

Committee Meeting via WhatsApp Video for Severn Valley Group of the MCC, 20th February 2025 at 7pm

Agenda Topic:

National

Xmas Meal

Hosting

Any Other Business

Present: Phil Care-Chair, Tony Barnsley, Andrea Care, Jan Emeney and Gail Cole (note taker)

1. Minutes of previous meeting agreed unanimously.

2. National Rally 2025

Phil opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and asked if any of the Committee would be attending the National Inter-Group Festival at Hatton Country world this year on 22nd-27th May. Jan said she was undecided, lives nearby and would visit the site prior to the National depending on ground conditions nearer the time.

Tony attended last year and went the night before the festival but stated he was of the idea it was free so that paperwork to book in members, organising the allocated table for the group etc could be done, this turned out not to be the case in practice and Tony had to pay for each night he was there. Phil offered to reimburse Tony for last year by £100 from the Group funds, all the Committee agreed to this, Phil also added if Jan and Tony want to attend this year's National that Severn valley Group funds should pay for them to attend and be given an allowance for food for Severn Valley members attending the National. Phil proposed for someone to lead Severn Valley group, Jan and Mick Emeney agreed they will attend and be the lead.

3. Xmas Meal

Phil has been enquiring at various venues for the Christmas meal, but prices this year seem extortionate. Jan asked if Phil had spoken to Graham Kemble who could possibly be able to provide the catering for Christmas dinner and have it at Christopher Whitehead School, they aren't insured for us to use the kitchens so food would have to already be prepared and ready to serve.

4. Hosting at Rallies

At Orleton, Phil had put up a list of venues, with spaces for people to put their names next to the venue if they would like to host. He had also mentioned this to the members who attended the Valentine Rally at Orleton, saying they could co-host if not confident to run a rally on their own or just book members in and car parking would help.

5. Any Other Business

Tony asked Phil if before the next Rally at Baron's Cross is anyone going to check if dry enough to park there as prone to flooding. Andrea said that nine Vans have already booked in so far for this rally.

The Hill centre at Upton is under new management and the Manager is called Vicky who Phil is in contact with, he has secured dates for Upton Blues Festival 18th-21st July and Pre-Welland 21st-24th July. Phil will bring his Generator in case anyone's batteries run low.

Phil and Andrea won't be staying at Welland, they are going to Bourton on the Water but will stop off to help with booking in and parking vans. Tony asked if the drive leading up to Bourton's Football Club was suitable and was reassured by Phil that the drive had been cleared, he will also check the drive is clear before the rally.

Phil suggested maybe next year we could find suitable venues with a hall available so we can put on entertainment, maybe discuss for the future. Tony queried whether the New Year Rally is too long (4 nights), Phil replied saying some members liked longer rallies and if people didn't want to stay for the whole rally, they could book for the length of stay they wanted but we don't want people booking for nights then on the day they arrive change their mind because it affects the costing of the rally.

The DJ for the Easter Rally at Norton has increased his price so Phil is looking into having singer Mitzy again for Saturday night if she is available and possibly someone else.

Actions arising

Phil will contact Ron at MCC head office to fill out application forms and payment for National Rally.

Phil looking to source catering for Xmas meal

Phil stated that Andrea, himself, Gail and Steve are planning to visit the Baron's Cross site to inspect the grounds on the Tuesday before the rally

Phil and Andrea will visit the Bourton Football Club site before the Rally to check if drive clear for Vans to access site.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

