Cranmog AGM January 2023.

Centre Secretary’s Report

It has been a better year than the past few, and it has been delightful to go out once again in the Morgan and mix, chat and picnic with all our friends at the many events that have taken place throughout the year. Thank you to those who managed to organise the events for CranMog. We are all very grateful to you, otherwise we would not have a chance to meet up together.

The CranMog monthly noggins take place at The Jolly Coopers in Flitton.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month and although numbers are down to our pre-COVID attendance, we are getting more members coming back all the time as we all feel more positive towards going out and mixing. We no longer provide refreshments at our noggins as this doesn’t fit in with the Jolly Coopers kitchen time frames but I believe we are surviving without them!

Every member of CranMog, the MSCC or guests are very welcome to come to our meetings.

As well as the Noggins we are continuing to make use of the CranMog Zoom account and Michele Chapman kindly arranges a monthly Zoom meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8pm. It has been a useful way again to keep in touch with each other. We have a Zoom account and this gives us the ability to have Zoom meetings for longer than the 40 minutes allowed on the free accounts.

We regularly have 10 – 15 shared screens and it is a great opportunity to stay in touch with each other and also ‘see ‘ members who do normally attend our noggins as they do not live locally. Our Zoom meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.

Please also remember that this Zoom account is available to be used by members at any time. If you wish to use it, please email Michele and she will set up a meeting for you.

All of our communication to members is via email or our website. Our events are also published in our Centre report in Miscellany. May I invite members to submit a report on events either to Miscellany or our website [www.cranmog.org](http://www.cranmog.org). I circulate the monthly ‘Matters to Discuss’ for our meetings a few days beforehand to all members, giving members a list of upcoming events and also a note of what they have missed.

We always need members to organise events and if you wish to arrange any events, please contact the Event Coordinator to discuss the possible dates. You do not have to be an expert to arrange an event, if you have any ideas about things that you would like to do and that you think others would also enjoy, please think about arranging it. It does not have to be onerous and it could just be arranging a visit to somewhere or a drive out for lunch.

We have a large membership of approximately 200 members, this is the number of registered members and does not include for instance the unregistered ‘other half’ of a couple. The introduction of £5 per person membership fee has not deterred the number of keen new and old Morganneers joining our Centre and we have been pleased to welcome new members throughout the year.

We do not circulate our Membership list to members as per the MSCC policy.

Membership will be up for renewal in April again, we are keeping the same rate of £5 per person to join the Centre and of course this means that the person who registers is the person who will receive all Centre communication.

As a Centre we have occasional costs and this is all contained in the Treasuer’s report in full detail. We also sometimes are required to pay an upfront deposit for events that we are going to hold, for example the Birthday Party.

For any trips/events organised by members on behalf of the Centre we use the CranMog Bank account to hold deposits paid in and to make payments. This saves any member from having to pay for anything out of their own funds and also protects our members.

We pay a fee for the running of the website and for the Zoom account. A very small income for the Centre is generated by providing Regalia for members.

Please see attached copy of the Treasurer’s report for full details.

May I remind you that the Centre Secretary is also your representative at the MSCC NCM’s. If you want any matter raised or information please contact me and I can take it forward.

Since MOG2016 when Medical Detection Dogs was chosen as our Charity for that event, we have continued to support that charity in a very small way.

Last year we asked that nominations were made for other charities that the Centre would like to support and for these to be put forward to be voted on at the AGM. However, I have not received any notification so we will vote on continuing to support Medical Detection Dogs at the AGM.

I would like to thank all those who have once again volunteered to put themselves forward for election for the Officer roles at the AGM.

I would also like to thank all of you for your support of CranMog over the past year, it has been a better year than recently and we are all getting more used to going out and about again. So thank you all and as well, once again to the Officers of the club, without their efforts we would not have a Centre.

Also, thank you all for your assistance to me this past year as I took over from Michele.

Finally, I’d like to wish you all a Happy New Year and let’s hope for an even better 2023.

Vanessa Barham