

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Lady Chairman	Janice Kent	JK
Vice Chairman	Nigel Berry	NB
Vice Chairman	Trevor Smith	TS
Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Publicity	Derrick Stammers	DS
Equipment Officer	Jerry Goddard	JG
Equipment Sales	Paul Fitch	PF
Junior Crew Liaison	Mandi Syrett	MS
Minutes Secretary	Karen Fisk	KF
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Mark Gowers
Alan Dobson

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

Proposed TS
Seconded NB

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 The Chairman for Peewit Rally will be Jerry Goddard.
- 9.2 The Marquis Dealer Day, Sproughton Road, Ipswich has been confirmed for the 21st March.
- 18.3 The Committee asks that any requests from Rally Marshals for additional funding for equipment on rallies be made by letter or e-mail to the Secretary. This will ensure that the matter is dealt with at the next committee meeting following receipt of the request.

4.0 Lady Chairman's Report

- 4.1 JK attended the Valentines Rally and "Up the Oche" Rally at Butley but had to leave early as she was unwell. JK thanked MS for taking over as chair and NB for chairing the Silly Shirts Rally.
- 4.2 JK reports many suggestions received at Natter & Chatter of which the committee has agreed :
- i) Name badges for Committee and Rally Marshals at AGM.
 - ii) The Junior Crew would like to be included in activities on more rallies. With such a wide variation of ages it is important to make them feel part of the rally, with different activities for

different age groups.

iii) Peg prizes at Rallies are to remain optional and at the discretion of the Rally Marshal.

4.3 The committee has also agreed there would be no cost saving in supplying rally books on request

4.4 Unfortunately other Rally Centre books have gone missing from the Natter & Chatter. These should be available to all members. Members are asked to return any to the Secretary or any committee member.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

5.1 NB Chaired Silly Shirts rally which went very well. This was the last rally Mel and Steve Garrad will attend as Suffolk marshals as they are moving to Cornwall. The Committee thanked them for all they have done for the Centre.

5.2 TS and the committee would like to remind all rallies to have respect for other member's property so as

The rally field remains enjoyable for all.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

6.1 Current Finances to the end of February

Bank Account	£ 6,591.87
Unpresented cheque	£ -180.00
True balance	£ 6,411.87
Caravan Club	£ 7,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	£ 122.33
Total	£14,034.20

6.2 Balance includes rally deposits of £4,185.00 for Thorpeness 2015 and £130.00 for lawns Rally.

6.3 Fund Balances:

Charity Fund	£ 182.00
Junior Crew	£ 728.74
Special Fund	£ 284.19

6.4 Charity Fund donations of £67 from New Year, £49 from Burns, £26 received from Mrs Haynes on sale of gas bottles, £40 from Valentines Rally.

6.5 Income since January

Deposits for Normandy Beaches Rally £100.00
Defaulter Payments £10
Junior Crew donation from Up the Oche £28

6.6 Expenditure since January

Panda Plaques £28.71
Meeting room hire to October 2015 £198

6.7 Rally Accounts

None outstanding

6.8 Defaulters

None remain outstanding. 2 late cancelations at "up the Oche" letters to be sent

6.9 **Equipment Sales**

None outstanding

6.10 **2014 Accounts**

Signed by Chair and Treasurer and returned to Auditors.

6.11 Following the successful sale of goods on the website a member has kindly donated £25 towards the Lady Chairman's charity

7.0 **Hon. Secretary's Report**

7.1 Membership 1100

Correspondence: none

Register: up to date

7.2 Other Rally Centre books still to arrive

7.3 DP has sold a few additional rally books

7.4 DP reports only 5 have unsubscribed from the electronic newsletter.

8.0 **Rally Secretary's Report.**

8.1 AD has sent a report to JK and TS

8.2 The 2016 list has been updated for the meeting.

8.3 AD has emailed NB a piece for the next e-newsletter asking marshals to let him know dates and Venues for the 2016 diary asap.

8.4 AD intends to writing to marshals to enquire about their plans for 2016.

The committee felt this was a little early in the season for some marshals and that rather than writing to them individually we should await the response of the April edition of the e-newsletter. AD should ask DP to check we have email addresses for those marshals he would like to contact.

8.5 A further supply of 1000 rally envelopes has been received from the club offices and these are available to rally marshals on request.

9.0 **Publicity**

9.1 DS reports all invoices and rally books have been sent out to advertisers/

9.2 DS has arranged a place at the dealer day with Marquis, Sproughton Road on the 20th & 21st of March. DP will be helping. DS also requested additional help.

10.0 **Equipment Sales**

10.1 PF reported there were a few sales at Natter & Chatter

10.2 Prices will increase to £7.50 for pink, £8.00 for blue and 70p for year pointers.

11.0 **Equipment Officer**

11.1 JG reports equipment list being compiled

11.2 An event shelter has been purchased, available for use by all rallies not having use of a hall etc.

Bookings taken by JG on a first come first served basis.

12.0 Sports Officer

- 12.1 CS has completed sports equipment list.
- 12.2 CS has received 2 more slips for the National Rally.
- 12.3 CS is still awaiting details of the crafts on the National Rally.

13.0 Webmaster

- 13.1 TS reports web host moved with a few I.T problems but got it fixed.
- 13.2 Website updated with page for the Pig Roast Auction that Mandi Syrett and Kim Berry are working hard on.

14.0 Newsletter

- 14.1 NB sent out e-newsletter; need to investigate other service provider options as current email service will only send 120 emails in a 3 hour window that is a bit too time consuming.
- 14.2 Next e-newsletter in April will promote May rallies.

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

- 15.1 The Junior Crew committee held their 2nd meeting at Butley.
- 15.2 Charlie Goddard has got prices of sponge balls that can be supplied to rally marshals in the equipment boxes for use by the junior crew on suitable rallies at the Marshals discretion.
- 15.3 The Junior Crew are running a tuck shop on suitable rallies and made £10.50 at the Silly Shirts Rally.
- 15.4 Next Junior Crew Committee meeting will be held on the Mother's Day Rally

16.0 Register Secretary's report

This will be included in item 7 from now on.

17.0 Regional Meeting

- 17.1 Your Club in Your Region- was advertised in the March edition of Caravan Club magazine so we are hoping for a good attendance from non-centre members. JK will take some Suffolk Handbooks for distribution to any interested members.
- 17.2 It was confirmed there was no plans for a Regional newsletter. The region does not have access to members emails. There is a link to Centre websites from the Regional site so members can get all the information they need by this route.
- 17.3 Mark Frusher and Kevin Flexman attended the Annual Forum at East Grinstead and took forward the points raised at the Regional Forum in January. Notes will be available in due course.
- 17.4 There will be a vacancy for Regional Chairman in November as Mark Fruscher will have completed three years in the post.
- 17.5 The issue of attracting centre members was discussed. Open meetings and voucher systems are going to be tested. All centres need to attract new ralliers.

17.6 Mid Anglia have offered to hold a 5 centres Rally in 2016. In this way they would be responsible for any financial backing and there would be no need for a joint planning committee. North Essex would like to run one in the same way.

17.7 A request was made for volunteers at the Mildenhall site. All those interested in helping should contact Dave Wakelin from South Essex.

18.0 Any Other Business

18.1 MS has requested donations of gifts to auction, prizes for raffles as much publicity as possible for this year's Pig Roast charity Rally, if you have anything to offer or contacts that may help please contact Mandi Syrett or Kim Berry.

18.2 Jan Fitch has also started selling good quality paperback books at Rallies in aid of the Pig Roast Charity Fund and will also be looking for good quality donations. £6.50 was raised at the Silly Shirts Rally.

19.0 Date of Next Meeting -

Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9-55pm