

**The Caravan Club Suffolk Centre**  
**Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

Present:-

Chairman	David Totman
Vice Chairman	Derek Pannell
	Anthea Southgate
Treasurer	Janet Dobson
Secretary	Sheena McCartney
Committee	Nigel Berry
	Brian Southgate
	Gary Maples
	Rosanna Waterson
	Denis Mattocks
	Chris Stammers
	Trevor Smith
	Margaret Calvesbert

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Colin Goddard  
Alan Green

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 signed. Proposed by BS and seconded by NB.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 DM had noticed that the acting Minutes Secretary had mistakenly promoted him to Chairman in items 4.1 and 6.2.

4.0 Chairmans Report

4.1 DT welcomed Anthea to the meeting as unfortunately she was not well enough to attend December's meeting (endorsed by all).

4.2 Regional meeting and Forum had been well attended by the committee held at Ipswich 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Main items:-

How to get more CC members to rally?

What do centres do to make them welcome?

What follow up is there after?

Conclusions:-

Too many rules and regulations.

Preference for electric hook-up.

How to encourage the 1<sup>st</sup> rallier to continue:-

Should be identified and made to feel welcome by the rally marshal and helped to integrate.

Explain some of the normal protocol of rallies.

DVD to promote rallying.

It was decided that each centre could identify possibly 100 non rallying members and allocated 10 each to a committee member to contact and find out if they have ever considered rallying and if not why?

Rally Secretaries of the 5 centres could meet together at the Mid Anglia 5C rally.

#### 5.0 Vice Chairmans Report

Nothing to report.

#### 6.0 Treasurers Report

6.1 Pending with auditor:-

Bank account end December £7338.

Lodged with caravan club £7500.

Deficit resulting from losses at certain rallies and a new marquee, plus purchases of suffolk punches brought us down £1200.

Junior crew £1384 subject to verification.

6.2 Suttons new committee has now relented and are allowing siting of caravans as in previous years.

6.3 DT suggested it should be common courtesy for new marshals wanting to use current venues to approach the current marshals prior to booking. NB to monitor situation so venues don't get overused.

#### 7.0 Secretarys Report

7.1 Membership 1,122

Void 67

Transfers 8

New 17

7.2 Alan and Margaret Kidd wrote expressing dissatisfaction that rallies were fully booked before the rally book was out. DT reminded us all that anyone attending or sending apologies for the AGM would be sent a list of rallies for that year.

7.3 SM suggested that all rally books should in future be sent out and not hand delivered as some ralliers are receiving their books days later than others.

7.4 SM has looked into getting the envelopes franked as this would

save approximately 6p per item.

7.5 Fellowship Trophy – Steve & Mel Garrard.

10 Fellowship plaques to be ordered.

## 8.0 Rally Secretary Report.

8.1 DT suggested that if the new rally book comes out in January then perhaps rallies in Jan & Feb should be included in the preceding rally book.

8.2 TS reported that Suffolk rallies had been sent to the CC magazine but they failed to include them on the rally page.

8.3 It was agreed that five marshals at Henham Rally was excessive and that 3 should be a maximum. Also why was proof of disability required .

8.4 DT reported that 10 caravans had cancelled from the Fynn Valley pre-season dinner & rally. More support needed as the meal tickets still need to be paid for.

8.5 NB has sent rally plaques out to the marshals.

8.6 TS confirmed Mildenhall was booked by Suffolk Centre.

8.7 DT said Mike Threadgold has asked for a venue in Suffolk for the Regional AGM in 2009. It was suggested another centre in the region could host this as we have had our turn.

## 9.0 Equipment Sales

9.1 MC reported that hard ground pegs appear more difficult to get hold of.

## 10.0 Rally Equipment

10.1 BS reported that all fire extinguishers have now been serviced.

10.2 BS has found a new company to service the boilers as Ritehire have closed and moved to Norwich.

10.3 House at Flags is to quote for new flags.

## 11.0 Sports Officer.

11.1 CS has spoken to some rally marshals about putting up sports equipment at some rallies in practice for the National.

## 12.0 Publicity Officer.

12.1 RW has received some payment for the 2008 rally book advertising.

12.2 No sponsorship as yet for the 40<sup>th</sup> at Tangham, but SM reported that John Banks Suzuki are interested in putting up a small marquee with a couple of cars and would maybe sponsor an entertainer in return. JD queried if there would be space and that there would be no

objection from Tilly. JD offered to help in getting sponsorship.

### 13.0 Charity Officer – now void.

### 14.0 Web Master

14.1 TS has updated the minutes page.

14.2 DT suggested that ‘spaces available should be put next to the rallies on the website.

14.3 JD has paid for the website.

14.4 SM reported that she would not be marshaling the Easter Rally at Waldringfield in 2009 and perhaps it could be put on the website to see if there any marshals willing to take over.

### 15.0 Newsletter

15.1 DM reported that content was coming in for the newsletter due out at the Natter & Chatter. If John Banks were to advertise in the newsletter would they sponsor the printing of it? SM to find out.

15.2 Ralliers Paul & Denise Wright have a printing business and have offered their help & expertise.

### 16.0 Junior Crew

16.1 DM reported that Jack & Lee Norman have attended 24 rallies in a year which is the highest from the 9 returns of the Junior Crew passport so far.

### 17.0 Regional Meeting Report.

17.1 Thanks to those that helped at the Lord Mayors Parade 2007.

17.2 The region is to provide Friday night entertainment at the National 2009.

### 18.0 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration Rally

18.1 DT to order rally plaques.

18.2 JD said there are 12 on the waiting list.

67 vans arriving Thursday

32 vans arriving Friday

323 ralliers in total.

18.3 Chip Van needs times

18.4 Sponsorship needed.

18.5 Graham Noye has memorabilia through out the years to be put on show.

### 19.0 National 2008

19.1 DT has volunteered as CLO.

19.2 Draw has taken place and Suffolk Centre came out 47<sup>th</sup> !

#### 20.0 International Rally 2008

Nothing to report.

#### 21.0 Any Other Business

21.1 The Chairing of rallies was updated.

21.2 DT has seen an octagonal marque for sale at £400 but after passed problems it was decided to put this on the back burner.

21.3 Rally books to be charged at £2 or £2.50 if posted.

#### 22.0 Date of next meeting.

22.1 March 5<sup>th</sup> 2008.