

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 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
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 None

**2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes**

2.1 Proposed by JD and seconded by DS

**3.0 Matters Arising**

18.2 Trevor still to circulate new marshal's leaflet

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

4.1 Marie Herring died last Thursday – her funeral will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at Tunstall church.

4.2 John Head is in hospital following a heart attack and John Simms is also in hospital.

4.3 BS chaired Flixton which was full - Clare which went well.

4.4 BS thanked committee members for chairing rallies –

DS for chairing Brightlingsea, DM for Fritton & DS Stonham Barns and John Taylor chairing the holiday rally in Wales. Terry Young chaired at Bromeswell and Paul at Wissington.

4.5 The Caravan Club has approached BS for the Meet the Member feature in the August magazine.

## **5.0 Vice Chairman's Report**

5.1 PF chaired Wissington – very good rally with good weather – a well run rally and a credit to the Junior Crew.

## **5.0 Vice Chairman's Report**

DM chaired the rally at Fritton - a good rally but rather cold.

## **6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report**

6.1 The bank balance stands at £15,031.45

Junior Crew balance       £   672.17

Charity Fund               £   978.14

Special Fund               £   276.19

We are currently running at a Rally account with £ 138.63 deficit

6.2 No issues on rallies so far – there are some defaulters still outstanding from the last meeting.

6.3 JD wanted to remind marshals that cheques do have a six month limit on date.

6.4 As Dave Totman is away on the Welsh Rally all rallies for the next few weeks have needed to order rally plaques - invoices have been raised but there may be some delay in balancing the numbers.

6.5 JD will be absent from the September meeting and will also miss the review rally.

## **7.0 Hon Secretary's Report**

7.1 Membership now stands at 1077

7.2 Correspondence:

A letter has been received from CC re electrical hook ups at rallies. The committee felt the costs of setting up would be prohibitive for Suffolk ralliers.

Information from Alan Rogers with details of their overseas programme was passed to AG.

## **8.0 Rally Secretary's Report**

8.1 There are 39 rallies in the programme for 2014 so far

8.2 The Valentines Rally will need rally marshals.

8.3 There was a query about the Peewit Rally but JD said it would still run in 2014

8.4 There was discussion about the coming year and how the programme could be managed. These discussions will continue at the next meeting when more information will be available.

## **9.0 Rally Equipment Sales Officer**

9.1 Sales are slow and we are low on pink and blue, an order has been sent in which should be delivered this week.

9.2 BS asked for a supply to sell at the Fete next week.

**10.0 Rally Equipment Officer**

10.1 DM – things going well.

**11.0 Sports Officer**

Nothing to report

**12.0 Advertising and Publicity**

12.1 More companies have confirmed advertising for the 2014 handbook.

NB will chase others after his holiday.

**13.0 Webmaster**

13.1 There has been a lot of activity with rally reports and rally listing.

13.2 TS needs the soft ware for the rally handbook before September. The committee agreed to the purchase.

**14.0 Newsletter**

14.1 The next newsletter is to be prepared for the AGM in October.

**15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer**

15.1 The site at Wissington was an excellent site and the landowner hopes we will book again for 2014

**16.0 Register Secretary**

16.1 DP is up to date with all attendance - will go through National attendance with JK as not all attendees had clear membership numbers.

**17.0 Regional Meeting**

17.1 The last meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

17.2 They are still trying to arrange a dealer day in Essex and are waiting to hear if there is funding available from CC.

17.3 The is £6134 regional funds at present

17.4 SE have been cancelling some rallies through lack of support.

17.5 The new Norfolk website was professionally set up at a cost of £2500.

17.6 4bs still not being sent through to Rally Secretaries

17.7 The members were reminded of the need for confidentiality at meetings.

17.8 A reminder was given to members to ensure that towing cars have extension mirrors fixed when towing and removed when driving solo.

17.9 It was agreed that a Database be set up of all sites in the region that centres can use.

**18.0 Any Other Business**

- 18.1 BS asked for support in chairing some up and coming rallies.
- 18.2 AG reminded members that the competition for the 2014 handbook ends in September.
- 18.3 JD - reminded members that the Macmillan coffee morning will take place at Tangham.
- 18.4 DM warned the committee about spam emails he has received from Paypal through the centre email system.
- 18.5 TS asked about the progress for the presentation to those reaching 500 rallies. It has been suggested that an Acle pottery can produce Suffolk Punches but we will have to take a look at the costings.
- 18.6 There are currently 50 vans booked onto the AGM rally.
- 18.7 There have been some issues on Facebook between members but it is not something the committee can be involved in as it is an open forum.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next Meeting : 11<sup>th</sup> September