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For a lot of us the rallying season is just beginning. The weather during February was very pleasant and I do hope some of you managed to get out and about in your units. ACCEO had our usual stand and hospitality lounge at the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show held at the NEC. We had a fairly successful week and a fair number of you did manage to find either the stand or the lounge despite them being in different Halls.

We hope that most of you are aware of the ACCEO National Rally which takes place over the first weekend in October every year. The rally runs for 5 nights, Wednesday to Sunday incorporating the ACCEO AGM, which is held on Saturday afternoon. This year we are returning to the Ukrainian Youth Centre in Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. This venue was new for ACCEO last year and appeared to be a success, but it would have been nice if we could have had a few more units on the field. It will be lovely to see you this year, please come along, there isn't any electricity but no need to worry, there are plenty of battery charging facilities. All you have to do is ask, so please don't go without power. Any number of club members can attend; if you are the only member of your club who wants to attend, don't be put off as you will be very welcome and not be alone on the field or in the room.

There is a poster with more details included in this issue. Also included in this issue of AM is a hard copy of the booking form for the National Rally, it will be as a loose-leaf sheet of paper. This can be completed and returned to David Thompson, our Finance Officer, or it can be downloaded from the website and sent electronically to David.

Don't forget if you visit any of the rally sites that advertise in AM, to mention that you saw their advert in AM. If anybody has any subject they think might be of interest to other Association Members and would like it included in AM, please contact me on: ameditor@acceo.org

Elaine Nicholls
Editor

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Chairman's Chat

Over the last couple of years, we have discussed ways of trying to help our Member Clubs gain a few more members joining their rallies. One such solution was to ask Member Clubs to run the odd rally per year under the ACCEO exemption certificate. Although their own members attending would have to be ACCEO Personal Members, they could then allow other ACCEO Personal Members to attend as well. So far, a couple of clubs have taken up the offer and slowly it seems to be taking off and we have seen Member Clubs benefit by having ACCEO Personal members joining them.

I would like to firstly thank The Zodiacs for offering to run an ACCEO exempted rally; they had a few enquiries but it was probably advertised too late to really get our Personal members fully on board.

Since then the AAOCC have offered to run some rallies under the ACCEO exemption certificate and I am able to report back that their New Year Rally at the Robin Hood Scout Camp saw twenty percent of ACCEO Personal Members attending the rally in addition to their own Personal Members.

Since I was one of them, I would really like to express my thanks on behalf of Denise and I and the other ACCEO Personal members that attended, for making us feel so welcome from the moment we arrived, to the time we had to drag ourselves away. I can say that everyone treated us as if we had been members of the AAOCC for years, any apprehension we may have had in joining a new club and wondering if we would fit in disappeared the moment we arrived. Greeted at the gate with a happy welcoming smile, and everyone being helpful all weekend. A rally I will not forget in a hurry, so once again, thank you AAOCC for a wonderful time.

So, following on from this I would recommend that, even if you are not one of our Member Clubs that occasionally find themselves short on numbers every Member Club should consider running a rally now and again under the ACCEO exemption certificate, so ACCEO Personal Members can join you. You never know how you may also benefit from this, not only gaining new friends, but you may well get new members for your clubs as a result.

So as not to be a hypocrite, I have already instigated my club running an ACCEO exempted rally, and although not until 2020, we will be looking to get one fitted in this year, if time to sort out and advertising permits.

Finally, I would like to thank Elaine, Tony and all the team for running another successful week at the NEC this February. I only managed to attend for two days this year and was worn out, but I really do appreciate all the hard work they put in to making this a successful event for all the ACCEO Member Clubs and their members who attend.

Robin Wilkinson

Insurance Matters

Thank you to all the ACCEO clubs that support and take advantage of the ACCEO public liability insurance which again was very well received. It was also pleasing to see that clubs renewed on time and without much chasing from Saffron Insurance.

If you are one of the few clubs that do not take advantage of the club public liability insurance then please contact myself or Saffron Insurance and we will be happy to speak to you about this. It is vital that your club has public liability insurance to protect your club, its members and yourselves.

Ian Derbyshire

National Rally Co-ordinator

ACCEO are very pleased to announce that The Bridge Club 2014 will be our hosts for the 2019 National Rally to be held at the Ukrainian Youth Centre Weston-upon-Trent.

The rally runs from Wednesday 2nd to Monday 7th October and costs are £42.50 for the whole rally or £20 for the weekend. Please note bookings have to be in by 2nd September in order to guarantee you receive a plaque and booklet, however bookings will continue to be taken after that date. We are delighted to be able to say the entertainment will be free this year.

Next year's National Rally will be at Ludlow Racecourse and will start on Wednesday 30th September. The host club will be the All Year Round Caravan Club. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

In the meantime, have a cracking rally season and keep those wheels turning safely.

Chris Lowery

Membership Officer

We are well into 2019 and a big thank-you to all the clubs that renewed on time and for all the Personal Members who have renewed too.

The personal membership form is available on our website www.acceo.org for those who still need to renew, or email me at membership@acceo.org and I can send you the form to complete.

Those of you who were at the AGM may recall my mentioning the invitation rally for ACCEO Personal Members being run by the AAOCC at New Year. It was a great success and a great time was had by all; we had five Personal Members of ACCEO book on along with our own club. This is a great way for smaller clubs to boost their numbers and also for ACCEO Personal Members to be able to rally. If you would like information on how your club could do this, then please email me.

The AAOCC is holding another invitation rally to ACCEO Personal Members at Chatsworth House (DE45 1PP) which is running from 24th to 27th May. You do need to be a Personal Member of ACCEO to attend; if you would like further information about this rally please email me at gaynor@aaocc.org.uk with your personal membership number and I will forward you a booking form.

I do hope that everyone has had a great start to the rallying calendar for 2019. Ours certainly has been, with only one weekend at home so far this year. Our hobby of caravanning is certainly a fabulous one, celebrating both Matthew and Calvin's birthdays in the caravan too. Mine is next, so they had both better get their thinking caps on to make it a special one (it's not a big one this year, but every birthday is special to me). Rallying is amazing for forming friendships and seeing the wonderful parts of the country that we wouldn't normally visit.

Happy rallying everyone.

Gaynor Hart

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National Parks, Extended Rallies & ACCEO Exempted Rallies

Up to present I have had 8 applications for Extended rallies for 2020, which are going through the due process, extended rallies can be applied for at any time, just be aware to ensure I get a minimum of 14 weeks' notice prior to the rally taking place to ensure it gets approved in time.

Applications for rallying in the National Parks for 2020 must be with me by the 24th April 2019 latest, the earlier you apply the better the chance of it being approved. So far this year I have had no applications, so I presume that no one will be running any rallies in the National Parks in 2020!

ACCEO exempted rallies – if you want to run an ACCEO exempted rally please mail the Association Secretary or myself for further details in how to apply and the conditions that must be met.

Robin Wilkinson



Caravan Camping & Motorhome Show 19th—24th February 2019

Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted in the ACCEO Hospitality Lounge at the above show. It was very much appreciated, we couldn't run the lounge without you. A massive thank you to Tony, my husband for manning the fort for the whole week, while I went back home to do my paid job. He does work very hard and despite me telling him to take a day off he never does.



We will have a lounge in October but at the moment I cannot confirm where it will be.

It was lovely to see so many of you in the lounge, this show things had changed, even though we were in two different halls as in previous years the directional signage was not a great success. Well done to those of you that managed to find the Lounge.

Elaine Nicholls
Exhibitions Team



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The Caravan and Motorhome Club – Autumn Parliamentary Reception

Peter Brown and I were invited to attend the Caravan and Motorhome Autumn Parliamentary Reception, where they present their awards for “The Best Certified Location of the Year” and “Sites in Bloom”.

This event was hosted by the Chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club, Grenville Chamberlain and the Rt Hon. Sir David Amess MP and took place in the Churchill Room in the House of Commons.

I met up with Peter at Euston Station and we travelled the short distance to Westminster together, leaving ourselves plenty of time in case of any events that could delay our journey. It was a good job we did, as once in the queue to get through the security checks, it took us over an hour to gain access. Arriving in the Churchill Room five minutes late, we were confronted by some rather worried hosts as we were one of the first to arrive and there was no sight of their award winners! We explained the length of the queue and the time it took to get in, and so they set out to try and speed things up as they only had the room for a limited amount of time.

