

CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

Northern Home Counties Region

2017 Annual General Meeting

Minutes & Accounts

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Minutes of the twenty first Annual General Meeting of the Northern Home Counties Region of the "Caravan and Motorhome Club", held at the Princes Risborough School, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0DR on the 18th November 2017, starting at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN – Mr Phil Batchelor
Regional Vice Chairman – Mrs Jackie Lee
Regional Honorary Secretary – Mr Ray Daniels
Regional Honorary Treasurer – Mr Alan Cadman

53 Club Members Attended

1.0 NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Honorary Secretary read out the Notice convening the Meeting.

WELCOME

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

- **Rodney Lambert**, Vice-Chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club and Chairman of the Events Committee with his wife Diane.
- **Adrian Hobbs**, Nominated Member of the Club Council and a Member of the Technical Sub-Committee with his wife Jackie.
- **Joan Leonard**, Nominated Member with her husband Terry.
- We also have the immediate past Chairman of the Region – **John Moules** and past Chairmen **Dave Grover** with his wife Joyce and **Jennifer** the wife of the late Derek Preedy
- Chairmen of the Centres constitutionally associated with the Region, in attendance on the day were welcomed as follows: -
 - Sam Turner** and his wife Patricia – Buckinghamshire Centre
 - Colin Brockwell** and his wife Diane – Hertfordshire Centre
 - Colin Henderson** and his wife Lesley – Middlesex Centre

The Chairman asked whether there were any objections from the floor to Joan Leonard and her husband Terry and Adrian Hobbs and his wife Jackie acting as Tellers for the AGM. There were no objections.

Members were asked to check the paperwork issued on arrival. This should comprise of an Agenda, a set of Minutes consisting of 11 pages, a set of Accounts consisting of 6 pages and a revised Constitution for approval consisting of 3 pages. Agreement was given from the floor.

Before moving on with the business of the afternoon, the Chairman requested that a moments silence be observed, in memory of the friends and Members who are no longer with us.

2.0 APOLOGIES

The Secretary advised that apologies have been received from Maurice and Helen Dunn, Neil Hannan, Alan McNeil, Sue and Ron Morgan, Ruth and Gordon Taylor, Caroline and Mike Irvin and Maureen Gauge.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE 2016 REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the adoption of the 2016 AGM Minutes. No objections were received.

The minutes were then signed.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman then asked whether there were any matters arising from the last minutes? There were no matters arising.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

` Club Vice-Chairman, Executive Member, Nominated Members, Ladies and Gentlemen

My report will cover the period from the last Regional AGM until the present time.

After last year's AGM my appointment as the Regional Club Council Representative was ratified at the Regional Council Meeting immediately following last year's AGM.

Along with my fellow Regional Officers - Jackie Lee (your Vice-Chairman & PRO) and Ray Daniels (your Regional Secretary) I attended the Regional Forum at East Grinstead House on 14th January.

In addition, I also attended the Club's Council Meeting at the RAC Club in London on 1st April, but I would suggest that the date in no way indicative of the tone of the meeting or the seriousness of the issues raised and discussed.

More recently, I attended the Club's AGM and associated Club Council Meeting and Divisional/ Regional Chairman's Forum at the National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull on 28th October.

That completes the round of formal meetings that the Region has the opportunity of invitation and contribution.

For each of these events I have reported back to the Regional Council and trust that this will have been disseminated down to the Constituent Centres through their Regional Delegates and filter through to their memberships.

During the year the NHCR have held 5 Council Meetings which have all been well attended given the distances the delegates have to travel. At most of these meeting we have had Guest Speakers from EGH giving an insight into the Club and its workings through their specialist fields of operation: with one Council Meeting specifically kept open for Centres to bring any concerns they may have to the attention of the Regional Council.

Following on from last year's decision to distribute the Region's "Constituent Centres' Events and Rally Programme" beyond the previously limited catchment of the Constituent Centres and their respective memberships, the Region has once again made these freely available to Club Sites, CLs and Caravan Dealerships not only within the NHCR footprint but further afield. Whilst there is no way of monitoring the effect this initiative may have it has been noted from the Club Sites I visit on a regular basis the programmes periodically need replenishing the assumption being that they are being taken by the visitors to these venues. The South-East Region has adopted a similar scheme on the back of our forerunner and there is a possibility that a similar initiative being rolled out by the Anglia Region and South-West Region in the forthcoming year.

Year on Year the Region has hosted two interface events with the general membership – 'Meet The Members' where the NHCR hosts an open house at one of the Club Sites over a weekend and 'Question Time' where the general membership (through the Club Magazine) or the local membership living within a 90 minute drive of the venue (through an e-mail promotion for those member who have not opted out of receiving e-mails) are invited to an open forum to ask questions of the Region and/or the Club Executive as to their concerns, wishes and, dare I say, demands for the future. Doubtless Jackie will refer to these in more detail under her Vice-Chairman & PRO Report.

However, historically within the NHCR support for the latter has been disappointing, bordering on poor, a phenomenon, we were given to understand, not shared by the other Regions. Working on the basis that it is always easier to learn from someone else's experience, I personally visited the 'Question Time' Events for the Central Region, Anglia Region (accompanied by Jackie Lee) and South-East Region only to register the fact that their attendances on those days fell well short of expectations and were more akin with our own experiences. So, the issue may be not one of what the NHCR is doing wrong but the general membership's appetite for such an event. This point has been taken up by the Club and in the future 'Question Times' will be driven by the Marketing Department at East Grinstead House and hopefully tied in with an experience that members would not otherwise be able to take e.g. historic venue and/or visitor attraction.

2017 has been a busy year with many of the Constituent Centres coming of age and celebrating 50th Anniversaries. As invited guests, Sue and I attended those of the Buckinghamshire Centre and Middlesex Centre but for personal reasons was unable to make it to that of the Bedfordshire Centre. With Jackie Lee being in attendance I am sure that she admirably stepped into the breach at short notice and for that I thank her.

In addition, Sue and I attended the Home Counties Invitation Rally which was an excellent event belying the fact that it's very future is under threat through a possible shortage of volunteers from the Beds, Bucks, Herts, North London & Middlesex Centres to form a working Committee for the 2019 event. I sincerely hope that its demise can be averted.

2017 has been a very busy year for me personally and within the Field Office staff of the Certificated Locations Department at East Grinstead House which has become more proactive in securing and retaining CL's for the benefit of the general membership. The projects I have been involved with are only part way through their development and my remit has been extended well into 2018 with some additional responsibilities. On this basis, I feel that I cannot serve the Region in the manner which I believe it deserves; accordingly, I have decided not to offer myself up for re-election in what would have been my final year.

When I last stood down from the Chair in 2001 I said that the NHCR was coming of age; now I would suggest that it is nearing middle age and a new person at the head will doubtless be able to inject some new life in to it. I wish Jackie Lee and her fellow Officers all the best in that endeavour.

In closing, I would like to place on record my appreciation of the support freely given by my fellow Officers and Centre Regional Delegates, together with their respective spouses. And likewise, it goes without saying that of Sue. As with all posts within the Caravan Club, be it at Centre, Regional or National level, it is a family commitment with the members often sharing the inconvenience without fully enjoying the joys of office. I would single out one person possibly and that is Ray Daniels who has accompanied me on the journey since letting our respective names be put forward in 2012 as a measure by which to lift the suspension placed on the NHCR at that years AGM. What was intended as a stop-gap measure seems to have assumed a much longer permanency and I thank Ray for his company along the way.

Finally, I would also wish to place on record the NHCR's debt of gratitude to John Pearson who has been webmaster for the past 10 years or so and who has decided that now is the time to hang up his mouse. The NHCR's website is still, in my opinion, one of the best Regional/Divisional websites out there and much of that is in no small part down to John's efforts for which we are most grateful.

Ladies and gentlemen that concludes my report and I thank you for your patience and listening.'

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of his report.

There being no objections, the report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

There being none, he moved on.

6.0 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

'Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is my fifth and hopefully my penultimate Report as your Region's Secretary.

During the past year, the Regional Council has met on six separate occasions. The first being shortly after last Year's AGM at Amptill and the other meetings have been held at the Watmill Hotel at Bourne End near Hemel Hempstead. Last year I reported that there has been a few of minor issues throughout the year with the services and the timeliness of delivery provided by the new management and staff, unfortunately these issues still occur from time to time. This is probably due to an apparent high turnover of staff within the hotel which in turn leads to an inconsistent level of service. But I am pleased to say that the quality of the buffet supplied by the hotel is appreciated by the Delegates.

The attendance at the Water Mill meetings this year is up at 85% compared with last year's figure of 81%.

At the National back in May, I again undertook the role of Block Marshal for the Region's Lines together with three couples from the Buckinghamshire Centre. My special thanks again to them as they did most of the work. There were 93 units booked into our block which was a good walk from the centre of the activities. Tea and coffee was available to Members after pitching their units, the take up on this was not great but appreciated by those who came for a hot drink and a chat. On the Saturday afternoon, the Region's event shelter was erected in preparation for the block reception to be held for all Members known to be from within the Region. Unfortunately, the wind picked up during the National's opening ceremony and the event shelter was damaged beyond repair. The weather was

kinder to us during the reception which was well attended. Although the snacks supplied soon disappeared, in part due to some Members piling their plates high.

I plan to be one of the Block Marshals at next year's National together with the same three more experienced couples from the Buckinghamshire Centre, if they are willing.

This year has been blighted by correspondence problems with information coming from the Club. During October of last year, the Club started using the Box system, this is a file sharing application where Secretaries can access an electronic copy of the General Letters for Centres and any other information and forms relating to Centre administration and activities. The initial problem encountered was that no notification was being sent to Secretaries when documents were added into Box. This problem was raised at the Region's March Council meeting and during the discussion, it was noticed that the Club was also deleting documents from the Box. Thus, unless a secretary checked the Box regularly, there could be documents that a secretary never had knowledge of. Deletion of documents appears to have ceased since this was brought to the attention of the Club.

The non-receipt of emails has been brought to the notice of the Club on several occasions. This is not a problem restricted to the NHCR Secretary as several of the Region's Centre Secretaries have also reported missing emails when surveyed. The Club is denying responsibility for the problem or suggesting a solution.

Documents which are only for Divisional and Regional secretaries are not stored in the Box and therefore no way of checking for non-received emails.

One of the documents that was regularly updated and distributed by the Club but now held within the Box is the Information Document. I have found this document in the past to be useful in preparing for the next Council year as it should show the names and email address etc of the current elected Centre Officers within the Region. But at the time of writing this report a few days ago, the Information Document was dated 18 August 2017 and since then during September and October, all but two of the Centres throughout the Club have had their AGM.

I will be raising these matters with the Club at the Regional and Divisional Forum being held early next January.

This concludes my Report for 2017.'

The Chairman asked if anybody was against the adoption of the Honorary Secretary's report. There being no objections, the Report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

Sandie Evans – Thanked the Secretary for the information that documents can and have been removed from the Box.

There being no further points, he moved on.

7.0 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2016 FINANCIAL YEAR

'It is my duty as Treasurer to present a Report on the finances of the Northern Home Counties Region of the Caravan and Motorhome Club and relates to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016. 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 trust everyone has a copy.

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

Income

Income has increased in 2016 from £6,025 to £6,524, an increase of £499 and is the result of reducing the main grant from the Club of £500, a contribution of £114 for the reception held at the National Rally and the inclusion of charity receipts that never occurred in the previous year. All other income has remained roughly the same as the preceding year.

Expenditure

Expenditure has increased over the year by £607, that is as a result of including the payment to charities, offsetting the income of £726, which actually meant expenditure has decreased by £119

over the preceding year. The other elements contributing are in 2016 higher National Reception costs, although a contribution was received and the hosting fee for the website – there was a catch up charged that had previously been overlooked of £100, this is now corrected.

Regional Council meetings expenditure is £2.682 for 2016 which overall is roughly the same as the previous year although we have, as indicated last year, seen an increase in the hotel costs and in fuel costs relating to increases at the pump. These increased costs are offset with a drop in secretarial costs.

AGM expenditure is similar to the previous year in total although we did see a switch in setting from a hotel to use of school site and associated event for members.

Other meetings/Events are roughly the same and offset by some form of income. Most of these events are to promote the services of the Club and enable members to raise questions to officials. These events are anticipated to continue into future years.

Other expenditure has decreased from £542 to £332 and relates to:

- Officers meetings in Wendover £122
- Other mileage and sundry expenses – postage etc £210

In summary the Region has excess expenditure over income received of £657 which whilst most costs have been kept in line with previous years, this can be attributable to the fall in the Regional grant. This reduction in the grant is to encourage Regions (not ours) to reduce the excessive bank (cash) balances they hold, rather than investing with the Club and earning interest.

Balance Sheet

Moving to the Balance sheet shown on page 2

Current account shows a balance of £625 after accounting for any unpresented cheques. The previous year's balance included the receipt of the Grant for the 2016 Financial Year which is shown as Prepaid Receipts. For 2017 the grant was paid in January so is not included in the balance as at 31st December 2016.

VAT relates to recoverable VAT for the last quarter of 2016 and is paid by the Caravan Club in 2017.

The Regions Independent Examinations fee is recoverable from the Caravan Club and for transparency is shown as accrued expenses.

Accrued income relates to the grant for Question Time that has been received in 2017 but relates to 2016.

This arrives at a Net Asset position for the Region, i.e. what the Region is worth of £1,551. The financed section shows the balance brought forward from the previous year adjusted by the deficit from the Income and Expenditure account of £657 arriving at the Net Asset position of £1,551, which shows the accounts are in balance.

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

The Independent Examiners report on page 1, to you the members of this Region outline the Accountants 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, he moved on.

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

'As I have stated before whilst every effort is taken to contain costs the current economic climate we are in is affecting the expenditure of the Region. These elements revolve around the minimum national living wage and work place pensions which will affect the hotel costs for the Council meetings, and the unknown Brexit affect which may manifest itself in higher fuel costs which we have seen rise and this will eventually impact on food costs. The Region has seen the hotel increase costs in 2017 but am glad to announce that there will be no further increase through 2018.

The Grant from the Caravan Club has reduced again by another £500. This will be on going as previously announced, the Club has introduced a strategy of reducing cash balances held by Regions by reducing grants. This has now resulted in a grant of £3,500 and an additional top up was requested and eventually paid of £250. The grant for 2018 has been confirmed as £3,500 which as it cost approximately £4,500 to run the Region may result in embarrassing situations, similar to this year. Therefore, there is an expectation that a deficit on the income and expenditure account will occur.

We do anticipate expenditure will be more or less in line with the previous year, but we have seen expenditure for the Regional Council meetings will be higher than 2016 as described above.

The Region has arranged Your Club in Your Region at Burford, Question Time at Denham and reception for members attending the National rally. The expenditure for these events is mainly covered by grants from the Caravan club.

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 the Region will continue to help and support all Centres and I look forward to continuing for another year as your Treasurer.'

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

8.0 VICE-CHAIRMAN AND PRO REPORT

'Over the weekend of 17-18 June 2017, the Northern Home Counties Region hosted a 'Meet the Members' weekend in Burford at the Caravan and Motorhome Club site.

The wardens and assistant wardens, as in previous years when we visited the site, were extremely welcoming and helped as much as possible to ensure the success of the weekend.

Vice-chairman of the Caravan and Motorhome Club – Janet Moore and her husband Darrell along with the Regional Officers all staying on the site were able to meet a cross section of the Club's membership. Whilst some of those visitors lived in the area covered by the Region, others came from much further afield.

