

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 11th June 2014 at 7.30pm

Present :

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Treasurer	Mark Gowers	MG
Secretary	Janice Kent	JK
Publicity	Derrick Stammers	DS
Equipment Officer	Jerry Goddard	JG
Equipment Sales	Katie Gothard	KG
Junior Crew Liaison	Mandi Syrett	MS
Register Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Newsletter	Nigel Berry	NB
Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Paul Fitch
Alan Green

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

Proposed NB
Seconded MG

2.0 Matters Arising

6.7 All advertising revenue for 2014 has been received.

3.0 Chairman's Report

- 3.1 BS took flagpole at Tangham – 32 caravans attended including visitors.
BS chaired Clopton which was quite wet – 36 caravans attended.
- 3.2 BS attended National with 9 Suffolk members – another wet weekend. 31 attended from the Region.
The pasture land on the site was not a good choice of venue.
Our thanks to Derek Pannell who was our Regional Block Marshal.
Members did take part in several sports events and helped North Essex win the Tug of War.
- 3.3 BS thanked JK for chairing Marks Hall and The Hollies. He also thanked PF for chairing the Dan's Meadow rally and MS for chairing the Hike and Bike rally. Also thanks to CS for chairing Crowfield and DP who chaired the Waldegrave rally.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report - PF

No report

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report - AG

No report

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

6.1	Bank Account	14,375.35
	Caravan Club	7,500.00
	Cash with Treasurer	114.27
	Total	21,989.62

This includes rally deposits of £7,524.00 for Thorpeness Rally.

6.2 Fund balances

	Charity Fund	415.33
	Junior Crew	682.67
	Special Fund	276.19

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

7.1 Membership 1109

7.2 Correspondence:

CC – Information received from National following a meeting of secretaries:

Dedicated information on Rally Handbooks, notification details for AGMs, websites.

Importantly a new General Letters document is being prepared for circulation to all centres in a few months.

CC – Media Briefing - all requests for interviews are to be directed to the Press Office at East Grinstead.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

(in his absence)

8.1` 2015 programme still needs a good selection of additional rallies.

8.2 Regional Dinner not likely to take place at House of Commons as prices have been increased but another venue will be arranged so the date for the weekend will remain in March 2015.

8.3 The weekend of 20-22 Nov 2015 has been booked at Hallowtree for Regional AGM. Suffolk is to host this event.

8.4 TS has had correspondence with Bredfield Playing Field Committee concerning a rally to coincide with their village fete. He is still waiting for their agreement.

9.0 Publicity

9.1 DS in process of procuring advertisers for 2015.

10.0 Equipment Sales

- 10.1 KG reported that the new equipment arrived and will be added to stock list once inspected.
- 10.2 Another box of equipment is to be provided and Mark will take charge of its distribution.

11.0 Equipment Officer

- 11.1 The defective urns have been rejected and a refund received. JG to source another supplier.
- 11.2 Wayne Harrison would to have the gas urns at Thorpeness - both JG and BS have spoken to **him** and he will collect from BS.

12.0 Sports Officer

- 12.1 National Rally – CS reported that the pitches were not too good.
The Volleyball court was on a slope and the football cancelled.
Reached the semi final in darts and volleyball.
Two Suffolk members were part of the team that won the Tug of War.
Mr Pyett displayed his hand crafted walking stick.

13.0 Webmaster

- 13.1 TS been working on the site and plans to update the gallery
- 13.2 Henham online booking is now open.
- 13.3 Assington link to be changed as it does not go directly to their site.
- 13.4 Steadings Park are pleased with the online feedback and are looking forward to having us back again next year.

14.0 Newsletter

- 14.1 NB to deliver more newsletters to rallies in the next few weeks.

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

- 15.1 MS – is reinforcing the message to keep balls and bikes away from caravans.
- 15.2 Junior Crew busy making up wrist bands for sale to supplement funds.
- 15.3 Reports from children for our welcome leaflet are in hand.

16.0 Register Secretary

- 16.1 Up to date so far but need Crowfield and National numbers
- 16.2 DP asked that all marshals include their names and chairman on list plus full membership numbers.

17.0 Regional Meeting

- 17.1 There has been more information sent on the spacing on rallies. Local authorities now have responsibility for spacing and can inspect rally fields and can issue fines or ask you to leave sites if the spacing between units is insufficient.
- 17.2 Rally secretary no longer needs to inform CC if there are changes in marshals or numbers. Change of dates or locations still need to be notified.
- 17.3 The new Caravan Club constitution will mean changes for Regional membership and our regional representation.
- 17.4 CC to look into running courses for Class B drivers as younger drivers who passed their tests after 1st January 1997 have restrictions on their towing weights.
- 17.5 DS reported that the revenue at the Mildenhall site is up on 2013.

18.0 Any Other Business

- 18.1 TS would like to pass on thanks to John Taylor for his support with lighting at rallies.
- 18.2 TS has received a letter of thanks from Leukaemia Care for our support at rallies.
- 18.3 TS has spoken with AG about 2015 Rally Handbook – there is need for a greater input from committee and marshals.
- 18.4 Agenda for July – items need to be included for :
 - Storage for equipment
 - Nominations for committee

Date of Next Meeting - 9 July 2014 - Apologies from JK

AG

PF