After 30 minutes and Guest Presenter The Rt Hon. Jeremy Wright QC MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport adding his weight, most guests were fast tracked into the event, but this did delay the presentations. Unfortunately this delay meant that most of The Rt Hon. Jeremy Wright’s time was taken up as there was an important ‘Bill’ being discussed, so Peter did not get to meet him.

However Peter did get to talk to his Aide, and express our concerns about not being able to get in touch with the new government department now looking after the exemption certificate we all require for our rallying. Well it did some good as Peter now has dates to meet with the new team.

Sir David Amess MP stepped into help out by presenting the awards for the winners of the Best Certified Site and the winners of the Sites in Bloom before whisking the winners away for a tour of the building.

I was lucky to manage to get a place on this tour and so said goodbye to Peter as the function would have ended before the tour completed. We got shown the Terrace, St Stephens Hall, St Stephens Porch and Westminster Hall (or the Great Hall), the Central hall and finally allowed to sit in the viewing area and watch the debate going on in the House of Commons.

It was a real eye opener to see how they debate, acting like children in places. I am not surprised how long it takes bills to get voted in. All in all it was a good day, getting to meet our peers in other clubs, the Caravan and Leisure industries.

Robin Wilkinson



Certified Site of the Year, Avon Bank Meadow run by Craig Brown and Sandra McAllister

Alan E King—Chair of ACCEO 1995 – 1999

Alan and his wife, Sheila were keen caravanners, travelling the length and breadth of the UK and abroad for many years until the sort of changes that the years bring compelled retirement from what was as much a way of life as an interest. They became members from early days of the Avondale Caravan Owners Club (ACOC) founded in 1972, and took a wider interest in a hobby that was being taken up by more and more people as caravan manufacture developed from a hand-built to a production-line process that made them available to a larger market.

His involvement with ACCEO stemmed from that interest. As an organisation, it did not exist until the amalgamation in 1985 of two other organisations, the National Federation of Caravan Owners Club (NFOCC) founded in 1968, and the Confederation of Caravan and Camping Clubs (4C's). The ACOC joined NFOCC and as a member of the ACOC Committee, Alan was one of their delegates to NFOCC. The increasing numbers of caravans and camping and caravan clubs holding rallies in the countryside and National Parks under the Exemption Certificates system led to the Dept of the Environment taking a closer interest in what was happening and sending out a consultation document to certificate holding organisations in 1978. Alan became more and more supportive of the negotiations between the parallel bodies, NFOCC and 4C's, that led to the formation of ACCEO following the winding up of both in 1985. It was during these developments that Alan met Bob Smylie MBE who became a good friend. Bob became ACCEO's first Chair and in 1994, its first President. He received the MBE in 1993 for services to the touring caravanning movement.

Alan continued his role as ACOC delegate to ACCEO's AGM, and he and Sheila were always strong supporters of the National Rally that was held over the May Day weekend at different venues every year from 1986 until 1999. The AGM rally was attended by club delegates only, but was opened to all members as the National Rally after 1999. Alan joined the ACCEO Committee as Newsletter Editor of 'THE BROADSHEET' and contributed to all the discussions generated by the queries from the membership, quite often about the exact interpretation of the legislation. He was a tireless worker on committee, using 'ACCEO MATTERS' as it became, to inform and entertain. He became Vice-Chair in 1994 and Chair in 1995. He encouraged the formation of a committee with the skills and commitment needed to take the Association forward. With the support of an insurance broker, ACCEO was able to offer caravan insurance to individuals in Member Clubs and public liability insurance on good terms to clubs in 1994. This generated enough income to support a part-time employee and office, but sadly, the broker withdrew support in 1999, causing the closure of the caravan insurance and the office with employee, but public liability insurance for clubs continues on good terms. He led the negotiations that enabled ACCEO to have a continuing presence at NEC Caravan shows, initially at the sole show in February, and now in October as well. He left office at the 1999 AGM knowing that ACCEO was now an established part of the rallying scene with around 200 Member Clubs and was recognised by national and local government as the representative body of the independent rallying clubs.