Everyone on site were invited to visit the gazebo/shelter that had been erected with tables and chairs in situ for a friendly chat about our mutual hobby when any complaints or queries relating to the Club could be aired and hopefully resolved by those representatives of the Club staying on site. Light refreshments and drinks were available to all. Sadly, the take up was very small with very few members actually coming across to join us.

It was the hottest weekend of the year and when the Officers including Janet walked around the site to chat to people, the majority of people on site were seen to be sitting outside in the shade of their caravans/motorhomes with no inclination to move.

The 2017 Members Question Time was held at Chesham just off junction 18 of the M25 at the De Vere Latimer Estate Hotel. Despite all the efforts of the Marketing Department getting involved with promoting Question Time still numbers of people attending was somewhat disappointing. However, what we lacked in numbers those members that did attend provided plenty of interesting questions to the panel that included Harvey Alexander Director of Marketing, Martin Spencer, Gordon Smart and the Region's Chairman Phil Batchelor.

There was much discussion regarding the name change of the club and the change of the logo. The fact that with the new logo C.L. signs were difficult to see. The availability of wi-fi on Club sites. Location of bus stops being noted in the sites directory. The high demand for service pitches on sites.

The Regional Treasurer eventually received funding grants for both these events from the Club.

Thanks, must be extended to everyone that gave up their time so that Meet the Members and Question Time could take place this year. It is hoped to hold both of these Events in 2018 but not necessarily at the same venues where they were held in 2017.

During the year staff from East Grinstead House have attended Northern Home Counties meetings to provide an insight into what their responsibilities include and how it affects Members. Guest speakers have included Viv Harrison Research and Insights Manager and Brian Morgan Head of Communications and Events.'

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 none, he 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 the meetings.

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

He then asked that the floor show their appreciation in the customary way to say "thank you" to all the retiring Centre Delegates and Officers.

The Chairman and Officers then stood down and Rodney Lambert took control of the meeting and introduced the Chairman for 2017/18.

FINAL NOMINATIONS FOR 2017/18

Position	Nomination	Proposer	Seconded
CHAIRMAN	Jacqueline Lee	Alan Cadman	Phil Batchelor
VICE CHAIRMAN	David Rickard	Gordon Taylor	Sam Turner
SECRETARY	Ray Daniels	Michael Pope	Gerald Cox
TREASURER	Alan Cadman	Derek Ludlow	Sheila Robbins

10.0 EVENTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Sandie Evans for all the work she had undertaken as the Region's Events Coordinator during 2017 and invited her to come forward to read her report for 2017.

'I would like to thank all the Centre Events Officers for working with me again this year.

This year many Events have taken place within our Centres. There has been an average attendance at most of them.

The Club magazine has promoted our Events every month giving us their support.

Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire & Bucks Centres featured highly this year in the Centre News section – Well Done

During this past year, 14 Events have been held in the Region with no cancellations

The figures are a total of 627 outfits attended overall to date, this is slightly down on 2016, giving just over 1988 van nights, this figure is down by 227 nights.

The number of non-centre members joining Events has remained steady but still a slight drop. With 251 non-centre members units who still want to enjoy our Company, this is 77 families lower than 2016.

There were 363 Centre Members attending overall, this is a bit of a drop. But we did have the Queens 90th the previous year.

Again, we see several no shows on the day, this was 8 units.

I have again produced a spreadsheet of the attendance figures for those who are interested, to take away to your Centres.

I thank the Event Officers for getting this information to me, albeit sometimes a bit late. I have to nag on still.

The Windsor Horse Show Event, Truckfest at Peterborough and the Piston & Props at Sywell all had electric pods again this year.

During this year again, we haven't had any Events meetings, but we keep in touch via emails and phone calls to keep a check on what's going on in the Region.

2018 - I have submitted all details for the 2018 Events planned to the Events Department of the Club on behalf of all the Centre's in the Region. Also, the Northern Home Counties Webmaster will have all the details for our website when a new webmaster has been appointed.

