

CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

Home Counties Region

Annual General Meeting

Minutes & Accounts

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Minutes of the twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting
of the Home Counties Region of the "Caravan and Motorhome Club",
held via Zoom
on Saturday 14th November 2020, starting at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairman:	Jackie Lee
Vice Chairman	David Rickard
Secretary:	Linda Allen
Treasurer:	Alan Cadman

31 Club Members Attended

1.0

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Secretary read out the Notice convening the Meeting and explained that the meeting was being recorded and how to make best use of Zoom during the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those present, including: -

- **Rodney Lambert**, Nominated Member of the Club Council and Immediate Past Vice-Chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club with his wife Diane.
- **Adrian Hobbs** , Nominated Member of the Club Council and a Member of the Technical Sub- Committee with his wife Jackie.
- **Alison Woodhams**, Executive Committee Representative and her husband Ron.
- **Rosemary Lucey**, Independent Member with her husband, Norman.

Past Chairmen of the Region present on the day were also welcomed:

- **John Moules**
- **David Grover** and his wife, Joyce

In addition a warm welcome was extended to **Rebecca Newman**, Governance Co-Ordinator from Club Headquarters who was attending as an observer.

Chairman of the Centres constitutionally associated with the Region, in attendance on the day were welcomed as follows: -

- **John Moules** – Bedfordshire Centre
- **Wendy Goddard and her husband Derrick** – Berkshire Centre

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Allen and his wife Linda - Buckinghamshire Centre • Alan Evans and his wife Sandie – Hertfordshire Centre • Gerry Swain– North London Centre <p>Paperwork for this meeting included an Agenda, a set of Minutes and a set of Accounts. These were posted on the regional website and also included as attachments to the e-mail containing the Zoom log-on information.</p> <p>Before moving on with the business of the afternoon, the Chairman requested that a moment's silence be observed, in memory of the friends and Members who are no longer with us.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Secretary advised that apologies had been received from Gerry Cox and Roger and Janet Sumner.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>MINUTES OF THE 2019 REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the adoption of the 2019 AGM Minutes.</p> <p>Mr Grover asked that he and his wife were added to the list of past Chairmen as they had attended the 2019 AGM.</p> <p>With this amendment, the minutes were signed as a true record.</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Chairman read out the following statement:</p> <p><i>One matter arising from the Minutes has already been submitted by Alan Evans, who wrote: "I have read the minutes, thank you, and it represented what I said, however I have not heard from Jackie Lee who was going to get back to me but never did. Nor have I heard from the Executive Secretary or the person liaising with her/him. This is very disappointing for those involved in the said HCIR donation. I would like therefore to put this on the agenda for the next AGM please. I think you will agree more than enough time has passed for an answer. I am not prepared to let this go unanswered."</i></p> <p>After last year's AGM, the matter was referred to Governance at the Club who informed me that they were dealing with the matter, and that as far as the Regional Council was concerned, the matter was closed. The money that was left in the bank account was donated to the Salvation Army and the accounts for the grouping have been finalised and agreed by the finance team at the Club. As always, we are thankful to the volunteers of these groups who put in their time and effort to run fantastic events for Club members. I believe that this is a satisfactory conclusion to the matter and any further questions on the matter should be referred to Governance at East Grinstead.</p>