Sadly his final years were blighted by dementia and he passed away in August 2018 but he will be remembered by all who caravanned with him and his dear wife, Sheila in the ACOC and elsewhere, shared working on committee with him, knew him as a trustee of a Bus Museum, as a business man, listened to the hilarious antics of his Black Country friends, Enoch and Eli, and was never short of ideas. He will be sadly missed, but it was a life well lived.

Anne Barrow
Retired ACCEO President

Flat Batteries in Motorhomes using the Sargent EC500 Electrical System

Over the last fifteen years or so, the electronic systems of the chassis used for a panel van conversion or as the base for a coachbuilt motorhome consume energy from the vehicle starter battery constantly even when the vehicle is in storage. The chassis manufacturers all advise that the starter battery should be disconnected if the vehicle is not to be used for 2 weeks or more. In the last couple of years, Peugeot have fitted a facility that allows disconnection by selecting a position on the ignition switch.

Many of the specialist caravan/motorhome insurers require, as a condition of insurance, that additional Alarm/ Immobiliser and Tracker are installed. These draw additional energy from the starter battery such that it will only last a week or so in storage before the battery becomes fully discharged.

The addition of a large solar panel with either a dual channel solar controller or single channel controller and battery mate can supply all the energy needed to keep both the starter and the leisure batteries fully charged during outside storage all year round.

Many UK motorhome manufacturers however use electrical systems sourced from Sargent Electrical Services and between 2014 and 2018 this was the Sargent EC500. The EC500 includes a bespoke 'Smart Charge' facility that is enabled as part of the standard system configuration. The Smart Charge feature will default to the leisure battery and will monitor the vehicle battery, if the vehicle battery drops below 12.4V the charger will divert the charge to the vehicle battery for a 4 hour period before returning to the leisure battery for 4 hours. At this point the system will default back to the leisure battery and monitor the vehicle battery.

This facility only works with the Power Supply Unit (PSU) switched on and is very effective on mains hook up or with charge from an 80W or larger solar panel for much of the year. However, when in winter storage, the energy consumed by the smart charge circuitry exceeds that gathered by the solar panel, the leisure battery that powers the PSU goes flat in a few days, and no solar generated energy reaches the vehicle starter battery so that flattens in a few days as well.

The Sargent guidance is therefore to switch off the PSU when the vehicle is in storage. Any solar energy gathered during that period is directed to the leisure battery and that is maintained in a good condition. Unless the chassis manufacturer's advice to disconnect the starter battery is followed, that battery will be flat in a few days.

Disconnecting the starter battery will disable all chassis electrics including central locking, alarm(s), tracker, etc and some owners may be concerned about that. However if the battery is allowed to go flat they will be disabled anyway with the added irritation that the vehicle won't start when wanted. Owners that have let the batteries flatten under these circumstances often find that the battery becomes damaged and must be replaced.

Peter Brown

Formal Documentation Required for Rallies

I received the following question from one of ACCEO's Member Clubs:

A Club rally was recently held at a National Trust property. Although we have used the site before, we were asked to produce a Public Liability Insurance Certificate, Traffic Management Plan, Entertainments Licence etc. Whilst we were able to satisfy the request, we have never been asked to produce these before.

Could ACCEO please advise what formal documentation and risk management plans, a club like ours should have for a rally, so that we can be prepared. Would it be possible to issue a guidance note to all member clubs, to clarify the position as happened with Unit siting and GDPR?

Because this is such a nebulous subject, I don't think it would work in a generic Information Sheet but you may be interested to read my response:

It is for your Club to determine what formal documentation (if any) is required in the context of running any rally, but as far as satisfying other interested parties is concerned, the following may help.

- For a rally on a licensed Caravan Site, no formal documentation is required.
- For a Paragraph 6 rally, it would be sensible for the Marshal/Steward to have on site copies of the Exemption Certificate, confirmation that Public Liability Insurance is in place and a list of attendees confirming they are all bonafide club members.
- For a Paragraph 4 rally, it would be sensible for the Marshal/Steward to have on site copies of the Exemption Certificate, confirmation that Public Liability Insurance is in place, copies of the Tenancy Agreement with the landowner and of the letter notifying the planning authority of the intent to hold the rally.

