

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 4th May 2011

Present

Chairman	Derek Pannell	DP
Vice Chairman/Rally Equipment	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman/Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS
Secretary	Tracy Totman	TT
Treasurer	Janet Dobson	JD
Rally Secretary	Nigel Berry	NB
Rally Plaque Officer	Paul Fitch	PF
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Junior Crewe	Dennis Mattocks	DM
Publicity and Advertising	Janice Kent	JK

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence. Action**
- 1.1 Alan Green, Sharon Jeeves and John Payne
- 2.0 Previous Minutes**
- 2.1 Proposed by Chris Stammers and seconded by Trevor Smith
- 3.0 Matters Arising.**
- 13.1 DT should read David Totman
- 9.2 Should read should not need to be increased.
- 7.4 DP had spoken with Jan and Jim Williamson about the stained glass plaque that Jim had made and presented to the centre to raise money for the Air Ambulance. AG company had paid £100.
- 9.2 JD stated that there was no need to raise the price of equipment but the committee had agreed to do this as it was so cheap compared to shop sales.
- 4.0 Chairman's Report**
- 4.1 DP thanked AG and NB for chairing the Easter rallies. The chairman had attended Maggot Drowning, Easter at Sutton and the Mayday Rally at Newbourne. They had all been good rallies. There had been some trouble at Newbourne from the villages but this was being dealt with by JD.
- 5.0 Vice Chairman's Report.**
- 5.1 BS had attended the Scottish National where 7 Suffolk Vans had attended. He had also chaired Pewitt.
- 5.2 TS had nothing to report.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Bank Balance stands at £13.728. Charity account stands at £483.60p
The accounts are coming in slowly.

7.0 Hon Secretary Report.

- 7.1 Membership stands at 1264 members.
- 7.2 There had been a request from EACH asking for the Centre to sell raffle tickets. DP and PF had also received tickets to sell. It was decided to return the tickets as we already raised a great deal of money for the hospice over the year. **TT**
- 7.3 TT had entered the Suffolk Centre into the Top Centre Quiz at the national as requested by CS.
- 7.4 Dorothy and Len Theardom had sent a letter to say that they were to retire from rallying after 35 years. It was agreed to put the letter on the webpage and print it in the newsletter for all to read. **AG and TS**
- 7.5 The forms had been returned to the national with the Suffolk Pennant person, who this year will be Norma and David Godfrey's Grandson.
- 7.6 DP had received a letter from Derrick Stammers Regional Chairman asking the Committee to promote rallies within the centre. There was a discussion and it was decided that we can fill our rallies already and there is a greater need for Rally Marshals to increase the number of rallies that the centre holds. DP to take this to the Regional Meeting.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report.

- 8.1 Rallies continue to be booked in for next year.
- 8.2 The AGM could be held at the Showground in 2012. The costs being, £240 for the Trinity rooms for the weekend. The vans would be £5.85 plus Vat per night. There was a vote and it was agreed unanimously to go ahead with this new venue.
- 8.3 There was then a discussion around Suffolk organising the 5 Centre rally next year in 2012. It was agreed by the Committee that there was no interest from the members to attend a large rally such as this. DP to take to Regional Meeting to see if the 5 Centres should stop or be held every 3 years or so.
- 8.4 DP raised that Ickworth Hall had agreed to hold off with us having to pay a deposit for the intended Dinner Rally to be held in September 2012. The Committee agreed to go ahead with the dinner and if a deposit was needed before adequate deposits had been collected the Centre would pay the deposit. There had been a lot of interest in this rally and it would be open to all 5 Centre and guests.

9.0 Equipment Sales

No report

10.0 Rally Equipment.

- 10.1 Nothing to report.
- 10.2 There had been feedback from rally Marshals that they liked the new flag poles.

11.0 Sports Officer.

- 11.1 CS hoped to enter the quiz, petanque and Darts at the National.
11.2 CS asked DP if he had competitor's plaques which DP confirmed he had.
- 12.0 Publicity and Advertising.**
12.1 More Letters had been sent out but no replies as yet.
- 13.0 Rally Plaque Officer.**
13.1 Appears to be running with no problems.
- 14.0 Webmaster**
14.1 Continues to update website.
- 15.0 Newsletter**
15.1 Nothing to report next newsletter out for the National.
- 16.0 Junior Crew**
16.1 Brightlingsea Carnival theme this year is 60 years of Children's TV so Suffolk Centre to enter a float with the theme Grange Hill. DM asked for a £50 donation to help with the float. This was agreed.
- 17.0 Register Secretary**
17.1 Not in attendance.
- 18.0 Regional Meeting Report**
18.1 There had been no meeting.
- 19.0 Any Other Business**
19.1 BS reported that a dog had been left in an awning at Pewitt and It escaped. DP requested that a reminder is given out at Flagpoles to remind people that their dogs should be secured.
19.2 John Payne asked if there was a fishing trophy, yes there is.
19.3 DM asked if he could have some equipment to sell at Hike and Bike and Dan's Meadow. This was agreed.
19.4 TS wished everyone to know that he would only be standing for Committee at the AGM in October.
- 20.0 Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 8th June 2011
- Meeting closed at 2110hours.