

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM

WEDNESDAY 10th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Present :

Chairman	Brian Southgate	BS
Vice Chairman	Paul Fitch	PF
Vice Chairman	Alan Green	AG
Treasurer	Mark Gowers	MG
Secretary	Janice Kent	JK
Publicity	Derrick Stammers	DS
Equipment Officer	Jerry Goddard	JG
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

MG to arrive later during the meeting
KG

2.0 Signing of Previous Minutes

Proposed CS
Seconded MS

2.0 Matters Arising

6.0 £390 should read £ 590 for cost of marquee at Woolverstone
11.1 New urns returned and monies refunded. The replacements will be purchased in the New Year.

3.0 Chairman's Report

3.1 Dick Button, a longstanding member of the Centre, has died. BS will attend his funeral.
3.2 BS chaired Woolverstone and thanks to all those who helped raise such a good amount for charity. He also chaired Assington which was a very good rally –disappointed in the numbers attending.
Ickworth went well although numbers were down, Newmarket also went well but with less attending.

Weeley went really well with the Cheese and Wine much appreciated. Although they did have 13 cancellations

Thanks to MG for chairing Wissington and Fritton. Thanks also to Norma Godfrey who chaired the Great Yarmouth and AG for chairing Debenham, Hollesley and Devon.

Thanks to Mandi for chairing at Banham Zoo, Janet Dobson for Flixton, John Taylor for Hadleigh and Graham Noye at Thorpeness.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report - PF

Nothing to report – apologised for missing the last two meetings as he was working away.

5.0 Vice Chairman's Report - AG

Nothing to report

6.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

6.1 Bank Account details :

Bank Account	20,408.32
Caravan Club	7,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	32.69
Total	27,941.01

The above includes deposits of £8,074.00 for Thorpeness

Fund balances :

Charity Fund	3,626.63
Junior Crew	641.53
Special Fund	276.19

6.2 Some rally accounts are still outstanding.

6.2 There are still some outstanding defaulters that MG is chasing.

6.3 MG asked what the position is on electronic payments. The Committee was in favour but asked MG to contact the Caravan Club for clarification.

6.4 PF asked for a deposit for the Disco at New Year

6.5 TS asked if the committee could reimburse him for a gazebo that was blown away at Weeley. The committee agreed to pay the £90 cost of a replacement.

7.0 Hon Secretary's Report

7.1 Membership 1126

7.2 Correspondence:

CC – Updated Letters folder received with confirmation of regulations and rules of CC. A copy will be available at AGM for all officers on the new committee.

CC – Voting Procedures – list of eligible members for AGM has been received.

8.0 Rally Secretary's Report

8.1 AG distributed a draft rally programme – there are several that need to be confirmed.

8.2 Although the National Trust has increased the cost of the Ickworth rally the committee felt the Centre should go ahead with the booking.

9.0 Publicity

9.1 DS reported that there were 13 advertisements confirmed so far plus another 7 were in the process and he is still chasing others.

10.0 Equipment Sales

Some equipment was needed for Mandi at their next rally.

11.0 Equipment Officer

11.1 The money refunded for the defective urns has been returned to Treasurer.

11.2 All equipment boxes needs to be returned to JG.

11.3 DS requested a gas boiler to the Holt Rally

11.4 DS to collect outstanding box of equipment from Terry Youngs

11.5 Discussion followed on obtaining a safe storage facility it was agreed that the £20 per week at JPH was too much, Daryl Syrett to ask to Park Farm, Bucklesham.

12.0 Sports Officer

12.1 CS thanked everyone for their support – there has not been the opportunity to arrange many sporting activities over the last year.

13.0 Webmaster

13.1 Rally reports need to be updated.

13.2 TS is happy to carry on with website if the committee is in agreement.

14.0 Newsletter

14.1 The next newsletter will be prepared for the AGM.

14.2 An electronic newsletter should be worked on for the New Year. A working party should be set up to look at alternatives.

15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer

15.1 Wissington was well attended – so a rally will be held at the same place next year.
40 places have been booked with the venue.

15.2 Pirates at Fritton was a success although disappointed in low numbers.

15.3 All Junior Crew Pass ports need to be returned at AGM.

16 0 Register Secretary

16.1 Up to date so far -

DP has noticed that numbers are down on many of the rallies.

17.0 Regional Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Saturday 27th September at Mildenhall.

18.0 Any Other Business

- 18.1 The committee felt the format of the rally book should be altered to make it more reader friendly for new members.
- 18.2 BS has been to see the model horses that Hollesley have on sale. They are £99.00 each. BS would like to order two for members currently at 500+ rallies. The Committee suggested slightly smaller horses might be more suitable.
- 18.3 DS suggested that rally marshals supply coordinates for the rally handbook if appropriate. Space will be provided on the form for next year.
- 18.4 AG suggested we need more photographs for the competition for the 2015 Handbook. TS to promote on website.
- 18.5 Numbers for AGM are nearly reaching limit. These are for the hall capacity :
160 at evening event
250 theatre style.
- 18.6 Diane to help with coffee on Sunday morning.
- 18.7 The PA system is to be provided by Trinity Park.
- 18.8 The Tellers will be Willie and Annie & McGarva from Norfolk and Linda and Terry Beale from South Essex.

Meeting closed - 9.50

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm