

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

**PRESENT**

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman                   | David Totman          |
| Vice Chairman              | Anthea Southgate      |
|                            | Derek Pannell         |
| Secretary                  | Sheena McCartney      |
| Treasurer                  | Janet Dobson          |
| Ass.Secretary              | Nigel Berry           |
| Rally Equipment            | Brian Southgate       |
| Equipment Sales            | Margaret Calvesbert   |
| Junior liason/newsletter   | Denis Mattocks        |
| Webmaster /Rally Secretary | Trevor Smith          |
| Sports Officer             | Rosanna Waterson      |
| Charity                    | Colin and Jan Goddard |

**ACTION**

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

1.1 Gary Maples

**2.0 Previous Minutes**

2.1 Proposed by SM and seconded by RW

**3.0 Matters Arising**

3.1 Proposed Meeting Dates

31<sup>st</sup> January 2007

28<sup>th</sup> February 2007

4<sup>th</sup> April 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007

13<sup>th</sup> June 2007

4<sup>th</sup> July 2007

5<sup>th</sup> September 2007

3.2 General discussion was held in respect of possibly changing the plaque suppliers. DT is to make further enquiries in respect of J & R to confirm costings including postage.

**4.0 Chairmans Report**

4.1 DT reported to the committee that the Regional AGM had gone well and that Michael Threadgold had been voted in as Regional Chairman.

4.2 DT advised the Committee that the Pitsea Rally had been poorly attended this year. DT reported to the Committee that he had visited Euston Park the proposed site of the Regional Centre Rally to walk the course.

**5.0 Vice Chair Report**

5.1 AS reported that Derrick Stammers had raised £140 for Children in Need at the Regional AGM.

5.2 AS reported that there had been 8 non-attendees at the Regional AGM rally. JD advised that she had recouped some of the monies from the non attending ralliers and further reported that some of them did have understandable circumstances why they didn't attend.

**6.0 Treasurer's Report**

6.1 JD reported to the committee the current balances.

Fund Raising £5.17

Junior Fund £1,450.43

Current Account £9,762.45 (Although some of this money is to be paid out to the Charities.)

6.2 JD advised that there was now a deficit of £30.00 against the equipment sales for the year. The Committee generally agreed that there was no reason for concern. JD reported to the Committee that, up to September, rallies had been breaking even, however since then three have run at a loss.

6.3 JD advised the committee that due to circumstances beyond her control as Rally Marshall of the forthcoming New Years Rally has changed from Bromswell to Crowfield and may now run at a loss. She will report back to the committee at the next meeting. **JD**

6.4 In relation to 6.3 NB suggested that advice should be added to the Rally Marshall Packs in respect of booking venues. It has become apparent that a lot of venues are booked without any written confirmation, making difficult to claim a loss against the venue should they cancel for any reason. **TS**

**7.0 Secretary's Report**

7.1 Membership currently stands at 1,076 with 32 new members, 30 voids and 1 transfer.

7.2 SM tabled various Christmas cards that had been received from other Centres.

- 7.3 A letter received from the Caravan Club was tabled in respect of the new insurance indemnity.
- 7.4 NB reported that it appeared that Valley Farm no longer existed as a company, therefore it would prove difficult to recoup the cost of the advert from the 2006 Rally book, therefore suggested that this be written off. **JD**
- 8.0 Rally Secretary's Report**
- 8.1 TS advised that the Rally Books unfortunately were not ready but should be available from the 14<sup>th</sup> December onwards.
- 8.2 TS advised that he already taken £4.00 for advanced Rally Book pre-orders by non members of Suffolk Centre.
- 8.3 In respect of this it was agreed that the Rally Book cost if additional copies were requested by members or outside the Centre to be sold at £1.50 or £2.00 with postage and packaging. NB proposed and SM seconded.
- 8.4 TS reported on the 2007 programme advising that the Constable Country Rally venue may have to be changed but this will need to be watched. Framlingham Castle field could no longer be used, therefore alternative an venue would need to be found for the firework rally and the Lion Public House at Theberton had closed. The Christmas Shopping Rally had now moved to the 9<sup>th</sup> November. **DT**
- 9.0 Equipment Sales**
- 9.1 MC will undertake a stock-take but reported that the blue and pink were now out of stock.
- 10.0 Rally Equipment**
- 10.1 BS reported that the new rally signs had been ordered but had not yet been received.
- 10.2 It was agreed by all the Committee that the additional signs requested by the rally marshals of the Thorpeness rally were not necessary. The existing Suffolk Centre signs could be used with additional ones being provided if required.
- 11.0 Sports Officer**
- 11.1 DT advised RW that the Regional Sports Meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, time to be confirmed. This will organise the Sports activities at the forthcoming

regional rally.

**12.0 Publicity**

12.1 Nothing to Report

**13.0 Charity**

13.1 CG and JG reported to the Committee that the sales of their dance were going well. Lots of donations had already been made for the raffle. They are currently trying to obtain sponsorship for either the band or the hall.

13.2 DT reported that £240 had been raised during the raffle at Banham Zoo Rally.

**14.0 Webmaster**

14.1 TS reported that the website had been updated with a few new articles and that the information in respect of the 5 centres rally had also been updated.

**15.0 Newsletter**

15.1 DM advised that the next newsletter will be available at the Natter and Chatter and he still required more articles from members.

15.2 CG proposed that more of an effort should be made in respect of walking the rally field with the next newsletter and asking for suggestions and articles. **Committee**

15.3 TS suggested keeping the newsletter to 4 A4 sheets as the printing costs for the last issue had been high. NB proposed that a small advert should be included within each newsletter which could be charged out at £30 to £40 which would then cover the cost of the photocopying. It was agreed that this was a good idea and GM will liaise with DM and TS **GM**

**16.0 Junior Liaison**

16.1 DM reported that all of the children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas party. The Junior Crew will be arranging activities at the forthcoming rally at Trimley.

**17.0 Regional Meeting Report**

17.1 DT advised that the next regional meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> January at New Green Centre, Thurston.

**18.0 Regional Rally**

18.1 DT reported that this was all in hand and that Michael Threadgold had organised a significant amount of sponsorship and that all should be coming together

during the course of the next few months.

**19.0 National Rally**

19.1 SM reported that there were currently 37 Suffolk Centre Caravans booked on the rally and that the theme of the decorated float competition was likely to be a celebration of the centenary.

**20.0 Any Other Business**

20.1 The Committee thanked John Payne for arranging the decorated Christmas tree at the Brightlingsea Christmas Tree Exhibition.

20.2 CG suggested that a competition could be organised for the children at next years Banham Zoo Christmas Rally. **DT**

20.3 DT tabled details from other suppliers in respect of the Suffolk Punch Horse. It was agreed that DT would make further enquiries with one of the suppliers to see whether any samples could be obtained prior to placing an order. **DT**

20.4 Meeting closed at 9.30pm

**21.0 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 31st January 2007