

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2007**

PRESENT

Chairman	David Totman
Vice Chair	Derek Pannell
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
Charity	Colin Goddard Jan Goddard

ACTION

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence**
- 1.1 Sheena McCartney, Rosanna Waterson and Anthea Southgate.
- 2.0 Previous Minutes**
- 2.1 Proposed by BS and seconded by DP.
- 3.0 Matters Arising**
- 3.1 DP and DT are going to visit a shop locally that sells the ornamental Suffolk Punch Horse. **DT**
- 3.2 Referring to the last minutes item 8.2 the price for the additional rally books is to be confirmed at the next meeting. It was acknowledged that item 14.4 of the last set of minutes contained an error which should have read Chairman's Charity rather than Chairman's Rally. **TS**
- 4.0 Chairman's Report**
- 4.1 DT reported that the Valentine's Rally had gone well.
- 4.2 DT reported that the Natter and Chatter Rally was cancelled, but the meeting still went ahead. After taking donations on the door, the meeting ran at a loss of 50p. £70 was raised for the Chairman's Charity on the raffle held.
- 4.3 DT reported that he had attended the House of Commons Dinner with a number of Centre members. It was generally a well-supported event.

5.0 Vice Chair

5.1 Nothing to Report.

6.0 Treasurer

6.1 JD advised the committee that the accounts are to be signed off. These were briefly discussed and will be presented at the AGM.

6.2 JG enquired what the £500 was put aside for. JD advised that this could be used towards special events, special equipment or other requirements of the Centre.

6.3 It was acknowledged that the accounts had ended with a deficit and it was agreed that the admin fee will be reviewed two months before the AGM.

6.4 CG stated that members should accept that Rally Fees are going to increase due to the landowners themselves having increased costs, which naturally have to be passed onto the Ralliers.

6.5 A vote was held to adopt the accounts and this was unanimous.

Committee

7.0 Secretary's Report

7.1 DT read out a brief report provided by SM where it was reported that membership was at 1,106 and that the entry forms had been received for the National which had been passed onto RW.

7.2 NB requested that the Valentines Rally Attendance List be forwarded onto him as soon as possible. JD confirmed that she would do so once she had received the accounts from this rally.

JD

8.0 Rally Secretary

8.1 TS reported that Newbourne might be cancelled due to weather.

8.2 TS reported that the Easter Rallies were all busy, although there were still some spaces left on SM's Rally.

8.3 TS reported that there maybe a possible cancellation at Pleasurewood Hills, but he would advise further on this.

8.4 DT reported that there maybe potential spaces on the Irish Rally and people are to contact Terry Youngs.

8.5 DT reported that he was still looking for an alternative venue for the fireworks rally and would report back at the next meeting.

8.6 DT suggested a list of rallies to be included within the committee member's handbook which should have special plaques. These were agreed and a list will be provided to AS.

8.7 DT advised the committee that he would like to organise a pre season dinner to celebrate the Centre's 40th birthday on the weekend of the 29th February to the 2nd

March. The rally would be limited to 30 vans hard standing and the dinner would be able to accommodate 60-80 people. It was agreed that a £250 deposit could be paid to Finn Valley Golf Club to reserve this booking.

- 8.8 It is also proposed to hold a 40th rally on the May Day weekend although the venue is to be confirmed, though this may be Stonham Barns similar to the 1500th rally. DT is going to request that SM approach the Caravan Club band to see whether they would be able to attend this rally. **DT**
SM

9.0 Equipment Sales

- 9.1 MC reported that sales are slow but will obviously pick up during the Spring and Summer.

10.0 Rally Equipment

- 10.1 BS reported that the extinguishers and gas boiler had been serviced and that the electric boiler will be serviced in May. **BS**

11.0 Sports

- 11.1 RW is now in possession of the entry forms for the National.

12.0 Publicity

- 12.1 GM reported that payment had been received for some of the advertising within the Rally Book totalling £820.
- 12.2 GM reported that he had received two verbal agreements to provide an advert within the newsletter to cover the cost of the printing.

13.0 Charity

- 13.1 CG reported that he had spoken with Brian at the Caravan Club in accordance with item 13.2 of the previous minutes. However, there seemed to be some discrepancy between the information provided to CG and JD and it was agreed that DT would obtain a copy of the Lottery Licensing Act to resolve this discrepancy.
At this point JD retired from the meeting.
- 13.2 It was reported that £150 cheque had been received from DS from Norwich Union for the Air Ambulance.
- 13.3 JG will enquire whether it will be possible for Air Ambulance to attend the Pig Roast Rally.

14.0 Webmaster

- 14.1 TS reported that he had received a picture from Ron Bishop from the 1980 National that he attended and he would like to publish this on the web but he will ask Mr Bishop prior to doing so. **TS**

15.0 Newsletter

15.1 DM reported that there will be a National Rally Special Edition, which will include a Quiz.

15.2 NB suggested that perhaps some long serving members could be approached who have attended the National over the years to see whether they would write a small article of their experiences of this event. **DM**

16.0 Junior Liaison

16.1 It was reported that Bethany and Jamie Mattocks were awarded the David Totman Trophy at the Natter and Chatter for juniors attending the most rallies. This will now continue. Children are to continue to record rallies attended from AGM to AGM. The award will be presented at the Natter and Chatter in 2008.

17.0 Regional Meeting

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Region to set up a website. Trevor Smith attended meeting and stated what he could do and would begin setting up a website.

Other website to be owned by the Centre and have a legal contract with the user.

North Essex unable to find a plaque supplier.

Mid-Anglia member not going ahead with setting up plaque firm.

Philip Cooke unable to attend Centenary Rally.

Treasurer.Expenses to be paid in future by BACS.

LMS design in progress and float to be built in secret.
Club Sub Committee Mike Threadgold, Derrick Stammers, Grenville Chamberlain plus CC.

Treasurer Accounts prepared and agreed.

House of Commons. 150 people and approx 60 vans at Abbey Wood.

Vote of thanks to Joy for writing out all the tickets and place names.

Photographer will be in attendance.

Lord Mayor Parade. 7 people from each centre to walk.
No one on float. Abbeywood closed

Coaches available.

Float to be constructed in a warehouse East London by specialist construction company. The like never seen before, recyclable. Fireworks in the evening.

Filmed as in secret?

Regional Rally. Entertainment booked Fri & Sat. Casino night by Mid-Anglia. Arena shows Display team.

Breakfasts. Local supermarket to deliver requirements.
First aid by Tracy.

Dealer Days

Mildenhall 17-18 March

Stowmarket 14-15 April

Homestead 28-29 April

5C's 4-6 July 2008.

Next meeting 28th April.

18.0 Regional Rally

18.1 DT reported that entertainment had been booked for the Friday and Saturday night and the organisation of the event generally seemed to be progressing well. It was agreed that equipment sales would be taken to the Regional Rally.

19.0 National

19.1 DT reported that there was currently about 4,000 vans attending the National Rally.

20.0 Any Other Business

20.1 It was reported that the Elmswell Easter Rally had raised money last year for a specific charity and they had not received confirmation that this money had been passed on. AS is to liaise with JD. **AS**

20.2 DM raised a query with regard to the current food hygiene certificates. He queried whether these should be renewed, but it was generally agreed that as there was no expiry date and that the current ones were still valid.

21.0 Meeting closed at 9.00pm

22.0 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 4th April 2007.