

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 15th May 2013 at 7.30pm

Present :

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Janet Dobson
- Alan Green

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 Proposed by NB and seconded by PF.

3.0 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 BS chaired Rede Hall – some good weather and the rally was enjoyed by all
BS also attended two Scottish Centre Rallies plus the Scottish National at Scone Place with 7
Suffolk members – the largest English contingent.
- 4.2 Many thanks to all who have chaired rallies in the past few weeks -Trevor for Tattlingstone,
Diane for Walgreave, JD for Wenhaston, PF for Newbourne and Blacksall and DM for Tangham.
Special thanks to David Rust for chairing the Belton rally.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

- 5.1 PF chaired the Newbourne as Val was unwell – good rally at a good venue.
Bollywood went really well – curry and dancing - weather was brilliant

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report

DM chaired Tangham, which went very well.

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

DM given a report from JD More

- 6.1 Letter received from CC re VAT – all services as advertised in the handbook and provided by the rally marshals need to charge VAT.
- 6.2 JD attended the funeral of Vickie Williams at Weeley. There was a good attendance of Suffolk members.
- 6.3 JD chaired the rally at Wenhaston. It went really well but with a low turnout. JD was unsure if it would be in the 2014 programme, which would be a shame as it has been running for a number of years.
- 6.4 Financial Report :

Bank Balance at end of April	£11,144.29 (holding £3,920 Thorpeness deposits)
Charity fund balance end of April	£ 808.15
Junior Crew balance end of April	£ 759.62
- 6.5 Defaulters
These were discussed by the committee and the paid, no response and letters received were followed through and JD given the authority to write to those who were still outstanding.
- 6.6 There are no problems with rally accounts so far.
- 6.7 The bill for urn servicing has been paid.
- 6.8 The Tuddenham Press account for the 2013 handbook has been settled and the cheque has been cashed.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Membership - 1040
- 7.2 Correspondence :
The winner of cover competition was Durham centre.
- 7.3 TS received a letter from Grenville Chamberlain, the Chairman of the CC, concerning the National Disgrace rally held on the same weekend as the National Rally. TS replied felt that the CC was taking it a little too seriously, but following the discussion the title has now changed to the Hadleigh Soup Kitchen Rally. CS is very upset by the response from the CC.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

- 8.1 Some members have come forward to help with rallies next year
- 8.2 Country Fair – Wings and Wheels – need to add to programme for 2014
- 8.3 AGM – should Marshalls run the whole rally – it was agreed that the Rally Marshalls should have control of the rally as they would at any other rally. The committee should not be involved in the decision making.
- 8.4 DP to check out the number of rallies to see when we make our 2000 rally. It would be good to have a celebration rally in 2014. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.

9.0 Publicity and Advertising Officer

- 9.1. There is one outstanding advertiser from the 2013 handbook – S & P. NB will write again and ask for payment.
- 9.2. £1000 has already been agreed for next year's handbook. NB will start chasing soon for more advertising contributors for the 2014 handbook.

10.0 Rally Equipment Sales Officer

- 10.1. A good month for equipment sales with £132 being banked.
- 10.2. New stock has been received and has distributed.
- 10.3. Plaques – need to order more 50 and 100 rally – Katie to look into re ordering.
- 10.4. The committee needs to decide on what to do for those attaining 500 rallies as the Suffolk Punch Horse is no longer an option as they are unavailable. It was thought an engraved vase would be a good idea and BS to check out something for around £50 plus the engraving.

11.0 Rally Equipment Officer

- 11.1. The urns have now all been serviced.
- 11.2. Some pegs have gone missing from the blue set – NB to see if he can source some more.

12.0 Sports Officer

- 12.1. CS to collect volleyballs from Daryl for National Rally
- 12.2. CS has obtained a donation of two shirts for the darts team.

13.0 Webmaster

- 13.1. All going well – the new logo has now been inserted onto the pages.

14.0 Newsletter

- 14.1. A draft copy of the newsletter for the national rally was shown to the committee. It was suggested that Brian should write something about the contribution form so all members are reminded of the need to cancel rallies early or pay the £10 contribution. Many rallies are finding the funding issue a problem if members cancel at the last minute. Each member does sign acceptance of this on the rally slip.

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

Nothing much to report – arrangements being made for the Junior Crew Rally.
Numbers are still low for Christmas Children's party.

16.0 Register Secretary

- 16.1. Still needs to enter the last four rallies but they will be done in the next week.

17.0 Regional Meeting

- 17.1 The current bank balance for the region stands at £6400.
- 17.2 There was discussion over Mildenhall Rally – monies given to Mid Anglia and Suffolk charities and Norfolk for the loan their marquee. South Essex thought they should have had a share of the money for the charity, although none of their members were present.
- 17.3 Your Club in Your Region, a meeting for all members in the region is possibly planned for next year. The Regional Vice Chairman is investigating the possibility of holding this in Essex. Funding for this would come from the central funds of the CC.
- 17.4 There was discussion about establishing a regional database of all rally fields in the Anglia Region.
- 17.5 BS attended the Council meeting on the 11th May where there was a discussion on MOTs for trailers. There will be a decision by the end of the month.
- 17.6 There was a reminded to centres that the regulations for siting of vans at rallies should be strictly adhered to.
- 17.7 72 plus members of the CC have completed over 60 years in membership. The average age of club members is 56.

18.0 Any Other Business

- 18.1 CS asked about the average age of executive committee members and does this reflect the current membership?
- 18.2 NB – asked about those marshals who have indicated that they will not be running rallies next year as the problem could become serious if we lose some important locations for 2014. BS to talk to them.
- 18.3 DS asked if we know how many rallies we have for next year – TS indicated there are only a handful on the list so far.
- 18.4 DP asked for permission to purchase face paints for the Brightlingsea Rally. Good quality ones will be purchased that can be used again at the Pig Roast Rally. The committee agreed to the purchase.

Meeting closed at 9.45

Date of Next Meeting 12th June 2013

Apologies for absence