Individual landowners may require other conditions to be met before agreeing to let the land for the purpose of holding a rally. These conditions can vary even for the same event year on year as mood and personnel change.

Many landowners rent out their land to be used as a location for events (such as music festivals, fairs, showgrounds, etc.) To meet various points of legislation they have to ensure that Police, Fire and other authorities are notified and therefore ensure that traffic, alcohol, entertainment, gaming, etc. legislation is complied with. They may deal with that themselves or they may make it a requirement of the Event Organiser. With a large administrative organisation, the easiest path for the staff to follow is to categorise a caravan rally as just another event and require the Club to do the work.

One requirement may be for a risk assessment to be submitted. That will usually be a requirement of a local authority or large national organisation (such as the National Trust) but some sports clubs have been known to ask for one. A risk assessment is *a systematic process of evaluating the potential risks that may be involved in a projected activity or undertaking* but many organisations amplify that definition to focus more particularly on their specific requirement (eg. implementing a project, building works, employing staff, permitting access to land, etc.). If your club is asked to prepare a risk assessment, the first move would be to request the organisation's risk assessment template, and you can then complete that knowing you have covered all of the topics where they have a concern. If that option is not available to you and your Club has a comprehensive Code of Conduct covering the arranging and management of rallies, then you can 'top and tail' that and present it as a risk assessment. If neither of those two choices are available to you then I suggest you ask the landowner for sight of a risk assessment that they have been happy to accept and use it as a model.

Peter Brown
Association Secretary

New Year in Robin Hood Country

You may remember reading last year that the AAOCC decided to open up their New Year Rally to non-members using an ACCEO Exemption Certificate. Well, Peter and I decided to give it a go, not really knowing what we were letting ourselves in for – other than a Masked Ball, suitably attired. Peter got away with the frock, I had one, but I had to have new shoes – totally unsuitable and not sure if I could even walk in them let alone dance but must have!

What can I say – *it was a great rally*. In all there were 7 ‘Incomers’ and right from the start we were made to feel welcome and included. The Rally was held at the Robin Hood Activity Centre near Blidworth which boasts a



modern, well heated hall which was used each evening for various social events. Saturday evening saw a get together over drinks and baked potatoes, Sunday we were entertained by Rachel Cooper – a really good singer with a wide repertoire. A visit to a pantomime had been arranged for the afternoon of New Year's Eve followed by a Masquerade Ball in the evening, during which we were wine and dined followed by a disco taking us through to the early hours of New Year's Day. Everyone turned up suitably attired in posh frocks, lounge or dinner suits and masks. Each couple had their photo taken on arrival – can be viewed on the AAOCC website if you're interested. It was different, it was fun, it was a really good party.

New Year's Day we all duly turned up, in varying degrees of brightness, at around 10.30am for a full English, followed by the raffle. The final evening was another get-together, this time with cheese and biscuits, followed by a couple of card games – not sure what it was called, but it was fun.

In between all this, Peter and I managed a couple of walks, one down to Blidworth, stopping off for a late lunch on the way back at the Little John pub in Ravenshead, and one to Newstead Abbey, touring the Abbey whilst we were there. It was the home of the ‘mad, bad and dangerous to know’ Lord Byron, and is set in extensive gardens and parkland. Well worth a visit.

All in all it was a fantastic New Year Rally and on behalf of all the ‘Incomers’ can I say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the marshals, who put a great deal of effort into not only ensuring the rally went smoothly, but into decorating the hall, doing the cooking and a myriad of other things to ensure we all had a good time. And thank you to everyone who attended for making us feel so welcome.

I understand they may run it again next year, again under an ACCEO Exemption Certificate, which means it's open to anyone who is a personal member of ACCEO. So, if you're interested form an orderly queue - BEHIND US.

By the way the shoes – purple four inch stiletto mules – behaved impeccably and both ankles are still intact.

