

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESAHM
Wednesday 8th July 2009

Present

Chairman	Derek Pannell	DP
Vice Chair	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chair/Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS
Secretary	Tracy Totman	TT
Equipment Sales	Gary Maples	GM
Rally Secretary	Nigel Berry	NB
Registration Secretary	Sheena McCartney	SM
Publicity	Rosanna Waterson	RW
Junior Crewe	Denis Mattocks	DM
Newsletter	Alan Green	AG

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence** **ACTION**
- 1.1 Christopher Stammers, Darren Fitch and Janet Dobson
- 2.0 Previous Minutes**
- 2.1 Approved by Brian Southgate and seconded by Denis Mattocks
- 3.0 Matters Arising**
- 3.1 Denis Mattocks had been omitted in error from the attendance list of last meeting.
- 4.1** Colin Goddard had now apologised to the committee and had forwarded his resignation to DP.
- 18.5** DP had sourced the batteries needed for the sound system and purchased a battery at the cost of £30
- 18.6** A donation of £100 had been made to the Pig Roast Rally as a one of donation.
- 4.0 Chairman's Report**
- 4.1 DP had attended Claire Priory, Waldringfield and Bromeswell rallies all of which had been enjoyable.
- 5.0 Vice Chair Report**
- 5.1 BS had attended Brightlingsea where a Suffolk Centre float had been entered into the carnival procession, which had won first prize. Thanks must go to Jo and Steve Oliver and all their helpers. He had also attended Bromeswell from Wednesday to Friday and then Bobs Meadow. There had been an incident where a ball had broken a caravan window but this had been sorted out between the people involved.
- 5.1 TS had not attended any rallies since the last meeting
- 6.0 Treasurers Report.**
- 6.1 JD was not attendance but had asked TT to read her report.
- 6.2 In the first six months of the year there had been 27 rallies run with two being cancelled. 753 units had attended rallies in this time this did not include marshals and excluded Tattingstone and Waldringfield as no figures for those rallies as yet. This was approximately the same numbers as

last year.

6.3 June bank account stands at £15,178.45p of which around £8,000 is held for Thorpeness and VAT due for half year. Charity fund stands at £373.91. Junior Crew Fund £1196.10 Interest on money held at Caravan Club was £186.99 for the half year.

6.4 JD had spoken with the rally marshals for the Thorpeness Rally and was now much happier.

6.5 There was then a discussion around the Admin fee. TT had received two letters and one e-mail regarding this subject and the committee had been speaking with members. The general consensus was that the members would like the Admin Fee to be £1.50 for any rally. After a lengthy discussion the committee decided that to help rallies in this time of recession the Admin Fee was to remain £1.00 for up to two nights and over two nights the fee would be £2.00. It was suggested that the admin fee was put in the rally book against the rallies so that members were aware and there would be no confusion.

7.0 Secretary Report.

7.1 There had been no updates on new members from the Caravan Club, a letter had been received stating that they hoped to send out the new information soon. TT had concerns about the new proposed lay out of membership but would await further comment until it had been received.

8.0 Rally Secretary Report.

8.1 A 4 B had been received from Mid Anglia for Mildenhall in June. No objection

8.2 Natter and Chatter meeting had been booked at the Tower Hall in Rushmere St. Andrew.

8.3 The 5 Centres rally at Snetterton had been moved from the Horse Sanctuary to the Snetterton Race Track, there would be no animals allowed on this rally. The Norfolk Centre were contacting members attending.

8.4 JD was concerned that there was a proposed Rally at Stowmarket and at Stonham Aspal, she felt that they were too close together. After a discussion within the committee and it was established that the rallies would be at least 12 miles apart it was agreed that there was no problem.

9.0 Equipment Sales

9.1 Nothing to report.

10 Rally Equipment

10.1 Not in attendance, so it was agreed to discuss Flagpole and Flag prices at next meeting

10.2 There was then a discussion around the usefulness of having fire extinguishers on the rally field. It was decided to discuss again at next meeting after some thought by committee on the subject.

10.3 There was a large Suffolk Punch Board DF requesting to dispose of. To establish if this is the Pub Sign to discuss when DF present.

10.4 Green equipment box needs replacing. Agreed.

- 11.0 Sports Officer**
11.1 Not in attendance
- 12.0 Registration Secretary**
12.1 Nothing to report.
- 13.0 Publicity**
13.1 Will start to contact advertisers for new book.
- 14.0 Junior Crew**
14.1 No report.
- 15.0 Newsletter**
15.1 As there are several rally reports it was decided to try to produce a small newsletter by the end of the summer.
- 16.0 Webmaster**
16.1 New Rally reports added to Web Page.
- 17.0 Regional Meeting report.**
17.1 There had been a £40 profit from the boat trip.
17.2 South Essex hopes to run a follow on Rally after 2010 National Rally. The caravan Club are looking for volunteers to be Gate Marshals at next year's event at Weston Park.
17.3 2010 Five Centres rally was to be hosted by North Essex and would be held Gt Sailing on the first weekend in July.
17.4 Future events are:- Lord Mayors Show in November 09
Theatre Weekend 3-5th Feb 2010 (North Essex)
Cambridge College Dinner hosted by Mid Anglia
Cabinet War Rooms 15th May 2010 forms available
September/October 09
- 18.0 AOB**
18.1 SM stated that Marie Herring will be celebrating her 80th birthday on 01/08/09 and requested that a card be signed by the membership over the next few rallies and to be presented at Hintlesham. Agreed. SM
TT
18.3 GM asked as TS was Chairing the Blaxhall rally would he open the Village fete please. Agreed.
18.4 RW asked if everyone was aware of her new E-mail address and could this be used from now on please.
- Date of next meeting**
Wednesday 02/09/2009 at 7.30p.m. at Hintlesham.
Meeting closed at 9.10p.m.