

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Present

Chairman	Derek Pannell	DP
Vice Chairman/Rally Equipment	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman and Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS
Treasurer	Janet Dobson	JD
Rally Secretary	Nigel Berry	NB
Equipment Sales	John Payne	JP
Newsletter	Alan Green	AG
Rally Plaque Officer	Paul Fitch	PF
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Junior Crew	Dennis Mattocks	DM
Attendance Officer	Sharon Jeeves	SJ
Publicity and Advertising	Janice Kent	JK

1.0 **Apologies for Absence**

1.1 Tracy Totman

2.0 **Previous Minutes**

2.1 Proposed by Dennis Mattocks and seconded by Nigel Berry

3.0 **Matters Arising**

9.3 – There are 4 new flagpoles plus the originals

4.0 **Chairman's report**

4.1 DP thanked Paul for Chairing the New Year Rally

DP also thanked NP for producing the 2011 handbook and Tracy and David for sending out over 1,000 books.

4.2 DP reported on his attendance at two rallies – Saxted and Burn's Night. Both were very successful – The Burn's Night was a really good evening with a new member playing the bagpipes for the ralliers.

## 5.0 **Vice-Chair Reports**

BS reported that he had attended both these rallies and had nothing else to report  
TS – nothing to report

## 6.0 **Treasurer's Report**

6.1 JD reported that this year's accounts had been delayed because of the New Year Rally  
Balance of account to the end of the year £10,068  
Junior Fund stands at £478.40  
Special fund stands at £484.48

6.2 In 2010 there were 61 rallies in handbook and 57 ran.  
There was an average of 37 units per rally.

6.3 The accounts will be signed off at the March meeting.

6.4 JD voiced concern at the 7 non arrivals for the Burn's Night Rally. Discussion followed on the levy for non-attendees. It was suggested that Rally Marshalls should check on numbers two months before any rally.

It was agreed that letters should be sent to all who failed to show at the rally.

6.5 DP suggested we use the special fund to pay for the three new flags.

## 7.0 **Hon Secretary Report**

DP gave the report for TT

7.1 Membership now stands at 1302

7.2 The rally programme is going live on the CC website

7.3 TT has received a letter from the Caravan Club forwarded on from a Suffolk member.  
The letter complains about rallies being full before rally books are received and also about Rally Marshalls and members not being very helpful.  
After some discussion DP read out a letter that he would like to send back to the member and all those present agreed that this should be sent.

## 8.0 **Rally Secretary**

8.1 The regional rally has been agreed for the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
CS is to agree this date with Suffolk Showground

## 9.0 **Equipment Sales**

9.1 JP needs to re-order stock – the committee agreed that he should see what is needed and go ahead.

9.2 New envelopes for rallies are being printed

## 10.0 **Rally Equipment**

10.1 BS to arrange the service of the gas boilers and to order a new teapot.

10.2 There are three boxes of equipment ready to go out.

11.0 **Sports Officer**

Nothing to report

12.0 **Advertising**

12.1 JK asked for support with ideas for new advertisers – a mailing will go out in March

13.0 **Rally Plaque Officer**

13.1 The new system is working well. PF confirmed that photographs can be printed onto the plaques if required.

14.0 **Webmaster**

14.1 Some links on the site are not working but these will be sorted out by the Natter and Chatter

14.2 TS informed the committee that videos can now be posted onto the site.

15.0 **Newsletter**

15.1 Newsletter is ready to print for Natter and Chatter

15.2 NB queried the photographs of children and emphasised that we should be careful to make sure we have permission use photos of any children on our site.

16.0 **Junior Crew Liaison**

16.1 DM is checking out other entertainers for the Christmas Party

17.0 **Register Secretary**

17.1 DP is not happy with the system at present as we need to ensure that the rally list is given to the Attendance Secretary as soon as possible after any rally. It is unfair to ask the Attendance Secretary to update four months at a time.

18.0 **Regional**

18.1 Regional Meeting – The Five Centre Rally needs support from members

18.2 The regional AGM will be held at Seacroft, Cromer

18.3 The What's On publication is now at the printers

18.4 Centres have been asked to compare costs on rally books

18.5 The region is asking centres to run events but this means taking a risk with booking fees and the committee felt this is something we should not be asked to do.

19.0 **AOB**

19.1 The Five Centres Rally needs committee support

19.2 DP asked if committee members attending the Natter and Chatter could donate a raffle prize.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011