date.

8.0 VICE-CHAIRMAN AND PRO REPORT

'The National at Sledmere House in May commenced with a Regional Reception being held on Saturday with 140 personal invitations sent to Regional Members attending. Around 110 accepted the invitation to enjoy a glass of wine, Frankfurters and a cake. On the Sunday afternoon the Region entered several charity stalls in the Party in the Arena event and £575.00 was raised for various charities. My thanks are extended to our Members from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Middlesex who ran the stalls. Steve and Diane Cook entered the newly created Regional Barbecue Chef of the Year competition and did remarkably well for a first-time attempt.

Meet the Members was held at the Club Site at Burford on 8, 9 and 10th June with glorious weather. The Officers all attended along with Grenville Chamberlain & his wife Liz and it was a good opportunity to talk to likeminded members regarding their caravanning experiences. Wine and light refreshments were served at the gazebo during the activities and were appreciated by all. The assistance of the wardens was exceptional and were thanked for their help and co-operation.

Members Question Time was held in the Thames Room of the Henley River and Rowing Museum on 16th September. A delightful room with views over the River Thames and Mill Meadows, through the panoramic windows, and was an outstanding success. Invitations were sent out by the Club to all Members within a 2-hour drive of Henley via e mail and an article appeared in the September edition of the Club's Magazine resulting in over 112 members attending. A considerable improvement over last year. The meeting was preceded by a 1-hour riverboat tour from the nearby jetty, the weather was hot and sunny, 44 Members were taken on a tour of the river to include the route of the Royal Regatta and an historical commentary of the town and Regatta was made. A further riverboat tour took place after the meeting. Questions were varied and interesting and the panel consisting of Jackie Lee,

Rodney Lambert, Amanda Dunk, Emma McQuillan and Ellen Shotts all responded well to the challenge and the audience were left satisfied with their responses. After the refreshments a complimentary visit to the museum was arranged with many Members taking advantage of the opportunity. A full list of the questions and a Report on the meeting can be found on our Regional web site.

The Regional Website continues to be updated as regular items appear and I would like to express my personal thanks to the Webmaster, John Pearson, for his contribution over the past year. We have installed a counter to the site to monitor the volume of visitors and I can report a steady increase throughout the year as the information contained was extended and updated and today records 565 visitors. The Regional Events page for 2018 has now been completed and new entries will soon be available to keep visiting Members interested.

The refreshments served on the Region's Events this year have been carefully selected to prevent waste and litter. All the containers have been recycled and no plastic cups, straws, plates or cutlery have been used. Henley Question time was china cups, saucers and plates.

I would like to place on record my thanks to those who have helped and assisted me this year at all the Events organised and it has been a pleasure working with you all – thank you.

Future Activities for next year will include the National to be held at Ragley Hall near Stratford upon Avon. A new venue to the National and held during the Late Spring Bank Holiday where this Region will be able to enter the Chef of the Year competition and the Arena Summer Fete once again. There will be a Regional Information Marquee where all Regional activities are displayed and this includes our constituent Centres Rally Programmes. I am happy to report that the Meet the Members weekend has been fully funded and will be held at the Club site at Bladon Chains, Woodstock over the weekend of 7th to 9th June. The Members Question Time has also been fully funded by the Club giving an opportunity to go ahead and arrange this once again. I look forward to organising these events and you will be most welcome to enjoy and participate in them.

This concludes my Report on the Northern Home Counties Region's activities for 2018.'

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Vice-Chairman and PRO's Report. There being no objections, the Report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points. There being none, she moved on.

9.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman thanked the retiring Centre Delegates for attending the Council meetings and their support, enthusiasm and input and of course their spouses for allowing them the time to attend the meetings.

The Chairman also thanked her fellow Officers for all their hard work over the year and for their spouses for allowing them the time to undertake their duties.

She then asked that the floor show their appreciation in the customary way to say "thank you" to all the retiring Centre Delegates and Officers.

The Chairman and Officers then stood down and Rodney Lambert took control of the meeting, he then introduced the Chairman for 2018/19.

FINAL NOMINATIONS FOR 2018/19

Position	Nomination	Proposer	Seconded
CHAIRMAN	Jacqueline Lee	Alan Cadman	Kevin Allen
VICE CHAIRMAN	David Rickard	Gordon Taylor	Sam Turner
SECRETARY	Linda Allen	Carol Bailey	Yvonne Baber
TREASURER	Alan Cadman	Derek Ludlow	Kevin Allen

10.0 EVENTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Sandie Evans for all the work she had undertaken as the Region's Events Coordinator during 2018 and invited her to come forward to read her Report for 2018.

Good Afternoon Friends and Colleagues

This year many Events have taken place within our Centres. There has been an average attendance for most of them.

