

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 13th February 2013 at 7.30pm

Present :

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Katie G

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

2.1 Proposed PF seconded JD

3.0 Matters Arising

7.4 Alan visited Sudbury but as the field was flooded he will pay them another visit

4.0 Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chairman attended the Rally at Saxtead – good value with pub giving a voucher towards a meal. Unfortunately the Burns Night Rally was postponed due to the poor weather conditions.

4.2 BS also attended the Mid Anglia Pre Season Dinner at Peterborough

4.3 The Chairman attended Frank Truscott's funeral.

4.4 Thanks to Denis for chairing New Year Rally

4.5 BS attended the Club council – only a couple of points relevant:

i) Some sites are asking for a Caravan Certificate for Electricity- the club will not be asking for this on its own sites.

ii) John Laws is currently busy looking after the Alan Roger Travel after its recent purchase by the Caravan Club.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

PF nothing to report

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- 5.1. DM chaired the New Year Rally – the marshals worked hard to ensure all ralliers had a great time.
- 5.2 DM asked that a letter be sent to Gaynor for the donation of a quilt which made £143.00 for the charitable fund
- 5.3 The £100 donated to EACH in lieu of Christmas Cards was taken to the hospice by DM JD has received a letter of thanks in response.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 The accounts have been received from the auditors today. JD gave a brief explanation to the committee.

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| Bank | £ 9370.32 – in part this was money for the New Year Rally |
| Junior | £ 759.62 |
| Charity Balance | £ 409.00 |
| Special fund | £ 276.19 |

- 6.2 The AGM costs went up £154 due to final subsidy of the hall costs
- 6.3 Overall we did very well last year in spite of cancelled rallies.
- 6.4 Rally books cost have increased and the disappointing delay in printing and distribution means that we will look for alternative quotes for the 2014 handbook.
- 6.5 Natter & Chatter and low numbers with Hall means the rally will cost over £200 to finance. The Centre pays for meeting costs which will be £ 180 plus VAT for Friday nights and Saturday DM to let JD know of the costs
- 6.6 AGM 2013
JD has received a letter from marshals wish to book a band for the evening of the AGM. The committee suggested that we find a slightly cheaper band or perhaps we could get the band sponsored.
- 6.7 AGM 2014 – JD has received a contract for the 2014 AGM the date has been booked by BS. There has been an increase in fees but the committee felt the rally should be held at Trinity Park in 2014.
- 6.8 Panda Plaques have increased their prices to 55p each.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Current members - 1036
- 7.2 Correspondence:
National Rally: Derek and Sheena Pannell have agreed to be CLO for this rally.
Isobel Rosher will be our flag representative.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

8.1 It has been brought to the attention of the committee David & Tracy not running any rallies in 2014.

8.2 AG has 6 provisional rallies for 2014.

8.3 4B from NE for 2014 : Hallowtree
Clare Priory
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East Bergholt High School

8.4 Natter & Chatter for 2014 – the committee will decide the best way forward after this year's rally.

9.0 Rally Equipment Sales Officer

9.1 DM has equipment and will give it to KG at the Natter and Chatter rally

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10.1 DM will give the electric urn to Alan for checking - gas urns should also be checked.

10.2 BS has the carpet bowls mat – it will be taken to the Natter and Chatter Rally.

11.0 Sports Officer

CS will prepare a flyer to encourage participation in the Sports teams at the National.

12.0 Publicity and Advertising Officer

12.1 All cheques received so far have been passed to Janet.

12.2 NB has six signed up for the 2014 handbook.

12.3 NB to send details of charity fund to Caravan Club for the magazine.

13.0 Webmaster

13.1 Social Media Policy – CC have sent through some guidelines which TS suggests we adopt and post them onto the website. All agreed to this.

14.0 Newsletter

14.1 A newsletter will be distributed at Natter and Chatter

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

15.1 16 vans where at the rally for the Children's Christmas Party. This was a little disappointing particularly as there were some late cancellations.

The marshals are currently discussing what to do for 2013 – should we just run an afternoon party?

15.2 Attendance certificates to be handed out to the Junior Crew at Natter & Chatter.

16.0 Register Secretary

16.1 All last year rallies been entered – a list is available for all those entitled to a Fellowship Plaque.

17.0 Regional Meeting

17.1 Centres have been asked to coordinate more with dealers – the CC will issue a supply of literature for centres to distribute.

18.0 Any Other Business

Janet suggested we should meet 1st week in October as otherwise it will be several weeks between meetings. All agreed.

Date of Next Meeting - 13th March