

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY 2007**

PRESENT

Chairman	David Totman
Vice Chair	Derek Pannell
	Anthea Southgate
Treasurer	Janet Dobson
Secretary	Sheena McCartney
Ass.Secretary	Nigel Berry
Rally Equipment	Brian Southgate
Equipment Sales	Margaret Calvesbert
Publicity	Gary Maples
Sports Officer	Rosana Waterson
Junior Liaison	Denis Mattocks
Charity	Colin Goddard and Jan Goddard

ACTION

1.0 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Trevor Smith

2.0 Previous Minutes

2.1 Proposed by JG and seconded by BS

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 DP has been provided with a delivery date of the 19th May for the Suffolk Horses.

3.2 DT has Rally Books and will distribute at the end of meeting.

3.3 The AGM date has now been moved to the 3rd - 5th October.

4.0 Chairmans Report

4.1 DT reported that he and others attended Ray Last's Funeral.

5.0 Vice Chair Report

5.1 AS reported that unfortunately some of the flags had been stolen during the Elmswell Rally including the Suffolk Flag. JD reported that she had been advised that other items had been stolen. CG advised that the Police had attended and that the matter had been reported.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 JD reported the following accounts.

Fund Raising £687.00

Junior Fund as previously reported.

Current Account £17,500 although this includes Regional and Thorpeness money.

- 6.2 To date there have been no rallies running at a loss.
- 6.3 JD has concerns about the accounts for the Regional Rally due to lack of money currently being paid in.
- 6.4 MC reported that payment is currently being held in respect of equipment received which was damaged. Damaged goods have now been sent back to supplier and we are awaiting new equipment.
- 6.5 JD reported that she was disappointed with the recent plaque supply. DP to look into alternative supplier. **DP**
- 6.6 SM queried the accounts as £70 had recently been paid in for the Junior Crew. JD advised that she was slightly behind on the accounts, but would have these up to date for the next committee meeting.

7.0 Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Membership currently stands at 1,129 with 43 new members and 25 void.

8.0 Rally Secretary

- 8.1 TS was not in attendance but provided the following report.
- 8.2 Colin and Jan Goddard will be Rally Marshalls for Saxted Mill Rally. Please offer them your support.
- 8.3 Mick and Janet King have 25 vans booked for the Devon Holiday Rally. They do not have a Chairman for the Rally.
- 8.4 Due to cancellation, there is one vacancy on the French Holiday Rally. Enquiries to Jan Fitch
- 8.5 TS has been advised that rallies have been filling but bookings have been slow. The change in weather during April has encouraged bookings, however some rallies in May, June and July still have spaces.
- 8.6 TS has contacted Paul Davies who has confirmed that Pleasurewood Hill Rally is running and the plaques have been ordered. He currently has 15 slips and believes that he has 4 or 5 more coming.
- 8.7 DS has attached the latest 2008 Rally Programme and he is starting to get more questions and requests for dates.
- 8.8 No 4B's have been submitted this month.
- 8.9 North Essex Centre have moved their Clapper Farm Rally to Mayland Hall Farm, which is between Maldon and Burnham. It is not therefore an alternative for our Constable Country Rally in the future.

9.0 Equipment Sales

- 9.1 Sales are currently going well at £250.00 awaiting the resupply of the damaged goods.

10.0 Rally Equipment

- 10.1 BS added that Marshalls need reminding again to take down the Suffolk Centre Flag at dusk as unfortunately these do go missing.
- 10.2 BS reported that the electric boiler has now been checked and is okay for future use.

- 10.3 BS to advise DP of the size of the signs required for Thorpeness.
- 11.0 Sports Officer**
- 11.1 It was reported that Derek Stammers is in charge of the its a Knock Out at the National therefore any interested parties should approach him if they wish to be within the 8 person team.
- 11.2 DT is to add a note in Welcome Letter at National in respect of Sports to see Rosanna on the Saturday morning. **DT**
- 12.0 Publicity**
- 12.1 GM reported that he has received payment from G and R Caravans but is still awaiting payment from Caravan World. He also reported that the cheque from Witters is also on its way. GS confirmed that Lind Dealership will be sponsoring a future publication of the Newsletter.
- 13.0 Charity**
- 13.1 The Suffolk Air Ambulance Representatives are to attend the Pig Roast Rally. CG and JG will organise.
- 14.0 Webmaster**
- 14.1 TS was not in attendance but provided the following report.
- 14.2 The website has seen an increased number of visits since Easter and TS has added a significant number of items for sale. A string of cars, caravans and awnings have been added for sale this month.
- 14.3 NB raised the query again as to whether donations should perhaps be made to the Suffolk Centre when people are placing adverts on the web.
- 15.0 Newsletter**
- 15.1 DM tabled the latest edition of the Newsletter and this has sponsorship for the next issue.
- 15.2 AS advised that she requires the Newsletter to take up to the National Rally. **TS**
DM
- 16.0 Junior Liaison**
- 16.1 DM reported that the next Junior Crew weekend will be at the Trimley Rally.
- 16.2 It was reported that SM had raised £70 for the Junior Crew from the current sales of the cubix game sold during the Easter at Waldringfield Rally.
- 16.3 It was agreed that any Junior Crew that submit their passport at the end of the year will receive a plaque if they have attended one or more rallies.
- 17.0 Regional Meeting Report**
- 17.1 DT confirmed that he attended the recent Regional Meeting and reported the following.
- 17.2 Flagpoles at the National will be as follows.
North Essex Sunday 7pm

Suffolk Saturday 6pm followed by Cheese and Wine.
Mid Anglia Sunday 10.30am

17.3 It's a Knock Out at the National will consist of eight people per team. The winning team will be put forward with the chance of winning a holiday for two.

17.4 In respect of the float at the Lord Mayor's Show, 7 representatives will be expected from each centre.

17.5 With regard to the regional rally, 22 vans are required to break even, income expected from Bar etc. Dance floor is to be provided by DP. Equipment is to be provided by BS. Breakfast Saturday morning will be provided by DP and Co. The Sports events will be same rules as National. The Centre equipment will be used and Centre Equipment Sales will also be available over the course of the weekend.

17.6 The Regional Website is now up and running. The link was in the previous minutes.

17.7 The next Regional Meeting will be at Mildenhall on the 22nd September 2007.

18.0 Regional Rally

18.1 Suffolk Centre will be pegging out.

19.0 National Rally

19.1 SM reported that 65-70 centre vans will be attending.

19.2 DT has ordered plaques. SM reported that the decorated car is proceeding well. The theme for the procession will be a Party, therefore people attending the National are welcome to dress up.

20.0 Any other Business

20.1 DP has requested, for the Chairman's Rally in August that members of the Committee provide photographs of themselves as babies/children along with their partners so that this can be used as part of a quiz during the course of the weekend. **Com**

20.2 CG reported that he had contacted the Caravan Club in respect of a possible club site at Henham and they have asked him to look into this further on their behalf.

20.3 TS has reported that due to his working commitments he is unable to attend the Regional Rally, but he will however try to attend as a visitor to help where he can.

21.0 Date of Next Meeting

21.1 6th June 2007.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm.