

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2009.**

Present:

Chairman	Derek Pannell	(DP)
Vice Chair	Brian Southgate	(BS)
Vice Chair	Trevor Smith	(TS)
Rally Equipment	Darren Fitch	(DF)
Registration Sec.	Sheena McCartney	(SM)
Publicity	Rosanna Waterson	(RW)
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	(CS)
Junior Crew	Denis Mattocks	(DM)
Newsletter	Alan Green	(AG)
Newsletter Asst.	Colin Goddard.	(CG)

ACTION

1.0 Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 Tracy Totman
Nigel Berry
Janet Dobson.

2.0 Previous Minutes.

- 2.1 Approved by Darren Fitch and seconded by Rosanna Waterson.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 18.4 Marshal plaques – Derek Pannell has given some thought with regard to the timing over changing from the marshal bars to the triangles. As we currently do not pay for the bars he saw no reason why we could not implement the changes discussed at the previous meeting as soon as possible. Committee were in agreement with this. Derek Pannell to check how many triangle marshal plaques he had and if necessary order some more.
- 3.2 19.0 Date of next meeting should read 11th March 2009. (not February)

DP

4.0 Chairman's Report.

- 4.1 Derek Pannell thanked Denis Mattocks for chairing the Valentines Rally.

ACTION

4.2 Questions were raised as to whether the Natter and Chatter meeting was still worthwhile. Suggestions were made to move the location back to a more central point in Ipswich to hold a meeting but no rally. Chris Stammers to investigate possible venues (Greshams, Trinity Park etc)

CS

4.3 Derek Pannell attended the Motor Industry Dinner at Copdock. It was very well attended. A letter was forwarded from Derrick Stammers from the Chairman of the IMI expressing their sincere thanks for our support and to comment that the fundraising was in excess of the £1500 target.

5.0 Vice Chairman Report.

5.1 Brian Southgate also attended the IMI Dinner and entertained the Chairman Peter Corder who was also a 1st Rallier with the Suffolk Centre.

6.0 Treasurers Report.

6.1 The treasurer circulated an e-mail commenting on the minimum number of vans attending a rally should now be 14 to cover the minimum charge for ordering. After discussion it was agreed that this is not always possible due to venues and that bigger rally admin charges should subsidise the smaller ones. Further discussion may be warranted at the next meeting.

As the Treasurer was not present there was nothing else to report.

7.0 Secretary's Report

7.1 Tracy Totman has accepted a response for a Quiz team for the National.

As the Secretary was not present there was nothing else to report.

8.0 Rally Secretary Report.

8.1 Brantham Bull rally has now been moved to Saxted Mill due to sale of the pub. All members who were attending have been notified.

8.2 An issue arose with regard to planning permission at Dan's Meadow but has now been resolved. However the land owner is asking if any of our members has any photographs of rallies held at this venue, could he have a copy?

8.3 2010 AGM is booked for the first week in October. John Taylor has been asked to consider marshalling again. Derek Pannell to look at alternative venues.

DP

ACTION

9.0 Equipment Sales

- 9.1 Gary Maples has requested that he order more Blue and Pink. As per previous discussion there will be a change of brand to Elsan. He is also going to order fuses and 2 new teapots.

10.0 Rally Equipment.

- 10.1 All equipment boxes have now been circulated along with notes on how to fly the new red flag.
- 10.2 Darren Fitch has spoken to Wendy Johnson with regard to replacing the missing yellow flag. Derek Pannell to retain the yellow flag out of the Saxted Box to show to Wendy as she need to see a copy.
- 10.3 Certificates for the gas boilers are not available as they are not serviced with regulators. This is not seen as a problem as we have the receipt showing when they were serviced.
- 10.4 Alan Green agreed to service the electric boilers when the time arises as per previous years.
- 10.5 One of the Fire extinguishers bags requires repairing. – Darren Fitch to pass to Sheena McCartney to see if she can get it repaired.

11.0 Sports Officer.

- 11.1 Chris Stammersis producing a flyer to encourage team members For The National and 5 Centres rallies. He would also like all Rally chairman to promote this.

12.0 Publicity.

- 12.1 All cheques, bar one (Stowmarket Caravans) have been received. Derek Pannell has offered to chase.

DP

13.0 Webmaster

- 13.1 Only updates this month have been changes to items of news.

14.0 Newsletter.

- 14.1 Alan Green asked for feedback on his first publication. It was agreed that we would reduce the number of big newsletters to two. AGM and Natter and Chatter and subsequent newsletters would be in the form of a double A4 sheet.

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison

- 15.1 Fundraising for the Junior Crew Fund is to take place at the Mayday Rally at Bredfield (Not a raffle)

16.0 Register Secretary

- 16.1 Database is coming along. Entries for 2009, 2008 and 2006 have been completed.

ACTION

17.0 Regional Meeting.

17.1 Derek Pannell and Brian Southgate both attended the meeting.

17.2 Region reported losses of £1214.00

17.3 Discussions with regard to the increase cost of the National. The increase was to try and recuperate some of the losses from previous years. They have also decided not to allow Tuesday night stays to help reduce costs.

17.4 Caravan show – 500 new members were recruited.

17.5 Events:

The regional roadshow will be held at Hyland – Chelmsford.

House of Common Dinner – 8th May 2009

Riverboat Trip & Meal – 26th September 2009

Lord Mayors Show – November 2009

5 Centres Rally 2010 – hosted by North Essex.

18.0 Any other Business.

18.1 Trevor Smith has purchased a new microphone for the PA system He also enquired as to the life of the battery pack as his does not seem to hold the charge.

18.2 Alan Green asked that people note his e mail address as alan.green18@gmail.com

18.3 Alan Green also asked the question as to why when we raise a motion at the AGM, do we then have to wait a year for the motion to be enforced? Derek Pannell said he would look again at the rules.

18.4 Darren Fitch raised the point with regard to the Junior Committee. At what age do the children need to be to become a junior Committee member?. There were discussions several years ago with regard to age limits and it was then decided that we would not have a committee as such but change the name to Junior Crew, thus making it open to children of ALL ages. However there is nothing to stop the children raising awareness of the junior crew and arranging fund raising events etc on rallies.

19.4 Pig Roast Woolverstone – Denis Mattocks has been nominated as fete marshal and would appreciate assistance From any member with regards to holding fete stalls, donations etc.

DP

There being no any other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm

Date of next meeting 8th April 2009. 7.30pm (DM gives his apologies)