



**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 2007**

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 liaison/newsletter	Denis Mattocks
Webmaster /Rally Secretary	Trevor Smith
Sports Officer	Rosanna Waterson
Charity	Colin Goddard

ACTION

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence**
1.1 Gary Maples, Jan Goddard
- 2.0 Previous Minutes**
Proposed by MC and seconded by DP
- 3.0 Matters Arising**
3.1 DT reported that we would not be changing plaque supplier.
3.2 DT advised that the Lion Public House Rally had now moved to Brantham. Flatford Rally cancelled. Looking for new venue for fireworks rally.
3.3 DP advised that there is a shop in Finchingfield that sells the Suffolk Punch Horses and he will report back at the next meeting. **DP**
- 4.0 Chairman's Report**
4.1 DT reported that he attended the New Year Rally at Crowfield which was exceptionally muddy, but was eased by the co-operation of all of the members attending. DT advised that he is off to the Mid Anglia Pre Season Dance.

- 5.0 Vice Chair Report**
5.1 AS briefly discussed the committee member's handbook and thanked the committee for the comments she had received and would welcome any further.
- 6.0 Treasurer's Report**
6.1 JD reported that there was nothing to report as the accounts were currently being audited
- 7.0 Secretary's Report**
7.1 Membership currently stands at 1,086 with 53 new members, 42 voids and 1 transfer.
7.2 Correspondence received from the Caravan Club included advice of £188.01 interest on the deposit account.
- 8.0 Rally Secretary's Report**
8.1 TS has the remainder of the rally books.
8.2 SM raised concern that there may an insufficient number of rally books. **TS**
8.3 TS reported that the 2008 programme has now been started on the web.
8.4 TS wished to express his thanks to the Rally Marshals who organised the New Year rally.
- 9.0 Equipment Sales**
9.1 MC reported that she had undertaken a stock take and would like to order some blue and pink for the year. MC will distribute equipment sales to DT, DP and AS at Natter and Chatter. **MC**
- 10.0 Rally Equipment**
10.1 BS tabled one of the new signs that have been ordered and it was agreed that these were more durable and should withstand vandalism.
10.2 BS reported that he is going to get the gas boiler and electric boiler serviced and tested. **BS**
- 11.0 Sports Officer**
11.1 The email received from the Regional Chairman was briefly discussed in respect of the proposed sports rules for the forthcoming regional.
- 12.0 Publicity**
12.1 DT read out a report received from GM advising that all of the advertisers within the rally book had been invoiced. He has also spoken to a couple of businesses as to whether they would like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost of the adverts within the Rally Book was

briefly discussed and it was agreed that these would remain at £100.00 etc.

13.0 Charity

13.1 DT reported that he has had acknowledgement from the Air Ambulance and Children's Hospice thanking the Suffolk Centre for their donations last year.

13.2 DT raised concern that a report on the Suffolk Centre Web Page had implied that the Dance was a Suffolk Centre organised event. He reiterated that it was agreed at the previous committee meeting that this was to be an external event. CG took on board the comments made by DT and the committee and advised that he would now liaise further with the Caravan Club to confirm exactly what events could be organised and if there are any written rules in place in this respect.

13.3 DP stressed that events should be organised by the centre and to include members from the centre but thanked JG and CG for raising the money towards the Chairman's Charity.

14.0 Webmaster

14.1 TS acknowledged and apologised that it was him that had put the report on the web site for the Dance but that it had been withdrawn immediately at the request of DT.

14.2 TS reported to the committee that a couple of rally reports had been added to the web site, including the New Years and the Burns Rallies.

14.3 NB suggested to the committee that it should be put forward to the Region and then onto National that there should be a competition for the best centre website similar to the Rally Book competition. DT will put forward at the next Regional Meeting. **DT**

14.4 CG suggested that the people advertising on the website could put a small donation towards the Chairman's Rally as a gesture of goodwill.

15.0 Newsletter

15.1 DM advised the committee that the newsletter will be published for the forthcoming Natter and Chatter and will include more articles.

16.0 Junior Liaison

16.1 DT reminded the committee that the trophy would be presented to the child who has attended the most rallies

as recorded in their passport.

17.0 Regional Meeting Report

17.1 Lord Mayors parade meeting to be held on 17th January. Four sections on float each depicting 25 years. 15 on float. 50-60 walking alongside. Agreed that members from all five centres will make up this group. Full page report in April or May magazine.

House of Commons: 2 security checks. No cameras.

Regional rally – wood turning demo and sale, stalls for fete, sports to be advised, programme by 1st April. Sponsors: M&M Leisure £200; Stowmarket Caravans £400, Fleetwood Caravans £500 and other sponsorship. 150 vans will cover the cost of marquee. SM has concerns over caravans for the caravan manoeuvring test.

Dealer Days

M&M 17th and 18th March
Stowmarket 14th and 15th April
Homestead 28th and 29th April

Five events for whats on leaflet. DM has sent photos.

Club Council:
Highest membership since 1994
2002 <3500
Dec 06 47284

57,000 new members in 2006.

National Rally
Going well. 3,000+ could take up to 7,000 if required.

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18.0 Regional Rally

18.1 Previously discussed.

19.0 National Rally

19.1 DT reported to the committee that the draw had taken place for the positioning of the Suffolk Centre at the National Rally. Unfortunately we were drawn out at 32; therefore we may be some way from the central area.

20.0 Any Other Business

20.1 The draft booking form prepared by TS for comments was tabled. DT suggested an area for the letter to be countersigned by the venue.

20.2 DT reported that he had heard rumours that rally marshals were providing preferential treatment to their friends to attend rallies. He had no first hand knowledge of this and would be disappointed if this were true.

20.3 AS reported that Alec Knights has gone into hospital for a small operation and the committee wished him well.

20.4 SM reported that the attendance list would now be held by Kim Berry. JD will be forwarding all attendance registers to her. **JD**

20.5 SM suggested that when rallies are cancelled these should be announced at committee meetings and recorded.

21.0 Date of Next Meeting

28th February 2007

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm