

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present :**

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman	Paul Fitch	PF
Secretary	Janice Kent	JK
Publicity	Derrick Stammers	DS
Equipment Officer	Jerry Goddard	JG
Equipment Sales	Katie Gothard	KG
Junior Crew Liaison	Mandi Syrett	MS
Register Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Newsletter	Nigel Berry	NB
Webmaster	Trevor Smith	TS
Sports Officer	Chris Stammers	CS

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Mark Gowers  
Alan Green

**2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes**

Proposed PF  
Seconded NB

**2.0 Matters Arising**

2.1 BS not been able to sort out the presentation horses. He plans to visit the designer at Hollesley this week.

**3.0 Chairman's Report**

- 3.1 Nineteen Suffolk members attended Dick Button's funeral.
- 3.2 BS took the chair at Holt and will be chairing Tangham next weekend.
- 3.3 He thanked MG for chairing the Tank it Up rally. Also Denis Mattocks for taking the chair at Henham and JK for Mildenhall.
- 3.4 TS praised the marshals at the Tank rally. It was a very enjoyable and successful rally.
- 3.5 BS thanked the committee for their support over the last three years and wished all members success for next season and to JK in her new role.

#### **4.0 Vice Chairman's Report**

PF nothing to report

#### **5.0 Vice Chairman's Report**

AG has sent his Rally Secretary's report through to Trevor

#### **6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report**

##### **6.1 Current Finances to the end of September**

Bank Account	£18,72.84
Caravan Club	£ 7,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	£ 26.33
Total	£26,247.17

This Includes rally deposits of £7,904.00 for Thorpeness Rally

Also there are 4 cheques un-presented totalling £498.53 that would come off the total funds.

Fund Balances :

Charity Fund	£3,356.83
Junior Crew	£ 674.03
Special Fund	£ 276.19

6.2 There is approximately £800.00 to pay in VAT for Q3

6.3 Rally Accounts - Waiting on accounts for July for Bob's Meadow, Wissington, Woolverstone. Great Yarmouth have not received receipts.

Waiting on accounts for August for Thorpeness and have some queries on Banham Zoo which will be sorted out at the AGM.

6.4 Defaulters – 2 outstanding from 1 from Peewit and 1 from Easter Country. MG has sent 2<sup>nd</sup> letters and is waiting for a response.

6.5 Electronic payments – still waiting on reply from the Caravan Club.

#### **7.0 Hon Secretary's Report**

7.1 Membership 1147

7.2 Correspondence:

None

7.3 AGM :

Refreshments : Saturday buffet for marshals is be arranged by Jan Fitch and Mandi.

There will be approximately 100 attending.

Coffee at AGM to be served by Diane and family.

7.4 As there have been four nominations received for the two posts of Vice Chairman there will be a vote during the AGM. All candidates are asked to prepare a short presentation before the vote.

## **8.0 Rally Secretary's Report**

- 8.1 TS circulated a provisional list for the 2015 programme. Discussion followed on other possible rallies and venues to ensure that we make the programme varied and interesting for all members.
- 8.2 DS wanted to ensure that the handbook was appealing to new members and would encourage them to try rallying for the first time.
- 8.3 TS has booked a slot with Tuddenham Press that will allow us to distribute the handbook early in the New Year.

## **9.0 Publicity**

- 9.1 Advertisements coming in for the 2015 handbook are expected to reach over £300. DS still talking to some other companies.
- 9.2 TS is expecting some copy to be coming in late.
- 9.3 We will be printing 2,000 handbooks, the same number as last year. Whilst this does give wastage this is less expensive than having to go back for a re-run.
- 9.4 DS queried the expense of the spiral spine but TS said the size of handbook necessitates this method.

## **10.0 Equipment Sales**

- 10.1 KG will arrange for all invoices to be sent through to MG.
- 10.2 Stock will be handed over to new person once elected.

## **11.0 Equipment Officer**

Nothing to report

## **12.0 Sports Officer**

Nothing to report

## **13.0 Webmaster**

- 13.1 TS has tidied up rally reports and after AGM he will find some new images.
- 13.2 The list of candidates for the 2015 committee was posted on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15
- 13.3 There were over 1000 hits to the website this week which is double the normal number.

## **14.0 Newsletter**

- 14.1 A newsletter is planned for the AGM and any articles received in the next couple of days will be included.

## **15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer**

The Junior Crew enjoyed the Tank Rally. Our visitors from Durham, David and June Robinson, donated funds to the museum for the children to have further rides on the tank course. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

**16.0 Register Secretary**

16.1 There are some outstanding lists to come through from MG.

**17.0 Regional Meeting**

17.1 The meeting was held at Mildenhall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

17.2 New general letters to be distributed to new committee.

17.3 The region will need a new secretary and treasurer for the coming year. The election for these positions will be held at the Regional AGM on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at Westcliff High School.

17.4 The CC would like to arrange dealer days in the region next year. CC will provide all necessary materials.

17.5 Due to changes in the rules of the CC only one representative from each region will attend council meetings.

17.6 The Region will receive a £3000 grant for next year.

17.7 The CC has asked that all press and media requests be dealt with through the Regional Chairman.

**18.0 Any Other Business**

18.1 The dinner that has been proposed at the House of Commons for next year has been cancelled due to the doubling of the cost. N Essex is still trying to arrange a different venue for this, possibly at a Livery Company.

**19.0 Any Other Business**

19.1 DS wanted to pass on his thanks to all those who helped him with the Holt Rally after his health problems caused some delays to his plans. This was a very enjoyable rally and he was pleased that there was no need to cancel.

19.2 DS also wanted to encourage members to use the Red Pennant service if holidaying abroad. They gave him and his family excellent service and he cannot praise them enough.

**Date of Next Meeting -**

**Wednesday 1<sup>2th</sup> November at 7.30pm**