4.2	<p>The Chairman asked whether there were any matters arising from the last Minutes?</p> <p>There were no further matters arising.</p>
5.0	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p><i>"Nominated Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,</i></p> <p><i>My report will cover the period from the November 2019 Regional AGM until the present moment.</i></p> <p><i>A significant change to the proceedings this year has been forced upon us by the Covid 19 Pandemic and restrictions that have been imposed on not only The Caravan and Motorhome Club and its members, but on the whole country and indeed the world. Plans and bookings had been made by the Berkshire Centre to host the Regional AGM at Desborough College School in Maidenhead in conjunction with a rally. Unfortunately this could not take place as restrictions were imposed by the school.</i></p> <p><i>Alternative arrangements were made for the AGM to transfer to The Watermill in Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead where Council meetings are held. At the time of booking we would have been able to hold a normal business style meeting, all be it with restrictions of 30 attendees. The meeting would have been available on Zoom for anyone not able to attend in person. Unfortunately that could not happen either, and therefore we are having an online AGM using Zoom.</i></p> <p><i>Your patience and understanding would be greatly appreciated as we all adjust to the technical side of running a virtual AGM. Whilst many of you may be regular users of such technology, others may not be so familiar.</i></p> <p><i>At the Regional Council Meeting immediately after the 2019 AGM, my appointment as Regional Council Representative was ratified and dates for future Council Meetings were agreed.</i></p> <p><i>On Saturday 1st February the Divisional & Regional Forum was held at East Grinstead and was attended by the Chairman Jackie Lee, Secretary Linda Allen and Independent Member Rosemary Lucey. The Club Chairman Grenville Chamberlain welcomed 28 divisional and regional representatives as well as members of Club staff.</i></p> <p><i>The Director General gave an in-depth overview of the Club's performance during 2019, and upcoming plans for 2020 accompanied by a short film entitled 'George' created by the marketing team. 53,000 new members joined the Club in 2019 and 86.2% of existing members renewed their membership showing an overall total of 352,173 membership.</i></p> <p><i>Experience Freedom went from strength to strength in 2019 with three times more sales and revenue than in the previous year. With caravan sales decreasing, the Club has needed to look at alternative ways to maximise site usage. During the redevelopment of the newest site to the network at Cayton Village near Scarborough, as well as at Troutbeck, near Ullswater in the Lake District, Experience Freedom products have been introduced. This has included accessible units that will help anyone with mobility issues. It must be pointed out that yurts or pods will be located in areas of a site that otherwise could not be used.</i></p>

A third of the Club membership only join to use the CL network and it was pleasing to learn that in 2019 we had the highest number of CLs ever with 2,257 locations. Obviously the aim is to maintain or even increase on this figure.

At the start of the year the Club Magazine was redesigned and this included the introduction of a 100% recyclable cover.

The 2019 Contact Centre of the Year award was received by The Club with them having successfully met all targets. In addition The Club also won both Best Caravan Insurance Cover and Best Motorhome Insurance Cover Awards. It was reported at the Forum that The Club had agreed policy changes with Green Flag regarding pets, so as to give more clarity to members, and also that double drop-off cover was added to policies in November 2019. In addition it was agreed that Green Flag will advise on a case by case basis for members with mobility issues.

One of the biggest challenges to the Club is the management of the demand and supply of electricity to pitches on sites, with the cost of supplying electricity to the network standing at around £6 million. Every consideration will be given with regard to how best to move forward. Smart metering has been installed during the redevelopment of the Cayton Village site and there has been the introduction of charging for members with electric cars on the site network. The use of solar panels on toilet/facility blocks has been investigated and is being used on some sites but as with most things it is not a perfect solution.

Carole Evans, the Deputy Head of Travel Services gave a presentation on the Club's Overseas Travel Programme. The Club has a network of 340 sites in 16 countries across Europe with most sites open from May to September. Winter Sun packages offer consistent sun all year round, enabling members to go away for 2 weeks or two months at a time. Ferry and Site Bookings and Red Pennant, will likely continue to be affected by the uncertainty surrounding Brexit for the time being. Overseas tours receive lots of interest with Worldwide tours now offered in Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada and South Africa.

Red Pennant - that is the Overseas Emergency Service, remains serviced in-house by The Club and during 2019 assistance was provided to 1,500 members.

The Overseas Booking System that was new for 2020 was explained to the delegates by Richard Murray who is The Club's E-Commerce Manager. He emphasised the beauty of the new system is that everything can be adapted to Members' needs and all requirements including ferry dates, booking dates to be spent on site, and the option, if required, to accommodate animal bookings on overseas sites. These benefits give members total freedom on what they wish to book and when for.

