

THE CARAVAN CLUB SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY AT HINTLESHAM

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting.

PRESENT

Chairman	Derrick Stammers
Vice-Chairman	Derek Pannell David Totman
Secretary	Anthea Southgate
Members	Margaret Calvesbert Janet Hazell Brian Southgate Denis Mattocks Sheena McCartney Rosanna Waterson Chris Sanderson

1. APOLOGIES were received from Janet Dobson, Colin Clarke , Bob Waterson.
2. SIGNING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, proposed by Brian Southgate and seconded by Margaret Calvesbert, the Minutes were duly signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - Rosanna's daughter not Sheena's is to be considered for pennant duty at the National rally.
 - Derek Pannell has not been able to straighten the bowls mat, he has made the wooden circle to go in the middle of the carpet.
 - Derek has not had the time to make a notice board, this is still in hand
 - invitation from Northumberland Centre has not yet been received
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4. FINANCE. Janet was absent so there was no report.
The Chairman asked if we agreed to him having a small budget for entertaining at the National rally, agreed unanimously.
5. EQUIPMENT SALES Margaret Reported sales of:-

Clacton	25. 50.
Kessingland	152.70.
Trimley	17.35.
Hepworth	29.90.
Flatford	37.10.
Tangham	38.90.

With regard to the Tuck shop, Anthea raised the matter of whether we should be encouraging children to buy sweets, after discussion it seemed to be the general view that this should be left to parental guidance.

6. RALLY EQUIPMENT Brian reported-

- John Taylor has taken 2 electric boilers to be serviced.
- Dennis asked could we have instructions for the gas boilers, so that we
Make sure that people know how to light them as he singed his eyebrows.
- Electric boilers to be used on mains electricity only. Should not be Used without a full 13 amp supply.

7. RALLY PROGRAMME. David reported

- Norfolk Centre questioned why our Swiss rally has been cancelled as theirs had been very well scribed. Why it has been cancelled as a number of people had made enquiries..
 - 2006 rally list at the moment 29 rallies booked in.
 - 2006 rally to Germany in June in programme.
- 1,500 rally 15th to 18th June 2006. The mid Suffolk showground at Stonham Barns has been looked at as a possible venue. There is a building with a roof and canvas sides, possibly a wooden floor. They will supply burgers, ice creams, refreshments are available on site in the restaurant, they will also be happy to do a buffet for us if needed. We would have to take our own drinks across in the evenings. We would have to finish at 11 p.m. on Saturday and 10.30. on other evenings. The price would be £5.50 per unit per night. Based on 150 units. We would have the use of the whole site, access is good. Lengthy discussions followed, ideas for entertainment, group called Triple Cream was suggested. Prices were discussed £22 for weekend was suggested with possible discount voucher for Suffolk members. After much discussion it was agreed everyone was happy with the venue and price and we would go ahead and confirm the booking.

8. MEMBERSHIP. Anthea reported an increase in membership of 8 to 1,018.

There is an official caravan club claims form, Anthea queried the incident report forms in circulation, she will bring an official form to next meeting.

9. NEWLETTER JUNIOR LIASON Denis reported good size newsletter, tips and ideas from Chris, Chairmans mutterings. Has spoken to junior committee to ask if they would be willing to help at Mistley rally.

10. SPORTS OFFICER Rosanna, teams are coming together for the National, lots of support

11. THE NATIONAL RALLY. Sheena reports. Sport meeting 9.30 Friday morning.
Everything is coming together well.
12. PUBLICITY Chris was very disappointed with the dealer day at Stowmarket. There didnt seem to be anything different to a normal weekend, no discounts on or special deals, there was a bar-b-que laid on but it didnt seem to be available to the public. It doesn't compare to the dealer day at Weeley. 8 people were signed up, 2 or 3 came through the web site.
Chris spoke about welcoming new ralliers and when possible could we have flagpoles on a Saturday night, so that we are not welcoming new ralliers at the end of the rally. Could we possibly look towards helping single families and upper age groups when they need help. It was said that we hope that everyone is always offered help when needed.
13. CHARITY Thanks to everyone who helped raise money at Tangham for guide dogs for the blind. Derrick is looking for sponsers for a charity walk he is doing to Felixstowe on 21st June.
14. WEBMASTER Trevor gave his usual written report to members, There has been fewer updates this month, the draft list for 2006 rallies was added. A number of changes on the for sale pages as expected.
15. REGIONAL Anthea
- a new whats on leaflet
 - our flags don't contain new club logo, if we update will the club help financially.
 - Questions asked at ferry meadows site at Meet the Members Day.
 - Sept 7th forum at 5 lakes hotel, Essex
 - The Anglian Regional Rally, the competition for the Bell this year is mainly related to sports competitions, as ther would appear to be less non-sporting classes. Photographic and design a plate are both sporting themes.
 - 2007 there will be a dinner at the House of Commons £40 to £50 each.
 - 2007 Ball at The Grovenor Hotel, London 1,000 tickets available.
 - 2007 National to be at Blenheim Palace Oxfordshire.
16. CORRESPONDENCE details re quiz at National, list of rules.
- 5 Centre rally, there will be a craft/hobby display.
17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Denis asked will committee agree to him organising the childrens Christmas party, agreed unanimously .

Meeting closed at 10 p/m/

Signed by the Chairman Derrick Stammers

Date of next meeting 8th June

Following meeting 8th July.