

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm**

**Present :**

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman	Denis Mattocks	DM
Treasurer	Janet Dobson	JD
Publicity	Nigel Berry	NB
Junior Crew Liaison	Daryl Syrett	DS
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Equipment Officer	Katie Gothard	KG

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

- 1.1 Alan Green
- Trevor Smith
- Diane Preston
- Janice Kent

**2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes**

- 2.1 Proposed DM and seconded JD

**3.0 Matters Arising**

None

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

- 4.1 Brian reported that he has recently chaired Valentines and The Dinner Dance at Copdock. Brian acknowledged Paul for chairing the Natter and Chatter and also wanted to thank Dave Rabjohn for chairing Strangers Welcome.

**5.0 Vice Chairman's Report**

- 5.1 PF absent
- 5.2 DM - Marshalled Natter and Chatter and felt that the rally went well however did acknowledge another low turnout (On the rally)
- 5.3 Denis also highlighted his concern over a member recently cancelling a rally on Facebook. It was agreed by all members of the committee that Facebook messaging should not be used to cancel a rally and members should contact marshals by telephone **ONLY**.

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

- 6.1 Janet reported that she has now handed over the centres accounts to The Caravan Club.
- 6.2 New Year's Rally accounts have now been accepted; Janet reported that the rally ran at a £315 loss.
- 6.3 Janet read out the letter recently received from Tuddenham Press in response to the letter that she had sent out challenging the printing cost increase of £516 and also the poor quality of the binding. Further letter to be sent to see if a compromise can be met.

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

- 7.1 JK absent

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

- 8.1 Alan was absent but sent a report.
- 8.2 Trevor has produced a Marshals Guide to support current marshals and to support new marshals.
- 8.3 We currently have no marshals in place for The AGM Rally. It was agreed that this needs to be publicised as a matter of urgency at Flag Poles and on the centre website. AGM Rally currently has 42 vans booked on.
- 8.4 Hallowtree (Valentines) and Sutton (Easter) venues have both been provisionally booked for 2014. However new marshals required to run rallies.

## **9.0 Rally Equipment Sales Officer**

- 9.1 Equipment Sales – All of the stock has now been handed over to Katie. Katie requested additional paying in slips to allow further monies to be banked.

## **10.0 Rally Equipment Officer**

- 10.1 Denis reported that the electric urn has now been tested and thanked Alan Green for completing the testing.
- 10.2 Gas urns will be collected later this week from Caterquip following their annual service.

## **11.0 Sports Officer–**

- 11.1 Chris informed the meeting that he has contacted Norfolk and North Essex Centres to discuss sporting events being held at this year's National Rally.

## **12.0 Publicity and Advertising Office**

- 12.1 Nigel handed over 4 cheques to Janet.

## **13.0 Webmaster**

- 13.1 Trevor was absent however requested funding of £70 to purchase new software to support the centres website. - This was agreed.

#### **14.0 Newsletter**

14.1 Newsletter recently produced and circulated at Valentines, Natter and Chatter and at Strangers Welcome. This publication was at no cost to the centre thanks to Trevor.

#### **15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer**

15.1 All children enjoyed the bowls mat at Natter and Chatter. Children were also rewarded an attendance certificate for the rallies that they attended last year. Dave Totman award went to Abi and Ben Syrett.

15.2 Daryl highlighted that the children's craft box is again full and available for any rally, as is the badge maker.

#### **16.0 Register Secretary**

16.1 DP absent but all records are up to date.

#### **17.0 Regional Meeting**

17.1 N Essex Natter and Chatter – discussed lack of rally marshals and the speed limits – it seems other centres are all having similar problems to Suffolk

17.2 Laurence Bates has now left the Caravan Club. Tony Hall will be taking over his role.

17.3 CC not renewing membership to FICC – the financial burden was too great for the Club.

17.4 CC has taken out a further 25 year lease on the East Grinstead premises.

17.5 VAT – the many queries of VAT and centres has been investigated and a final ruling is that centres are not exempt from payment.

#### **18.0 Any Other Business**

18.1 Daryl highlighted his concern over many rallies being potentially cancelled for 2014, due to a number of Suffolk Centre members not wanting to continue to marshal rallies. As many as 15 rallies may be affected. The committee to discuss this further.

18.2 Katie highlighted a rallier (not from Suffolk) who was unable to attend New Year's Rally and who has requested £70 paid to be paid back to them. It was the opinion of the committee that this money should not be paid out as the marshals had already allowed for them on the rally and had committed purchasing food, drink and entertainment etc.

**Date of Next Meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013**