New for 2020 has been the Club's ABTA membership. ABTA is the UK's largest travel association and most trusted travel brand for 70 years and it means that members can be confident in booking with the Club. Even though The Club has always been proud of the service provided, they now have the formal recognition that is so deserved. Restrictions and limitations on travel during 2020 as a result of Covid 19 has meant severe disruption for members' plans for foreign travel and we can only hope that 2021 proves to be less troublesome and more relaxing for everyone.

Allan Steatham Head of Marketing advised the meeting that they were aiming at recruiting outfit owners in the market that are not currently members of the Club. The means of joining the Club has been simplified and it is hoped that CL owners will also play a part in encouraging visitors to join. Word of mouth from current members is by far the best way to recruit new members and Marketing would like to seek the help of Divisions, Regions and Centres to boost membership which in turn should help to produce more members joining Centres.

Graham Turner, Social Media Manager explained the Social Media Champion role for the Divisions and Regions. The Club has been using social media for over three years and are now helping to create a presence in Facebook. They provided training to volunteers to become Social Media Champions assisting them in understanding the privacy rules and the engagement opportunities within Facebook. The Division or Regional page will be a local magazine for all - similar to a shop window to members and non-members, to promote the Club, Regions and Centres and what goes on at each level.

The popular discount Fuelcard has had a name change; it is no longer Pumpking, but is now Fuelpecker. The Great Savings Guide offers discounts at hundreds of attractions across the U.K. in addition making available many other special offers. These both continue to be popular and can save members much hard earned cash.

Three new members, Paul Funnell, Greg Potter and Brian McMurray have joined the Events Team replacing long standing and hard working members Nick Haynes, John Harris and David Jones.

Sadly despite all the planning and hard work already done in preparation for the 2020 National Rally that was to be held at Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire, the event had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. It was with regret that The Club also took the difficult decision that there will not be a National Rally in 2021.

Club Sites and CLs were closed from Sunday 22nd March onwards with the exception for the use by keyworkers and all Centre Rallies were cancelled, a difficult and sad time for everyone. It was not until 4th July that sites were allowed to reopen but only with strict social distancing and Covid 19-Secure measures in place.

The Caravan and Motorhome Club Council Meeting scheduled for 4th April 2020, was cancelled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Brian Savage the longstanding Director of Membership Service retired in July; Brian was always approachable, prepared to listen and try to solve any problems brought to his attention. He will be missed by members as well as staff at the Club.

The Club AGM which was planned to take place for the first time at Chester Racecourse on 24th October was changed to a Virtual AGM only and the accompanying Rally was cancelled.

It was reported at the recent Club AGM in the 2019 review that the Club had another successful year with a strengthened balance sheet that was showing a surplus of £4.2 million; this was a significant turnaround from the £1.4 Million deficit in 2018. Because of the strength of these results it should provide a high level of resilience to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Investment in refurbishing Club sites has continued including at Penrhos, Sutton-on-Sea, Commons Wood as well as at Cayton Village and Troutbeck as mentioned earlier in this report. The revenue from Financial Services was up by 30%, Income from Membership increased by 13.6%, UK Sites 6.9% and Insurance have all showed increases in revenue surplus. Overseas Travel has suffered because of uncertainty over Brexit and Marketing revenue has also suffered a slight reduction.

There has been an increase in the sales of Caravan and Motorhomes during the summer months with people preferring to holiday in the U.K this year. The Club has seen a rise in the number of new members joining the Club. Once lock-down restrictions were eased people were keen to venture away, taking advantage of Sites and CLs all of which had strict Covid 19 safety measures in place.

Regional news: *The Northern Home Counties Region was formed in 1996, but it was at the 2019 AGM that a name change to Home Counties Region was ratified (i.e. removing Northern). The change-over has been a gradual process with both names running simultaneously, but now as we move forward it is time for the name to appear only as..... HOME COUNTIES REGION.*

Two Delegates from each of the constituent Centres together with Rodney Lambert and Adrian Hobbs, both nominated members of The Club, and Rosemary Lucey an Independent Member attended two council meetings in person. More recently, virtual meetings have been taking place on a regular basis, enabling us to share ideas and to keep in touch during lock down.

Executive Member of The Club, Alison Woodhams has been invited to join the Regional Council Meetings and we were pleased to welcome her to the February Meeting.

It was decided by The Club that 'Meet the Members Event' that this Region has participated in, would no longer take place. It had been organised as an opportunity to engage with members staying on a site, to discuss the wide range of services the Club has to offer and to the Region and Centres. I am pleased to say Question Time will continue in its present format. Arrangements that were in place for this Region to run the event in 2020 will now be rolled over for 2021.

The Regional Committee were pleased to welcome Graham Turner the Social Media Manager to our February Council meeting. Graham explained the role of a Social Media Champion and how this was to act as the first point of contact with social media activity for their particular region. This would enable there to be a flow of information between the Club, the region and their constituent centres.

Centres: *The Club made amendments to the literature supplied for Centre membership renewal - this should have resulted in an improvement in the system for both members and Centre Secretaries.*

The Club is always looking for user generated content from members and would welcome any Centre/Region providing a film of a rally or photographs that could be used for publicising events.

Centre Festival Weekend: *The Club has agreed that this would not be organised centrally again, leaving it to Divisions and Regions and for their constituent Centres to coordinate their own events at a time and location considered to be suitable.*

I am very pleased and grateful to Lorna Morison from North London Centre for volunteering to be the Social Media Champion for Home Counties Region. Lorna has worked hard and has created a very worthwhile and informative presence on Facebook. Lorna would be grateful to receive news of Centre Events that she could make available for all to see.

2020 has been a very difficult time for Centres with all rallies cancelled from 22nd March, during lock-down and up until 7th August. Regional and Centre Secretaries have received a constant flow of information from Governance with updated information on Covid 19. I should like to thank everyone for the time given, for the dedication and extra work performed during these very difficult times.

With no rallies taking place for many weeks, some Centres kept in touch and entertained their members by organising virtual quizzes or bingo nights. Virtual flagpoles with tea and cakes became the new normal, well done to you all.

The HCIR that was formed in 1989 as a successor to the old 5-Centres Grouping is now in hibernation. The Middlesex Centre that was formed in 1967 and has been in existence for 53 years is also now in the process of being put into hibernation. I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their efforts and dedication, often over many years. All trophies, flags and memorabilia will be held by The Club for safe keeping.

Sadly several Centres are finding it difficult to form a Committee so it could be that we see the closure of more Centres in the not too distant future. Centres have been a valuable part of the Club for many years giving immense pleasure to many members.

I should like to extend sincere thanks to John Pearson who has kindly and professionally kept our website up to date. Information is readily available relating to The Club, the Region and Constituent Centres.

I should like to extend thanks to all the Council Delegates, for the time and effort they have given in attending Council Meetings and to their spouses for allowing them to do so.

My personal thanks go to my fellow Officers who have supported and guided me throughout the past 12 months -----well actually the past 36 months together with their respective spouses. Thank you all for your hard work and your loyalty.

*That is to: My Vice Chairman DAVE RICKARD and his wife Jackie
My Secretary LINDA ALLEN and her husband Kevin
My Treasurer ALAN CADMAN and his wife Audrey*

