

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 11th April 2011

Present :

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman	Paul Fitch	PF
Vice Chairman	Denis Mattocks	DM
Secretary	Janice Kent	JK
Treasurer	Janet Dobson	JD
Rally Secretary	Alan Green	AG
Rally Equipment	Colin Clarke	CG
Publicity	Nigel Berry	NB
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Rally Plaque Officer	Katie Gothard	KG
Junior Crew Liaison	Daryl Syrett	DS
Register Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS

1.0 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 JD
- DS
- KG

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 14th March Proposed : CS
Seconded : DP

3.0 Matters Arising

None

4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 BS has attended 3 rallies since the last meeting :
At Mildenhall all the leaves were cleared up by Sat lunch time – it did look tidy afterwards.
Strangers Rally – meals could be better – but the rally was good.
Easter at Sutton – a very good rally which was full - although the weather was a little disappointing. Friday night Tricks of the Trade played and were very good – then on Saturday the Karaoke was enjoyed by all with some members giving good renditions of favourite songs.
Over 20 children enjoyed the Easter activities and were kept very well amused over the weekend.

- 4.2 Speeding is still a problem which we must keep reminding members about.
- 4.3 It must be made clear to members that all dogs need to be kept on shorts leads when being walked around sites.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

- 5.1 PF chaired the rally at Blaxall –a good rally, well organised and enjoyed by those attending. Gary Maples will not be running the rally next year.
- 5.2 DP chaired the Mersea Rally with 14 vans attending a good rally enjoyed by those attending.
- 5.3 AG chaired Elmswell – good country music and the marshalls put on a good show.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Nothing to report
- 6.2 Accounting forms – CS asked if they could be made easier to understand. The committee felt that the forms were OK in their present format.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Membership now stands at 1181
- 7.2 Correspondence : BS has received a letter from Linda Beale re rally sites that are available for use but AG pointed out they are mostly for this year.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

- 8.1 Caravan Club website site information is not helpful for Suffolk rallies which is listed at the end of the spreadsheet and are not easy to find.
- 8.2 Three more rallies have been pencilled in for 2013.
- 8.3 A meeting is planned at Butley for the new year by Suffolk Caravan Club members but it is not a rally. It was felt that a letter should be sent to the organiser to remind them of the Club rules, JK will prepare a draft for committee to discuss at the next meeting.

9.0 Equipment Sales Officer

- 9.1 DM is distributing the equipment as there are some committee members who need supplies when chairing rallies.
- 9.2 £155 paid in for equipment.

10.0 Rally Equipment Officer

- 10.1 Does the centre still have white stakes with the equipment ?
CC will have a look through the storage
- 10.2 The drum for raffles seems to have disappeared – does anyone know where it might be?

11.0 Sports Officer

- 11.1 List for sports entries at the National passed onto CS.
- 11.2 Darryl would like to use tug of war ropes and goals for practice at Butley. CS to arrange.

12.0 Publicity and Advertising Officer

12.1 There are still some outstanding payments to come for the 2012 handbook that NB will chase up before the next meeting.

13.0 Rally Plaque Officer

13.1 There are still some issues with the ordering system for plaques with some marshalls not going through Kate to order plaques. DT should refer all order to KG if they go directly to him.

14.0 Webmaster

14.1 Rally reports have been updated and the For Sale items are now up to date.

14.2 CS asked that Rally stories be posted onto Community pages.

15.0 Newsletter

15.1 A newsletter will be prepared for the National in June

16.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

Report sent to JK

16.1 At the Butley rally the Junior Crew got and discussed their plans for the forthcoming Junior Crew Rally

16.2 The Blaxhall there were 33 children who enjoyed the special Easter activities.16.3 A member bought a badge making machine along to the Blaxhall rally which was very popular with the children. PF is to look at the costs of purchasing one for the Junior Crew as it was felt that this would be a good venture for the Summer Fete.

17.0 Register Secretary

17.1 All up to date

18.0 Regional Meeting Report

18.1 No meeting held so nothing to report

19.0 Any Other Business

19.1 AG has sold 4 rally book.

19.2 Blaxhall – there were too many people in Hall – numbers of visitors to be reviewed.

19.3 Derrick Stammers has asked for chairman in Belgium - AG agreed to do this.

19.4 Henham Steam meeting – as from now all tickets for the steam rally will be dealt with by the organising committee, Henham Steam Trading Company, via the website. Tickets will then be sent directly to applicant. The marshalls will only be responsible for the rally fee and admin which will be collected as normal.

The ticket costs will be £45.00 per van for two adults – then for children 14 and over an additional £15 for the weekend, then children 13 and under will be free of charge.

20.0 Date of Next Meeting

9th May 2012

Meeting closed 9.15pm.