

**Report on the Special General Meeting  
of the Isle of Wight Centre  
of the Caravan & Motorhome Club  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Venue:** The Havenstreet Rally Railway View, Main Road Havenstreet, Isle of Wight, PO33 4DY

A total of 44 people were in attendance.

The Centre Chairman gave a warm welcome to centre guests and committee members present. Also joining us today were representatives from the South West Region. the Regional Chairman and an Executive Committee member.

The Health and Safety/Evacuation procedures were explained.

The SW regional chairman explained that this was a SGM instead of the AGM as no nominations for new main committee members had been received. Today's meeting would give centre members a chance to express interest and ask questions.

The regional chairman then went on to explain the rules of allowing the AGM to be delayed by holding this SGM and allow an extra 3 months timescale to see if a new committee could be formed before the decision on amalgamation with another neighbouring centre but understood this could be a difficult for the IOW group. Otherwise, the other option is to hibernate the group.

This would mean that the bank accounts and assets would then be frozen and the end of an era for a centre that had been running for 48 years.

The representatives then explained a bit more detail about what each main roles involved. To assist with the secretary's role which is mainly administrative, the centre issues monthly up to date list of members names which can be used when sending bulk communications out. This could be information coming from HQ at East Grinstead or centre news about upcoming events. They will also send information out to the committee members. The secretary doesn't even have to do the minutes as there is a minute secretary to do that.

The centre chairman is a figurehead for the centre and will be invited to the regional meetings. We understand that the logistics for this is more difficult for the IOW group but recently we have been able to do this via an online link to save any travel. They will be responsible for chairing the local committee meetings which are held monthly or as necessary.

Full support from the SW region and HR will be available and training will be offered if needed.

The meeting was then opened to the floor for questions

**Question 1:** The current committee members were asked to identify themselves and to indicate who would be proposing to stay on in their role. The committee members stood up and identified themselves individually, 3 members indicated they would be continuing.

**Question 2:** – Asked about the constitution rules and also funding. The Centre Chairman explained the rules were on the website along with nomination forms. In terms of funding, we get a grant from the centre each year dependant on the centre member numbers. Main expenditure over the years has included marquee's, tents and Generators. We tend break even from rallies after site fees and nominal costs are taken into account.

Question 3: It was asked whether the role of the secretary could be split so that it was not too much for one person. The SW representatives indicated that this was entirely feasible and that the IW centre already had a separate minutes secretary. The role of secretary was explained and parts of the role (membership secretary for instance) could be done by different committee members.

A number of members expressed interest in volunteering

The Centre Chairman thanked both SW Guests and added that the IOW centre has 2 further meetings scheduled before the AGM so we will get a better picture on the future. He also said the date for the AGM would be published and notified to centre members.

There was going to be a free BBQ in the evening and if anyone wanted to know further about the roles then to ask the committee.

Before the AGM in November there are 3 more rallies – Sandown Airport – Dairyman's Daughter – The Orchards as well as the Xmas meal which details will be on the website.

There being no other business, the chairman then closed the meeting at 11.30.

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