*That concludes my report for the 2020 Regional AGM,
Thank you”*

	<p>The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of her report. There being no objections, the report was adopted.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points. There being none, she moved on.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>SECRETARY'S REPORT</p> <p><i>“Good afternoon Nominated Member, Ladies and Gentlemen, This is my second report as Secretary of Home Counties Region.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Council has met on five separate occasions during the year, immediately after the Regional AGM at The Alameda School in Ampthill in November and in February at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End near Hemel Hempstead. Our meetings scheduled for May and September were cancelled due to the Coronavirus.</i></p> <p><i>Instead, we held shorter meetings via Zoom in May, June, July and October, with a longer, more formal meeting, again via Zoom in September.</i></p> <p><i>On average, the attendance at the Regional meetings this year was 79.8%, again slightly less than the previous year. However on a more positive note, eight members recorded 100% attendance, better than in 2019. It looks like holding shorter virtual meetings may be the way ahead!</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman, Jackie, Independent Member Rosemary and I attended the Forum at East Grinstead HQ in February. Jackie has already included items of interest in her report. The Secretaries’ meeting, usually held at the National was not held this year, so there is no update to report from that.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst there have been regular updates from Governance at East Grinstead regarding the COVID situation, sometimes several in a week as the situation changed so rapidly, there has been very little correspondence on other matters worthy of reporting.</i></p> <p><i>This concludes my report for my second year in office. Hopefully there will more positive news to include in next year’s report.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you”</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Secretary for her report and asked if anybody was against the adoption of the report. There being no objections, the Report was adopted.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.</p> <p>There being none, the Chairman moved on.</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR</p> <p><i>“It is my duty as Treasurer to present a report on the finances of the Home Counties Region of the Caravan and Motorhome Club and this relates to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019. These statements comprise of Income and Expenditure Account, Balance sheet, the report from the Independent Examiners and the Statement of Committee Responsibilities and Accounting Policies.</i></p>

I would like to point out that the year ended with a surplus of £1,234 compared to a surplus of £789 for the previous year, a further improvement. The main reasons for this relate to the region reducing its meetings, cost saving £200 over previous year and did not produce the event leaflets, reducing costs by £425. The balance made up other reductions in expenditure over previous year.

On reviewing the Financial Statements, I would like to start with the Income and Expenditure account which is itemised on page 3 of the Financial Statements.

Income

Income has decreased in 2019 from £8,392 to £6,905, a decrease of £1,487 and is the result of:

- *Marginal decreases in the Question Time, Meet the Members and National reception funding – £155, these contra with expenditure further down the page.*
- *Regional grant dropping by £50 in 2019.*
- *Further income received which had been new in 2018 and which has not recurred in 2019 relating to:*
 - *Return of a duplicate payment made for items covering Meet the Members and National Reception (offset in expenditure) - £317*
 - *Additional grant to purchase new regional banners and sail flag (offset in expenditure) of £310*
 - *Reimbursement of the value of items in Ray Daniels' stolen caravan covering such items as the new banners, urns and other secretarial equipment (partly offset in expenditure) - £540*
 - *Charity collection at the last AGM paid into the Children in Need charity of £115*

This gives the breakdown of the £1,487 additional income over that received in 2018.

Expenditure

Expenditure has also reduced over 2018 by £1,928 which includes the charity donation of £115. The areas of expenditure to note:

- *Regional Council meetings expenditure was £2,420 for 2019 which is a reduction of £298 as a result of a reduction in catering costs relating to meeting attendance.*
- *AGM expenditure is like the previous year in total with a small decrease of £5.*
- *Other meetings / Events have decreased by £598 relating to Meet the Members, National Reception and Question time but are offset by income. Most of these events are to promote the services of the Club and enable members to raise questions to officials. These events apart from Meet the Members which the Club has decided not to continue in future years, were to have continued in 2020 but due to the COVID pandemic were cancelled.*
- *Other expenditure:*
 - *Events leaflets were not produced in 2019 and therefore reduced costs by £425 over the previous year*

- *Equipment costs cover the replacement of an urn from the funding received the previous year, a reduction of £520 over 2018 whereby the main cost were banners which were replaced at a cost of £630.*
- *Officers' Official Duties increased by £23, the same as previous year and include:*
 - *Officers meetings in Wendover/Aylesbury £220*
 - *Other mileage and sundry expenses – postage etc £89*
- *Charity payment to Children in Need of £115 not repeated in 2019.*

In summary the Region has less expenditure over income received resulting in a surplus of £1,234.