Chris Brown
Auto Sleepers Owners Club



ACCEO National Rally 2019

Ukrainian Youth Centre

Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. DE72 2BU

2nd - 7th October 2019

Hosted by The Bridge Club 2014



Full Social Programme

Wednesday	Meet & Greet
Thursday	Social Evening
Friday	Social evening with background music
Saturday	ACCEO AGM Live Entertainment
Sunday	Social Evening

Regular Local Bus Service to Derby

The bus stop is just a 5 minute walk to Weston on Trent from the gates of the Ukrainian Youth Centre. Buses to and from Derby City centre approximately every 2 hours

The Rally Marshals can be contacted on 07934 968183. This phone will be switched on at 9:00 on Wednesday 2nd October and will remain live for the duration of the rally.

Cost for the National £20.00 for the weekend with any additional nights, (Wed, Thurs & Sun) at £7.50 per night.

Admission to the hall at the weekend is by ticket only. This is for administrative purposes only, there is no charge for entertainment this year.

Friday Night



A social evening with background music. Time to unwind and catch up with old friends and new.

Saturday Night



Jason's vast repertoire includes songs by Michael Buble, Lionel Richie, Luther Vandross, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Elton John, Ronan Keating, West Life, Boyzone, Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder, Rod Stewart, Will Young, Simon and Garfunkel, Gary Barlow, and Roberta Flack, the list is endless, not forgetting the fabulous hits from Les Miserables, Blood Brothers, Jekyll and Hyde, The Phantom of the Opera & The Lion King

ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting
held at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Derbyshire
on Saturday 6th October 2018

The Meeting opened at 2:00pm

1. Opening Remarks by the Association Chairman

The Association Chairman, Chris Lowery, said it was a pleasure to see everyone on the rally field and thanked them all for attending this Annual General Meeting.

He asked everyone to observe a Minute's Silence for Members no longer with us.

He then asked the Association Secretary to convene the meeting.

2. Convening the Meeting

The Association Secretary read the Convening Notice for the 35th ACCEO AGM, explained the procedures for Delegates to speak and to vote, and then declared the meeting open.

3. Committee Introductions

The Vice-President, John Rowe, then introduced the Members of the ACCEO Executive Committee in turn.

4. Appointment of Tellers

The Meeting agreed to the appointment of 2 non-voting tellers:

Matthew Hart (AAOCC)

Christine Mawdsley (Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club)

5. Those Present and Apologies for Absence

Member Clubs present on the Rally were recorded as:

AAOCC

Abbey Caravan Club

All Year Round Caravan Club

Alternative Retro Classic Caravan Society

Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club

Bailey Owners Club

Bridge Club

Cavalier Camping & Caravan Club

Elddis Owners Club

Historic Caravan Club

Hymer Club International
Libra Caravan Club
Northern Ralliers Camping Club
Retro Caravan Club
Royale Owners Club
Spread Eagle Caravan Club
Swift Owners Club
Tiddlers & Crouchers Club
Wessex Winter Caravanners
Zodiacs

and:

Bessacarr Owners Club
Buccaneers Owners Club
Coachman Owners Club
Omaha Caravan & Camping Club
Yorkshire Friends Ralliers

were represented at the AGM.

Apologies for Absence had been received from:

Acorn Caravan Club
All Seasons Caravan Club (The Doves)
Association of Land Rover Clubs
Avondale Caravan Club
Bristol & District Camping Club
British Leyland Camping & Caravan Association
Compass Club
Concraft Camping Club
Friends of Leukaemia (Research) Caravan Club
Murvi Club
Nottinghamshire Masonic Caravan Association
Sovereign Caravan Club
Touring Caravan Club
Vanmaster Association
Vanmaster Owners' Club

6. Minutes of the 34th ACCEO AGM held at Staffordshire County Showground on 7th October 2017

The minutes of the 34th ACCEO AGM having been circulated in the prescribed manner were put to the Meeting for approval as a true record of the proceedings. This was:

Proposed by Lorraine Kirk (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers)
Seconded by Mick Whitehouse (AAOCC)

All voted in favour. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Josephine Lane-Burford (Spread Eagle Caravan Club) advised that we shouldn't have adopted the 2017 accounts before they had been circulated and approved. The point was noted.

