

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm

Present :

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman	Paul Fitch	PF
Vice Chairman	Denis Mattocks	DM
Secretary	Janice Kent	JK
Rally Equipment	Colin Clarke	CC
Publicity	Nigel Berry	NB
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS
Rally Plaque Officer	Katie Gothard	KG
Junior Crew Liaison	Daryl Syrett	DS
Register Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS

1.0 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Janet Dobson
Alan Green

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 11th April Proposed: CC
Seconded: TS

3.0 Matters Arising

19.4 from pervious minutes

Henham Rally – tickets need to be purchased online – Marshalls will only be responsible for the admin fee.

TS will put the instructions onto the website.

4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Many thanks to DP for chairing Clare & Assington,
to DM for chairing Butley and to DS for chairing Tattingstone
BS chaired Peewit and also went to the Scottish National
There were 185 vans in attendance with 4 Suffolk members- good rally with good weather.
- 4.2 The Chairman attended the funeral for Rae Hayes.
- 4.3 There has been notification of the loss of two other Suffolk centre members –

Peter Pettitt and Sheila Reid. Cards have been sent and BS will attend the funerals on behalf of the committee.

4.4 A chairman is still needed for rallies at Stonham, Campsea Ash and Haughley

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

PF – nothing to report

DM – nothing to report

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

6.1 The rallies that have been cancelled at short notice due to bad weather have incurred cost to the Centre.

6.2 Forms for one of the Easter rallies has not been completed correctly – so will have to be re-worked out for the VAT. This will cause some loss to the centre. The marshal has offered to pay the amount due but JD has declined this offer as it was caused by a genuine misunderstanding.

6.3 All other business is up to date. JD will catch up with DM at Tangham to update equipment sales.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

7.1 Membership: 1188 – over 50 dropped out of the system at end of March and still waiting for update from CC.

7.2 Correspondence:

Letter received from CC re Pennant bearer for National opening and closing ceremonies. BS suggested Isobelle Rosher. The National is now full.

7.3 The draft of a letter prepared to send to a member organising a New Year meeting at Butley was discussed and the committee approved the copy and the letter will be sent asap.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

8.1 Wings & Wheels – meeting tomorrow about whether this will go ahead – a different gate could be used – a site visit will decide tomorrow and the decision will be made.

8.2 Still getting queries from members not going through the website – this could be a problem when AG is away on holiday.

9.0 Equipment Officer

9.1 Order has been sent to restock equipment.

10.0 Rally Equipment Officer

10.1 White stakes have been located.

10.2 Barriers to be taken to Tangham for use at Alton Water.

10.3 Gas Boiler needs to be checked but all were serviced in February 2012.

10.4 Three signs have been lost – water at Bradfield and directional signs at Peewit – CC has now made up new signs.

11.0 Sports Officer

11.1 CS – needs list for National attendees.

11.2 Equipment was successfully used at Butley.

11.3 CS has purchased two volleyballs .

12.0 Publicity and Advertising Officer

12.1 Still waiting for some outstanding payments for the 2012 handbook.

12.2 NB will be chasing for new advertisers in the next couple of months.

13.0 Rally Plaque Officer

13.1 The order for the Assington plaques didn't come through to Kate as there has been a problem with the web address but TS will sort this out. Otherwise all OK.

13.2 BS will make contact with DT and ask to reduce ordering time to one week whilst the weather is bad.

14.0 Webmaster

14.1 1980s Reunion Sonia Bunting needs support - a flyer will be put onto the website – although this is not an official event from the Suffolk Centre.

15.0 Newsletter

15.1 The next issue of the newsletter is to be produced for end of May.

15.2 Someone is needed to take over the charity books as Ian is not able to do this after the Pig Roast Rally – TS will put a request into the newsletter.

16.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

16.1 Butley – raffle raise 154 for Junior Crew.

16.2 The next big rally for the Junior Crew is the Brightlingsea Carnival Rally.

16.3 PF has researched the purchase of a badge making machine and the cost would be approximately £150 for the machine and £92.00 for components. The committee felt this was a worthwhile expenditure for the centre and should be used at selected rallies throughout the year.

Proposed PF seconded by DM.

PF will go ahead and order the equipment.

17.0 Register Secretary

17.1 JD has now sent through all of 2011 and this year is now up to date.

17.2 New members – JK will check on the database for new members and, with DP, check how many new members do attend a rally.

18.0 Regional Meeting

18.1 The region has a balance of £4560 in account.

18.2 Looking for more places to hold meet the member events.

18.3 5 centre rally – need to know what support the committee would give.

The committee felt we could not give any regional rally financial support as many of our members have shown no interest in these rallies.

18.4 What's On Leaflet – this is costly to produce and the region is looking at its potential for attracting new ralliers. If there is no positive reaction and increase in rallier numbers it was felt the leaflet should not be produced.

18.5 There was a discussion at the regional meeting about the cost of rally books. As Suffolk covers the cost of printing and distribution by its advertising there is not problems for us but CS will check out the business rate for postage following the recent increase. Each handbook costs £1.10 to send out by second class post.

19.0 Any Other Business

19.1 The Ickworth Dinner Rally is now full.

19.2 Caravan Finder.co.uk has a piece on the Suffolk Centre on its website. It was suggested that we invite the editor to The Pig Roast Rally.

19.3 Natter and Chatter – February 2013 – perhaps we should look at running a rally to coincide with the Natter and Chatter to encourage more members to attend?

20.0 Date of Next Meeting

13 June 2012

Meeting closed 9.35