

Masonic Caravan Club of England and Wales

Annual General Meeting

Brean Village Hall, Somerset, Saturday 9th September 2017

1. The meeting was opened at 11.00 hrs by the Chairman, Bill Leppard.
2. Apologies were received from Frank and Gillian Wilkinson, Les and Val Squance, Tony and Sandra Forsyth, Mike and Alyson Silver, Ian and Isobel Iadds, Howard Bailey, John and June Bumfrey, David and Lynn Eaton, David Hodgson-Whittle, Roger and Pat Crocombe, Alan and Sylvie Portchmouth, Rick and Liz Bradfield, Tony and Valerie Godwin.
3. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were adopted. There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman gave a short report on the 2017 season. The overseas rally was a great success and thanks were given to Alan Portchmouth and all the helpers who made it so. Numbers at overseas rallies had fallen somewhat but the success reflected the spirit of Freemasonry and the joy of renewing friendships.
5. The Secretary reported that membership had remained constant, with an increase in the Regions membership offsetting the demise of Cheshire Masonic Caravan Fellowship. Further efforts will be made to attract other Masonic clubs into the fold. Exemption certificates had been renewed with Natural England correspondence attended to as required. Membership of ACCEO and Public Liability Insurance were renewed.
6. The annual accounts, ending 31st December 2016, were presented. They showed a slight excess of income over expenditure. They had been duly checked by the two accounts examiners who found them in order. The Accounts were adopted by the meeting. A letter of appreciation was to be sent to Mike Silver for the outstanding work done over the last few years in his Office as Treasurer.
7. Authorisation was given to the Officers to change the Bank Account mandates and signatories as required when new Officers were appointed.
8. Election of Officers.
 - a. Chairman Bill Leppard
 - b. Vice Chairman Paul Hurley
 - c. Secretary Mrs. Margaret Johnston
 - d. Treasurer David Wootton
 - e. Assistant Secretary Gordon Bumfrey
 - f. Accounts Examiners Chris Baker and Tony Forsyth
 - g. Committee members John Ross Barnard, Tony Lancashire, Alex Johnston, Mrs Jill Baker, Mrs Mary Wootton, Mrs Linda Leppard, Mrs Gill Lancashire.
 - h. The Overseas Rally Coordinator was left in abeyance until later in the year. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Alan Portchmouth for his excellent work over the last three years.
9. The Committee meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting discussed various proposals which were incorporated into the General Meeting.

10. The 2018 National Rally would be held in conjunction with the South East region Rally in Hereford in September. Various other Rally dates were discussed within the Regions, these will all be published on the MCCEW website when organised.
11. A generalised discussion was held on:
 - a. The benefits of the use of Lodges for meetings and meals.
 - b. The production of a poster to be placed in the Website which can be downloaded and put into Lodge Rooms to advertise Masonic caravanning.
 - c. The Sunday luncheon arrangements at the local restaurant.
 - d. The cheese and wine meeting in the village hall.
12. Eddie Wonfor gave a brief report on attendance at the ACCEO meeting and said that he would be attending the AGM this year to represent MCCEW.
13. The meeting was closed at 11.52 hrs.