Balance Sheet

Moving to the Balance sheet shown on page 2, Current account shows a balance of £6,998 after accounting for any unpresented cheques and includes the receipt of the grant for the 2020 Financial Year of £5,000 which is shown as Prepaid Receipts.

VAT relates to recoverable VAT for the last quarter of 2019 and is paid by the Caravan & Motorhome Club in 2020.

Regional Independent Examinations fee is recoverable from the Caravan & Motorhome Club and for transparency is shown as accrued expenses.

This arrives at a Net Asset position for the region, i.e. what the region is worth of £2,023. The financed section shows the balance brought forward from the previous year adjusted by the surplus from the Income and Expenditure account of £1,234 arriving at the Net Asset position of £2,023 surplus which shows the accounts are in balance.

The Statement of Regional Committees' Responsibilities, shown on page 4 outlines that the Committee has applied accounting policies laid down by the Caravan & Motorhome Club, have kept proper accounting records and that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The Independent Examiner's report on page 1, to you, the members of this region, outlines the Accountant's responsibilities and that there are no issues to report.

Finally, I must thank my wife for her support during the year in discharging my responsibilities as Treasurer.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Treasurer's report.

There being no objections, the report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points. There being none, she moved on.

The Chairman asked the Treasurer to give a resume of the current year to date, but advised that this information is not for discussion at this time.

AGM 2020 – Resumé 2020 Accounts:

It has been a strange year!

The Grant from the Caravan Club for 2020 has been reduced to £2,500 as result of the impact of the pandemic in that all meetings (including this one) have been able to take place on a face to face basis and now take place through zoom and other promotional activities such as the National Reception have been cancelled.

This means that the region has not had the financial outlay that it would normally have with the result of ending this year with a higher than normal bank balance. Therefore, to equalise, the grant has been reduced but the region will have adequate to cover the current costs and programme for the region in 2021.

The effect of the COVID pandemic has meant that the National Rally for this year was cancelled (as well as 2021) meaning that there has been no Reception and Question Time has also been postponed to 2021. This means that the activities of the region have been suppressed and will be reflected in the accounts for 2020.

It still goes without saying that the Officers of the Council will continue to strive to reduce costs and continue to gain best value for money in every element of cost.

Hopefully, life will become normal once again and the region will continue to help and support all members and Centres of the Region and I look forward to continuing for another year as your Treasurer.”

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his resumé of the current year to date.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN AND PRO REPORT

“We started the year with all good intentions with my plans all in place until Covid19 arrived and that changed everything.

*The **Members Question Time** planned for the Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden on Saturday 2nd May 2020 was postponed along with the planned visit afterwards to the Roald Dahl Story Centre.*

I am pleased to advise that Members Question Time and the Roald Dahl Story Centre visit has been re arranged for Saturday 12th June 2021 and the usual invitations and magazine articles will follow in due course.

***The National** at Belvoir Castle in May was also cancelled and I am advised by the Club that the 2021 National has also been cancelled.*

*The **Regional Website** www.homecountiesregion.co.uk continues to be updated as regular items appear and has a visitor counter fitted and up to now recorded 1144 visitors since the last AGM which is much higher when compared to 970 this time last year. The most recent Covid19 guidance for rallies is published and updated accordingly to allow for careful and safe planning of our caravanning activities. The 2020 AGM documents including the 2019 AGM draft Minutes, Agenda and Final Accounts have been published here ready for this meeting.*

The Constituent Centres Events and Rally Programme booklet still appears on the site in a printable format and although many rallies have been cancelled, we do try to ensure that it contains current and up to date Regional information. It will soon be time to include items for 2021 including Events and the Constituent Centres Rally Programme and Centre contributions are most welcome. Keeping the site refreshed and updated involves a serious amount of time and my very best thanks are extended to the web master, John Pearson for his excellent work in achieving this.

