

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 11th July 2012 at 7.30pm

Present :

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
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Junior Crew Liaison	Daryl Syrett	DS
Register Secretary	Diane Preston	DP

1.0 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Katie Gothard
- Trevor Smith
- Colin Clarke

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 13th July 2012 Proposed : DM
- Seconded : AG

3.0 Matters Arising

- 8.3 Now resolved thanks to JD and TS amending dates for their respective rallies.
- 16.4 Badge machine has now arrived and will be used at the Centre Fete next week.

4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 BS attended the Caravan Club Ball and rallied at Knebworth on a very muddy field.
13 Suffolk members attended the Ball
Bs also attend the Fritton Lake Rally which was wet but very good. He also went to the Shotley Rally with 12 other caravans – this is a good ground but can only be limited to 17 caravans.
- 4.2 Thanks to Alan for chairing the rally at Jabbeke and thanks to Janet for chairing Haughley.
Paul chaired Bob's Meadow where everyone had a really good time. Also thanks to JK for chairing Bromeswell where there was the usual good supply of cakes for the evening get together.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

- DM - Bob 's Meadow went well for the Juniors they all joined in with the planned activities.
- PF - Nothing more to report.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Accounts are up to date. With some rallies still to be accounted for and Vat is due at end of July.
- 6.2 The current balance is £16,355.16.
- 6.3 Trinity Park have been in touch re the Natter and Chatter Rally for Feb 2013 there will be some building work on the site over the period so the marshalls will need to keep in touch with the organisers.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Membership now stands at 1205.
- 7.2 Correspondence :
 - Update of centre contact details received from CC.
 - Email from Irish Centre re VAT – not really applicable to our centre.
 - Letter from DS Regional Chairman re Regional Rally – final discussions on consensus for organising a regional rally will be taken at the next meeting on the 29th September.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

- 8.1 The secretary has had notification of 36 rallies with 22 confirmed.
 - There are 19 weekends where there are not rallies at present.
- 8.2 The dates for the 2013 AGM are not available at Trinity Park so the committee decided to change the meeting to the 11th October 2013 when the site and rooms are available.

9.0 Equipment Sales Officer

- 9.1 Equipment sales are going well – JP sold equipment at St Ives.

10.0 Rally Equipment Officer

- 10.1 BS has spoken to Derek Pannell about the flagpole pegs.
 - The centre also needs some more signs as some have been taken. More to be ordered.
- 10.2 Some PA equipment is missing from the equipment –CC does not have this stored in his garage so we need to find where the sets are.

11.0 Sports Office

- 11.1 Nothing to report

12.0 Publicity and Advertising Officer

- 12.1 NB has had no reply from the member from Caravan Finder but will continue to try and make contact.
- 12.2 Rose Farm has confirmed their 2013 advertising.

12.3 Duplicate invoices have been sent to Tony Burns and Stowmarket Caravans as they have not yet paid for their advertisement in the 2012 handbook.

12.4 NB will start to pursue other advertisers from next week.
£1000 has so far been confirmed.

13.0 Rally Plaque Officer

Nothing to report

13.1 BS has heard from DT concerning plaques for First Ralliers and Visitors plaques.

13.2 There is still some over ordering of plaques by marshalls – orders must go through the Rally Plaque Officer who will then send on to David Totman for printing.

13.3 BS asked for feed back from the committee on plaques for the AGM – it was decided to go back to the traditional shield plaques.

14.0 Webmaster

Nothing to report

15.0 Newsletter

15.1 Next issue will be for the AGM in October

16.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

16.1 The Bobs Meadow Rally went really well with strawberry picking, plenty of games and crafts, plus scones and cream. On Sunday there was a visit to the Fire Station and the Junior Crew held the flagpole.

17.0 Register Secretary

17.1 Up to date with register.

18.0 Regional Meeting

18.1 A letter has been received from the Regional Chairman concerning organising a 5 centre rally. The Committee discussed the proposal at some length and the overwhelming consensus was that the Suffolk Centre were not able to support such a rally as they are not prepared to risk a financial loss and did not feel that it would not be supported by our members in the current economic climate.

19.0 Any Other Business

19.1 The Caravan Club Cycle ride was been cancelled due to lack of riders.

19.2 JP had a small problem whilst chairing St Ives – dogs are still causing a nuisance.

20.0 Date of Next Meeting

13 September 2012

Meeting closed 9.40