

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESAHM**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

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**Present**

Chairman	Derek Pannell	<b>DP</b>
Vice Chair	Brian Southgate	<b>BS</b>
Vice Chair/Webmaster	Trevor Smith	<b>TS</b>
Register Secretary	Sheena McCartney	<b>SMc</b>
Treasurer	Janet Dobson	<b>JD</b>
Equipment Sales	Gary Maples	<b>GM</b>
Rally Secretary	Nigel Berry	<b>NB</b>
Junior Crewe	Denis Mattocks	<b>DM</b>
Advertising	Rosanna Waterson	<b>RW</b>
Committee Support	John Payne	<b>JP</b>
Newsletter	Alan Green	<b>AG</b>
Sports	Chris Stammers	<b>CS</b>
Publicity	Janice Kent	<b>JK</b>

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

1.1 Tracy Totman

**2.0 Previous Minutes**

2.1 Proposed by Brian Southgate and Seconded by Janet Dobson

**3.0 Matters Arising**

3.1 DM has disposed of the fire extinguishers

3.2 The Dave Totman Trophy was presented at the Mothers Day Rally at Butley

3.3 Bowls Mat – CS reported that the cost of replacing the Bowls Mat will be in the region of £600- £750. The Committee felt this sort of cost was difficult to justify for the numbers of members using the mat.

CS will look at alternatives by approaching existing clubs and other users.

#### **4.0 Chairman's Report**

4.1 DP thanked Darren, Sheena, Gary and others for helping to support the Open Day at Barry Sharman's Caravans. They were able to introduce many carvanners to the club. 17 new members were recruited during the day.

4.2 DP thanked TT for chairing the Peewit Rally and BS for chairing the Hasketon Rally

4.3 The Chairman has attended three rallies since the last meeting:  
Mildenhall -  
Tattingstone  
Easter at Sutton –

The Easter Rallies were all full and very enjoyable.

#### **5.0 Vice Chairman BS**

5.1 Attended the Mildenhall Rally –did feel that not all those attending did much towards the clean-up

5.2 BS also attended the Easter Rally at Cheddar – the field was very muddy and many had to be towed onto and off of the field. There was also a problem with sharing the field with other groups. He felt this site is better suited to summer rallying.

#### **6.0 Regional Update**

Nick Lomas is the new Director General

Brian Richardson will be leaving the CC at the end of the year.

#### **7.0 Vice Chairman TS**

7.1 Chaired the Easter Rally at Blaxhall  
A very active rally with lots to do for the children – a good rally

Butley was well attended – a good sociable rally  
Excellent equipment sales

**8.0 Treasurer – JD**

8.1 Bank Balance now stand at £13,619.04

8.2 Thorpeness rally are already banking money

8.3 All rally accounts are coming in when required

8.4 JD has revamped the letter requesting the £10 cancellation charges sent to no- shows after rally marshal's reports

The Valentines Rally had a particularly large number of non-attendees.

Discussion followed on the best way forward. It was suggested that the Rule Number 4 be included in the letter to demonstrate that all members should be award of the charge.

The committee was asked to confirm the charge for some of the members. The committee voted in support of JD and the charges will be implemented.

**9.0 Secretaries Report**

9.1 As TT was not able to attend the meeting the only matter reported was that the update on members has been received from the Caravan Club but in a format that is not helpful.

TS did express his concern at the way this confidential data it sent out by the Caravan Club.

**Rally Secretary**

**10.0**

Bookings have been made at Sutton for the AGM and Easter Rallies

10.1

Flempton – site cancelled  
More dates are coming through

10.2

Request has been received for permission to test interest in a Suffolk Centre Rally in France during 2011 for 25 vans. There is no problem with this provided it is done with CC approval.

Elmswell is a possible venue for the AGM in 2011

Natter and Chatter – it was felt the hall at Kesgrave should be

booked as it is a good venue for the event. Perhaps a rally could be arranged at a nearby location.

### **Equipment Sales**

11.0 Sales have been steady at all rallies

11.1

11.2 Suffolk Centre CC branded sweatshirts – the committee felt these should be available and will ask members to order and pay in advance so that a stock is not held by the club.

GM will arrange to have a selection available.

### **Rally Equipment**

12.0

12.1 The new flagpole was used at Sutton and DP thought it looked very good and did the job well. He asked that we order three more - agreed by the committee

### **Sports**

13.0

13.1 CS has arranged to meet with all regional sports officers

13.2

CS would like Volley Ball and Football Posts to be available at the Back to School rally.

13.3

Size 4 training balls would be a useful at rallies

13.4

AG might be able to help with supplying some used balls

13.5

### **Advertising and Publicity**

14.0

14.1 RW has started sending out requests to advertisers for the 2011 handbook

14.2

JK sent out a release to all local media for the Dealer Day at Stowmarket

14.3

Suffolk brochures were available for distribution to Centre members at Rallies. TS and BS have the first delivery – more will be available in a couple of weeks.

14.4

15.0

### **Webmaster**

15.1

TS Business as usual

**16.0                    Newsletter**

16.1                    AG would appreciate feedback on the newsletter - the committee members felt it very valuable and agreed that members were always keen to have a copy when a new issue is released.

16.2                    Perhaps more members could be encouraged to write rally reports for the newsletter

**17.0                    Junior Crew -**

17.1                    DM had nothing much to report

17.2                    The Xmas Party rally nearly full but more children are needed for the party itself.

**18.0                    Register Secretary**

18.1                    Derek and Sheena received their 350<sup>th</sup> plaque at the Easter Rally

**19.0                    Regional Update**

19.1                    No regional meeting has taken place since the last meeting

19.2                    At the present time 18 Suffolk members have booked onto the National Rally at the end of May

**20.0                    Any Other Business**

None

9.10 Meeting closed.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**