

Minutes of the 91st Meeting of the CLUB COUNCIL

Tuesday 6th February 2024, commencing at 10.00am held via Zoom

Attendees:

Club Council Members:

Geoff Gaunt, Club Leader - GG
 Pete Gregory, Deputy Club Leader - PG
 Janice Stace, Club Treasurer - JS
 Ian Jarrett, Motoring Groups Leader - IJ
 Mike Biss, Motoring Groups Deputy Leader – MB
 Graham Davis, Camping and Caravanning Group Leader - GD
 Jeff Kenyon, Local Groups Representative – JK
 Bob Thomas, Local Groups Representative – BT
 Trev Warren, Independent Council Member – TW
 Mike Harrison, Independent Council Member – MH

By Invitation:

Nick Hoath, Head of Member Communities & Events – NH
 Kadie Crichton, Member Communities Marketing Manager – KC
 Pete Worster, Chief Operating Officer – PW
 Tim Barry, Social Break Host – TB

1. Introductions and apologies for absence

Apologies received from Jeff Kenyon, Local Groups Representative

PG welcomed GG as the recently elected Club Leader, JS as the recently elected Club Treasurer, TB as the representative Social Break Host and MH as the recently appointed ICM.

2. Minutes from the 90th Meeting held on 1st November 2023¹- PG

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

2.1 Matters Arising

GG enquired as to the situation regarding the updates for the SEN process. NH will update under Agenda item 8 later in the meeting.

2.2 Action Points

Action No.	Description of Action	Who responsible?
1	NH to circulate the LOGs/Independent Volunteers Guidelines to all Groups and add to the Club Handbook. COMPLETE	Nick Hoath

2	<p>MG/GG to propose to the CSMA Board that the Club Treasurer be elected for a period of one year, until January 2025 (i.e. after the 2024 AGM proposals to amend the election process). This would then allow the proposed election processes to be applied and also create a greater time period between the elections of the Club NED roles (i.e. Club Leader and Club Treasurer). This would be contrary to the requirements of Article F33.</p> <p>COMPLETE. NH explained that although the Board initially approved the recommendation, this was subsequently reversed following concern from the Association Governors. Hence the Club Treasurer's term of office will now run until the end of GG's initial term of office (i.e. until October 2025)</p>	Madeleine Grubb Geoff Gaunt
3	<p>Local Group Representatives to request Local Groups how they celebrated the 100th Anniversary of CSMA.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	Local Group Representatives
4	<p>MG to request Graham Davis provides reports from all C&C activities are included in his report to the Council.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	Madeleine Grubb
5	<p>NH to invite Mike Harrison to the Club Council as an ICM</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	Nick Hoath

3. Matters Arising from the Interest Group Leaders and Local Groups

3.1 Motoring Groups Report– IJ

IJ had previously provided a report to the meeting.

GG enquired as to the apparent decline in Marshalling activities. IJ responded to say that marshalling activities directly related to Boundless Motorsports activities are remaining fairly constant. However, the marshalling activities not associated with Boundless Motorsports, in particular those in the South-West and North-East, have declined considerably, largely due to either the ill health or advancing age of the Marshalls in those areas. IJ also indicated that the expectations from new Marshalls, is possibly not reflected in the actual marshalling experience. IJ added that the nature of modern vehicle ownership may also be having an impact on individuals using their vehicles to support Marshalling events. PW enquired as to how Marshalls are recruited for events. IJ explained that in most cases Marshalls are recruited via a network of known individuals. MB indicated that there is not an abundant stream of new Marshalls being recruited presently. PG indicated that there was a feature in the Boundless Magazine covering Marshalling, although there had been little response to this. IJ indicated that although the website covers the opportunities for marshalling, it is not actively promoted to all members. PW enquired if we have any video resources to explain how members could get involved, IJ indicated he is not aware of any resources. MB indicated that a Motorsports taster day could be arranged to demonstrate the opportunities available throughout all the Motorsports activities for members. ACTION: Motorsports Committee to consider a multi-activity Motorsports taster day for members.

GG enquired as to the issue of finding venues for motorsports activities, in particular in the South. MB responded to say that this has been an issue for many years, due to changes in ownership or

management of appropriate sites and hence differing policies towards allowing motorsports activities on the land.

3.2 Camping and Caravanning Report¹ – GD

GD had previously provided a report to the meeting. GD added that some rallies are receiving strong bookings – indeed some are requiring a waiting list to be operated. Equally some rallies do not receive many bookings and may need to be cancelled.

GG indicated that the Club Leadership have reviewed the request for details of all C&C Rallies to be reported to the Club Council, instead a brief synopsis from the Local Group Rally reports would be appropriate. The more detailed information should be provided to the C&C Committee.