8. Officers' Reports *(written reports had been circulated previously)*

(a) Chairman. Chris Lowery had nothing to add to his written report. He explained that the same procedure would be adopted as in previous AGMs to keep to essential business. Accordingly all Officers' reports had been circulated in advance. Some Officers may wish to add to these. All are happy to take any questions you may have.

(b) Association Secretary. Peter Brown had no further points to add to his report as Association Secretary. He explained that as John Wilton had now stood down from the Webmaster role, he would be caretaking it whilst the Committee reviewed the various options they had for managing the website in the future.

(c) Finance Officer. David Thompson advised that the Balance Sheet at the end of his report in the Rally Information booklet contained an error carried over from the accountants. He was grateful to the member who had pointed it out in time to reprint a corrected Balance Sheet which had been handed out as a loose insert to Delegates as they came into the hall.

The Chairman asked for a proposer and a seconder that the accounts be adopted:

Proposed by John Silva (Hymer Club International)

Seconded by Reia Jones (Wessex Winter Caravanners)

When put to the vote there were 22 in favour, none against and 1 abstention.

(d) Insurance Officer. Ian Derbyshire had no further points to add to his report.

(e) Publications Officer. Elaine Nicholls had no further points to add to her report.

(f) National Parks & Extended Rallies Officer. Robin Wilkinson had no further points to add to his report.

(g) National Rally Co-ordinator. Chris Lowery had nothing further to add to his report.

(h) Membership Officer. Gaynor Hart had nothing to add to her report. She said she would be available before and after Flag in the morning for Personal Membership renewals and at the same time would be happy to sign up any new Personal Members.

John Cousins of Royale Owners Club asked if Personal Members had voting rights at the AGM.

Answer: They do not, and will be happy to explain further in the Open Forum which follows.

9. Election of Executive Committee Members

The Chairman advised that there were 6 vacancies on the Executive Committee at this AGM, the vacancies having been notified to Member Clubs in the prescribed manner.

The 3 nominations received by the due date were for Chris Lowery, John Wilton, and Peter Brown; accordingly, all 3 are duly elected to the Committee.

He further advised that the Committee would be meeting later that afternoon to decide which officers will fill which post and that will be announced immediately prior to the Prize Draw at Flag the next day.

10. Presidential Appointments

The Chairman was pleased to be able to tell the AGM that John Rowe and Tony Smith had agreed to continue as Vice-Presidents of the Association for the coming year.

11. Appointment of Holding Trustees

The Chairman explained that the Association needs to have Holding Trustees in order to satisfy the appropriate Government Department requirements under Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule of The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, whereby the Association must have the legal status to be able to take an interest in land, usually by leases. The lease agreement may be oral if for less than 3 years duration. The Holding Trustees must satisfy themselves that any land so leased and/or occupied by a Member Organisation is properly supervised at all times. The Holding Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that any payments due for the lease of this land are properly made to the person entitled to receive them. The Executive Committee has appointed the holders of the following posts as its Holding Trustees for the coming year:

Chairman

Finance Officer

Extended Rallies Officer

Association Secretary

12. Motions Received for the Consideration of the AGM

No Motions had been received for consideration at this Meeting.

13. Any Other Business

There was none.

14. Date, Time and Venue of Next AGM

The Chairman said that the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Weston-on-Trent on Saturday 5th October 2019 at 2:00pm.

Closing Business

The Chairman thanked all who had helped setting up the Rally and AGM in the absence of a Host Club this year. The willingness of everyone who had spotted something that needed doing to just get on and do it was very much appreciated.

He notified the Meeting that there would be a short non-denominational Church Service at 9:30am on Sunday in the small conference room opposite the main entrance to this hall, where all would be welcome.

He thanked all present for attending the AGM and stated that the Open Forum would commence after a 15 minute break.

The Chairman then declared the AGM closed at 2:30pm.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)

Please note that these Minutes are subject to ratification at the next AGM

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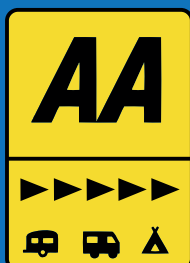
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