Events for 2018 - We have 13 being planned across the Region. The Beds Centre may do the River Festival, but this is not in the Events booklet due to late information.

2018 Regional Booklet - I have put together the Regional Rally booklet again this year which has all Events across the Region included. I would like to thank all the Centre's Rally Sec for getting all their information to me, to have the booklet printed off for today. The information was proof read by each Centre before printing them off. I sent it to all the Rally Secs and Event Officers in October for comments before going to print. The costs have been picked up by the Regional Council for 1500 copies to distribute between Centres and we are going to put some into the Club Sites within the Region to try to gain some more interest from non-centre members who use Club Sites.

We have one celebration rally in 2018 with Herts having their 60th celebrations, this has been included.

Thanks go to Martin Findlay for the printing and his wife Bronya.

Please find time to look at What's On next year, all Centres have displayed their Events and bigger rallies planned for 2018, there are flyers and booking forms available to you and for your centre members.

I hope to continue with this post into 2018 and I look forward to working with all Centre Event Liaison Officers in the coming year

Many thanks again'

The Chairman thanked Sandie for her report and asked whether there were any objections to the adoption of her report?

There were no objections and the report was adopted.

The Chairman asked if there were any discussion points.

There being none, he moved on.

11.0 TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Chairman thanked the Auditor, Stephen P Greehy of PKB UK LLP for his services in the independent examination of the Regions' 2016 Accounts.

The Treasurer was called upon to nominate the Independent Examiner for 2018.

The Treasurer wished to nominate Mr Stephen P Greehy of PKB UK LLP Beechey House, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

The Chairman stated that Stephen Greehy had been approached and has agreed to continue in this role to independently examine the 2018 accounts.

12.0 PROPOSITIONS

The Chairman stated that the Honorary Secretary had not received any propositions by the closing date of 18th August 2017 as required by the Regional Constitution.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary – The Club has asked that we revise the Region's Constitution in two areas. Firstly because of the rebranding of the Club to the Caravan and Motorhome Club and secondly to remove the word Honorary from the titles of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The Secretary asked if there were any objections to the adoption of the revised constitution that was handed out prior to the start of the AGM.

There were no objections and the revised constitution was adopted.

Adrian Hobbs pointed out that the Constitution still refers to an Independent Accountant and not an Independent Examiner.

The Chairman spoke about how the National had changed over the past years and the proposed BBQ Chef of the Year competition.

The Chairman then invited Rodney Lambert - Club Vice Chairman to address the meeting.

Rodney spoke about and thanked Phil for standing into the breach five years ago to keep the Region going and for the effort he has put into Region since.

The work that the Region does to a certain extent is not very well seen, they go out to meet the members at Meet the Members and Question Time, but the hard part is to get the people to attend because the members by and large are very content with the Club.

Wifi was mentioned earlier. All of the 164 Club owned sites have Wifi, although some only have hotspots because of the limited bandwidth available in the area.

The demand for hard standing and serviced pitches is increasing and some £14m is currently being spent on site updates.

The BBQ Chef of the Year competition at the National will be sponsored by one of the BBQ manufactures. For 2018, it is proposed that Centre members submit paper menu for a two-course meal and from the submissions the Region selects two members to enter the competition at the National. Each contestant will then at the National, prepare the two-courses for their Chairman and partner to eat.

Rodney wished Jackie and her fellow officers all the best for the coming year.

The Chairman thanked Rodney and for those kind words to himself and his fellow Officers.

The Chairman thanked the Tellers Joan and Terry Leonard and Jackie and Adrian Hobbs for their efforts and Martin and Bronya Findley for organising and running the sound system.

The Chairman also thanked the Middlesex Centre for all they had done.

Presentations were made to Diane Lambert, the Tellers and Sue Batchelor.

John Moules on behalf of the floor, thanked the Chairman for the way in which he conducted the meeting and his efforts on behalf of the Region over the past years. He then wished Jackie and her Officers all the best for the coming year.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.10 pm.

Ray Daniels _____
Honorary Secretary

Jackie Lee
Regional Chairman