3.3 Local Groups Report¹ – JS/BT/JK

The LGRs had previously provided a report to the meeting. BT added that most Groups had enjoyed a 100th Anniversary celebration of some description. BT also noted that several committees are reporting that their committee members are becoming more elderly and recruiting younger members on to committees is proving challenging as most committee members are no longer in the workplace. PW updated that the recruitment of new Boundless members is increasing, and many of these are coming through referrals, often through the workplace. MH indicated the MG Owners Club has a specific young member's section (under 30s) and that this model could be worth consideration?

GG indicated that when Local Groups put on special events, these appear to be very well supported by members. MB responded to note that members that attend special events often do not attend the more regular events (Club Nights). MB added that the one-off special events often tend to cost a lot more, both to deliver and for the individual member attending, and hence more of these events would increase budget requirements. GG indicated that this issue could be mitigated by potentially reducing the frequency of the events. IJ indicated that his Local Group enjoyed a bumper attendance at their 100th Anniversary event, which they do not normally see at their regular events. MB indicated that there is a need not to alienate the regular attendees, who enjoy the regular Club Night style of events. GG responded to say that there appears to be an appetite to improve the Local Group attendances from those involved, however, to deliver this some Groups may need to look to change their offerings to the members. PW enquired as to whether there are any Groups who have experienced any new blood joining the committee and influencing change. GG enquired as to the term 'committee', is this off putting for younger members.

4. Update from CMG/Club Leadership - GG

GG outlined that the Board/Club Leadership roles have changed, following Gerard's election as Chair and Madeleine's election as Vice Chair. GG is now Club Leader, whilst JS is now the Club Treasurer. GG outlined that CMG have met once since the last Club Council meeting, the next meeting is next week.

GG indicated that Member Communities will be reviewing/revising the Volunteer Hub and requested the ICMs to be involved with this. MH agreed to be involved.

GG indicated that he will also be reviewing the Club Leader's 3-Year strategy to ensure it is still in line with the direction of the Member Communities and wider business objectives.

GG noted that the Club Council Review conducted during 2023 has been discussed by the CMG, and there are some issues he would like to address, in particular the involvement of Club Council members with the activities outside of their specialism.

GG noted that the Social Breaks Hosts have held 2 meetings to discuss issues relating to hosting Breaks. These were seen as successful and will be repeated later this year.

GG outlined that the Volunteer Recognition rewards, and shopping cards were circulated prior to Christmas and thanked NH for delivering this as required. GG indicated he would like to review this process and the wider recognition of volunteers again during the year.

GG concluded his update by requesting that all Groups send in their SENs in plenty of time before events to allow them to be uploaded to the website.

5. Club Treasurer's Update – JS

NH reported that the 2023 end of year expenditure had come out under budget and thanked all Groups for their prudence in monitoring their spend during 2023.

6. Independent Council Member Update – TW/MH

TW had previously provided a report to the meeting. TW reported that 2023 had exceeded the target of 15,000 moments of engagement online, achieving over 17,000 by the end of the year. The target for 2024 has increased once again to 18,000 moments of engagement. GG reflected that this engagement is important to maintain contact with our membership.

PG enquired from TW as to the context of the C&C issue raised in his report. TW explained the details relating to this issue. NH also outlined the situation regarding the process around member code of conduct issues.

7. Member Communities Update – NH

NH highlighted that following JS election as the Club Treasurer, there is now a vacancy for a Local Groups Representative. NH explained that he had commenced the election by inviting nominations last Friday 2nd Feb. The new LGR should be elected by the middle of March.

NH circulated the 2023 Attendance summary for all Groups. NH noted that whilst the overall number of events has reduced slightly from the previous year, the average attendances have increased. However, the picture remains very mixed across all Groups, with some thriving, whilst others struggle.

8. Health and Safety Incidents at Groups Activities – NH

NH reported there have not been any incidents.

NH updated to note that the revised SEN process is currently being completed to make it easier for the majority of events. Due to an absence from within the H&S team, this is taking longer than anticipated. KC has been testing the web-based Events Information form, which will be a fairly short and easy form to complete.

9. Any other urgent business – All

There was no other business raised.

Next Meeting: 11.00am, Wednesday 15th May 2024, Holiday Inn Birmingham City Centre, Smallbrook, Queensway, Birmingham B5 4EW

NH requested should anyone need accommodation the night before, to please contact him.

ACTIONS FROM 6TH FEBRUARY 2024 CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

Action No.	Description of Action	Who responsible?
1	Motorsports Committee to consider a multi-activity Motorsports taster day for members.	Ian Jarrett Mike Biss