The Club magazine has promoted our events every month giving us their support.

Hertfordshire, Upper Thames, Berkshire & Bucks Centres feature highly this year in the Centre News section.

During this last year, 14 events have been held in the Region with 2 cancellations, due to bad weather and venue problems.

A total of 685 outfits attended overall to date a better attendance this year, giving just over 2290 van nights, this figure is up by 302 nights.

The number of non-centre members joining events has risen greatly with 408 non-centre members units still want to enjoy our company.

There were 279 centre members attending overall, this is a bit of a drop again this year, but Centre rallies attendance is down greatly too. Again, we see a few no shows on the day, this was a total of 28 units.

I have again produced a spreadsheet of the attendance figures for those who are interested to take away to your centres.

I thank the Event Officers for getting this information to me, albeit sometimes a bit late as usual.

The Windsor Horse show event, Truckfest at Peterborough and the Piston & Props at Sywell all had electric pods again year. New storage containers did give event officers a challenge as not expecting them to be loaded at the end of the events. Our members are not all spring chickens and these cables are very heavy to move around.

During this year again, we have had no events meetings, but we have been keeping in touch via emails and phone calls to keep a check on what's going on in the Region.

I have submitted all details for the 2019 events planned to the Events Department of the Club on behalf of all the Centre's in the Region.

Also, the Northern Home Counties Website will need up dating with all the 2019 events in the new year.

We have 11 events being planned across the Region for 2019, which are featured in the Regional booklet.

I have put together the Regional 2019 Rally booklet again this year which has all rallies and events across the Region included. I would like to thank all the Centre's Rally Sec for getting all their information to me, to have them printed off for today. The information was proof read by each Centre before printing them off. I sent it all to Rally Secs and Event Officers in October for comments before going to print. The costs have been picked up by the Regional Council for 1300 copies to be distributed between Centre's and we are going to put some into the Club Sites within our Region to try to gain some more interest from non-centre members who use Club Sites generally.

Thanks go to Martin Findlay for the printing, and Bronya.

I will say sorry there is a printed mistake – Ragley Hall is in Warwickshire, it's now moved back after taking a holiday in Worcester as stated in the booklet.

Please find time to look at what's on next year, all centres have displayed their events and bigger rallies planned for 2019, there are flyers and booking forms available to you and for your centre members.

I will be standing down from the Regional Council after 20 years serving on with many different Chairman, also doing the Events Liaison Post for 7 years so I would like to thank all the Centre Liaison officers which whom I have worked with over this time. I do hope someone will come forward to take over this role on behalf of the Region. When appointed I will be more than happy to advise and support he/she with the event works.

Many thanks again.'

The Chairman thanked Sandie for her Report and asked whether there were any objections to the adoption of her Report?

There were no objections, the Report was adopted.
The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.
There being none, she moved on.

11.0 TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Chairman thanked the Auditors of PKB UK LLP for their services in the independent examination of the Regions' 2017 Accounts.

The Treasurer was called upon to nominate the Independent Examiner for 2018.

The Treasurer wished to nominate PKB UK LLP Beechey House, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7AW.

The Chairman stated that PKB UK LLP had been approached and has agreed to continue in this role to independently examine the 2018 accounts.

12.0 PROPOSITIONS

The Chairman stated that the Secretary had not received any propositions by the closing date of 17th August 2018 as required by the Regional Constitution.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Ted Howard Jones – Spoke about his CL having a poor start to the season due to the weather but having a better year overall due to the subsequent excellent weather. Hard standing is being installed at his CI so that it can remain open all year and he expects to get a return on his investment within five to six years. He also spoke about the CI support group that he runs with currently 400+ members, the promotion of CLs to local landowners and the new initiative the Club is putting together to promote CLs up and down the country.

Sandie Evans asked if there was any change of date for the Centre Festival Weekend planned for next year.

The Chairman – The matter was brought to the notice of the Club but there are no plans to change the date. Currently, only Hertfordshire has come forward to run a Festival Weekend within the Region.

There being no further AOB, Chairman then invited Rodney Lambert - Club Vice Chairman to address the meeting.

Rodney asked if there would be champagne after the meeting as the Region was now twenty-one years old. Rodney then spoke briefly about the history of the Region, Club sites and the 2019 National.

The Chairman thanked Rodney.

The Chairman thanked the Tellers Joan and Terry Leonard and Jackie and Adrian Hobbs for their efforts and Martin and Bronya Findley for organising and running the sound system.

The Chairman also thanked the Upper Thames Centre for all they had done.

Presentations were made to Ray Daniels, Sandie Evans, John Pearson, Diane Lambert and the Tellers.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.18 pm.

Ray Daniels _____ **Jackie Lee** _____
Regional Secretary **Regional Chairman**