*The **Regional Facebook** page appears to be very popular as well as we now have a visible link to our web page and the web page has a visible link to Facebook. We are now using Facebook to publicise our Regional activities and already this AGM changes have been broadcast along with Covid19 updates. My sincere thanks are extended to Lorna Morison, our Social Media Champion for her excellent work in progressing this site further and please send any entries you may like to appear on Facebook to Lorna.*

*The **Regional** name change has been slowly progressing on the site and searches to our old name and new name have been consolidated along with our new e mail addresses. Shortly the 'Northern' aspect of the name will be abandoned as I am satisfied that the name change has been fully accepted. We have now replaced our flags and banners and new Officers window plaques are on order and should be with us shortly.*

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your time and that concludes my Report."

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Vice-Chairman and PRO's report. There being no objections, the report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points. There being no further points, the Chairman moved on.

9.0

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman thanked the retiring Centre Delegates for attending the Council meetings and their support, enthusiasm and input and of course their spouses for allowing them the time to attend these meetings.

The Chairman also thanked her fellow Officers for all their hard work over the year and for their spouses for allowing them the time to undertake their duties.

She then asked that the floor show their appreciation in the customary way to say "thank you" for the work undertaken by the retiring Centre Delegates and Officers.

The Chairman and Officers then stood down and Rodney Lambert, Nominated Member was invited to take control of the meeting.

FINAL NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 / 2021

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	David Rickard	Adrian Dawson	John Pearson
Vice-Chairman	Jackie Lee		
Secretary	Linda Allen	Hilary Clarke	Yvonne Baber
Treasurer	Alan Cadman	Ian Torrance	Gerald Cox

All nominations for the four Officer positions were duly elected to serve another term and were presented with their badges and window plaques.

10.0

TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Chairman thanked the Auditor, PKB UK LLP for their services in the independent examination of the Regions' 2019 Accounts.

The Treasurer was called upon to nominate the Independent Examiner for 2020.

The Treasurer wished to nominate PKB UK LLP Beechey House, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

The Chairman stated that PKB UK LLP had been approached and had agreed to continue in this role to independently examine the 2020 accounts.

11.0

PROPOSITIONS

The Chairman stated that the Secretary had not received any propositions by the closing date of 24th August 2019 as required by the Regional Constitution.

12.0

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Questions were requested prior to the meeting; no questions had been submitted.

13.0

THANKS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Chairman thanked John Pearson for his hard work and support in keeping the website running, particularly during her years as Chairman. A small token of appreciation was presented.

The Chairman wished to recognise the achievements of Rodney Lambert who had served on numerous committees in some capacity for the past 42 years – as Centre Chairman, Regional Secretary, Member of the Grants Committee, Chairman of the Events Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Club, and for the last 12 months, Nominated Member. Thank you Rodney for all your hard work and dedication shown to the Club, the Buckinghamshire Centre and to the Region. On behalf of the region, she wished to present a gift to Rodney as a token of our appreciation and in recognition of all he had done for the region. Congratulations were also extended to Rodney and Diane on being awarded Honorary Membership

	<p>of the Club. A big thank you was given to Diane who has been a great support and with Rodney throughout.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman thanked Jackie Lee for her excellent service to the Region over the years. Previously Chairman of Bedfordshire, she has served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman and it was with great pleasure to present a small token of our appreciation.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Despite Covid, it was pleasing to note that we have managed to ensure that this AGM has been held and all attending were thanked for their patience and making the effort to join in.</p>
<p>14.0</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT AGM</p> <p>The next Annual General Meeting of the Home Counties Region Council will take place on Saturday 9th October 2021 at 3:00pm at Princes Risborough School, Merton Road, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0DR.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.15pm.</p>

Linda Allen
Regional Secretary

Jackie Lee
Regional Chairman