**WINTON METHODIST FAMILY CAMPING CLUB**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 12th January 2020 at Hotel Collingwood**

**M I N U T E S**

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|  |  | **Action** |
| 1) | The chairman opened the meeting at 3.30. He welcomed all attending and thanked the hotel for a wonderful lunch. |  |
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| 2) | **Apologies**Martin & Sheena Seccombe, Chris & Julia Heppenstall, Kevin Saunders |  |
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| 3) | **Minutes of the Last AGM/Matters Arising** |  |
|  | It was noted that Sue & Phil Saunders also stewarded the camp at Bucknowle with Chris & John Mahoney. |  |
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| 4) | **Future of the Club** |  |
|  | Due to the disappointing attendance of a lot of camps lately, the future of the club has come into question by the committee. We had 6 attending the first camp last year, and only 3 at the second. The third camp at Bucknowle was the redeeming camp of the year, due to several other units attending from St James Church in Alderholt. As such, the committee submitted four options for the future.1. To disband the club
2. Reduce the number of camps
3. Spontaneous gatherings of small groups
4. Stay as we are
5. Invite other people/churches to join (suggestion by K Wills)
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|  | It was unanimously agreed to continue the club and not disband, so discussion followed on the other options. It was queried how DEFRA/insurance would be affected if we had guests join, and although we are covered by the church insurance, any non-members would not be covered. However additional members would be covered if they paid a ‘joining fee’ and then classed as a member of the group.Other Methodist churches within the circuit have been invited to join previously and not shown any interest. It was voiced could we advertise within the church groups, uniformed organisations, toddlers etc and also within the circuit magazine to get new members.It was agreed to try and maintain 3 camps per year (2 for the May bank holidays and one for August), but it was noted that commitment from the members was needed IN ADVANCE so that numbers can be advised to any campsites being booked. It was also unanimously agreed for members to pay their own deposits in advance for sites, so that this does not have a detrimental effect on club funds.The committee will discuss sites and advertising opportunities at their next meeting.  |  |
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| 5) | **Treasurers Report** |  |
|  | This was circulated to the attendees and discussed. The committee had previously wondered about a standalone bank account for the club, rather than it being linked to PD personal account. A Lloyds Bank ‘Treasurers Account’ appears to be suitable, but this will be looked into by the committee. | PD |
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| 6) | **Election of Committee Members/Officers** |  |
|  | Alan Bean is stepping down as Chairman after 3 years in office, and volunteers in advance had not been forthcoming. However, Katherine Wills raised her hand in the meeting to volunteer as Chairperson. PD seconded the motion and this was applauded and carried! | KW |
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| 7) | **2019 Site Reports** |  |
|  | These are on the website for members to view any time. |  |
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| 8) | **Dates of camps for 2020** |  |
|  | 7th -10th May is the revised date for this year. Those at the meeting were asked of their likely attendance, and hopefully we should have a minimum of 8 units at this camp, so we are now able to look for sites based on this figure. |  |
|  | 23rd -31st May has been booked at Leonards Cove in Dartmouth (via Martin Seccombe). We have 10 units confirmed for this camp with other possible additions. A deposit has been arranged, and stewards have been confirmed as Martin, Sheena, Chris and Julia. |  |
|  | 28th -31st August will again be the open camp, most likely at Church Farm Bucknowle. A minimum of 6 units from those at the meeting will be attending. |  |
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| 9) | **Stewards** |  |
|  | Pat & Barrie have volunteered to steward one of the camps depending on its locations. |  |
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| 10) | **Notifications of Attendance** |  |
|  | This item was covered previously. |  |
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| 11) | **Suggestions for sites 2020/21** |  |
|  | Church Farm in Sixpenny Handley |  |
|  | Summerlands in Coombe Bissett |  |
|  | We are also owed a stay at Bucklers Hard (further to previous flooding) |  |
|  | Corfe/Bucknowle is still favourable for August by the majority of those attending. |  |
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| 12) | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | The Dorset Police Male Voice Choir are giving a concert at Winton on 25th April, and all proceeds are going to the church. It has been agreed that the camping club will produce the programme as a donation to the church. Kevin Slater is happy to design the programme and hopefully Jason Wills will be able to print it. Committee to review this at their next meeting. | SS/KW |
|  | Pat Witheridge has asked for someone else to organise the Macmillan Coffee morning this year, as she has found it hard lately, but is happy to be the point of contact for the mailings etc. Katherine will ask Jason & Harry to organise this. Again, this is to be reviewed at the committee meeting. | KW |
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|  | The outgoing chairman closed the meeting at 4.30pm. |  |