

**THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm**

The Meeting was opened at 19:35 with Janice Kent (Lady Chairman) in the Chair.

**Present:**

Lady Chairman	Janice Kent	JK
Vice Chairman	Nigel Berry	NB
Vice Chairman	Trevor Smith	TS
Secretary	Diane Preston	DP
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson	AD
Minutes Secretary	Peter Wilson	PW
Publicity Officer	Bill Mitchell	BM

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Treasurer	Mark Gowers	MG
Attendance Officer	Carole Harbottle	CH
Junior Crew Liaison	Mandi Syrett	MS
Equipment Officer	Chris Stammers	CS

**2.0 Corrections to the Previous Minutes**

9.4 The word 'Chairman's' to be removed.

**3.0 Signing of Previous Minutes**

Proposed	Bill Mitchell
Seconded	Alan Dobson

**4.0 Matters Arising**

Nil.

**5.0 Lady Chairman's Report**

**5.1** JK has chaired the following rallies over the past few weeks:

- 5.2 Going Cuckoo - Neuenberg Germany - A good rally which was well organised by the Marshalls who arranged plenty of activities. With "Happy Hour" Quizzes, a Beetle Drive and an Hawaiian evening, where most ralliers dressed appropriately and joined in with the fun. Well done to the Marshalls for their efforts in difficult conditions (plenty of rain but also some very hot days).
- 5.3 Happisburgh – a delightful site overlooking the sea, a great location. Thanks to the Marshalls for arranging this rally.
- 5.4 Clare Priory. Derek Pannell chaired this rally and has given very good feedback. The weather wasn't good but the location is popular. Many thanks to the Marshalls. This rally will be in the programme for next year
- 5.5 JK thanked all those who have stepped up to chair rallies when there no Committee Member able to attend. It is very much appreciated.
- 5.6 DP Chaired Waldegrave with two 1<sup>st</sup> Ralliers. Lovely Site and a good weekend.
- 5.7 Brightlingsea with 25 units which was lower than normal. Suffolk won the best Float
- 5.8 BM Chaired Bromeswell – weather not great, but made very welcome and had fantastic company.

## 6.0 Vice Chairman's Report

- 6.1 TS Chaired Shotley Rose – very good and everyone enjoyed. Hope to have again next year
- 6.2 NB had nothing to report.

## 7.0 Hon Treasurer's Report

### 7.1 Current Finances to the end of January 2016

Bank Account	£10,918.06
Un-Presented Cheques	£134.00
True Balance	£10,784.06
Caravan Club	£7,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	£22.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,306.29</b>

Note: Balance includes rally deposits less expenses of £5,520.00 for Thorpeness 2016

### 7.2 Fund Balances:

Charity Fund	£900.73
Junior Crew	£686.48
Special Fund	£413.79

## **2016 Accounts**

### **7.3**

#### **7.4** Income since June:

- £200.00 for Rally Book Competition prize allocated to Special Fund

#### **7.5** Expenditure since June:

- £116.63 for Panda Plaques June statement

#### **7.6** Rally Accounts:

- Bredfield, Shotley, Brightlingsea, Clare Priory, Going Cuckoo all Received.  
Double Dutch outstanding.

### **7.7**

#### **7.8** Defaulters:

- No new defaulters to report

#### **7.9** Advertising Income:

- £1,180.00 still outstanding: Caravan Club £100.00; Caravan Medic £120.00; Holbrook Leisure £180.00; Kelling Heath/Woodhill Park £120.00; MR King £180.00; NFU Mutual £60.00; Sunshine Solar £60.00; Turners Hyundai £180.00; White Arches £180.00

## **8.0 Hon. Secretary's Report**

### **8.1 Membership:**

- As of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Membership of Suffolk Centre stood at 1134.

### **8.2 Correspondence:**

- A General Letter from the Caravan Club re names and address of Marshalls being broadcast via pdf of CC members not at home during this time, so open to

unscrupulous persons taking advantage of this situation to invade the homes of Marshalls. Suffolk Centre do NOT send out pdf copies of Rallies attended.

- An email from David Totman (Panda Plaques) stating that as from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, he will no longer be making plaques for Suffolk Centre. We have used David for the last 5 years, so an alternative supplier is needed or if he is stopping altogether, then will he sell the Plaque Making Machine to us? TS to approach David on this.

### **8.3 Register:**

- The Register is up to date.

## **9.0 Rally Secretary's Report.**

**9.1 Rallies at Risk:** Assington; Wisington and Butley (with only 5 slips) have been cancelled. Halloween has only 7 slips so far and now no Marshall. PW to Marshall, but if less than 25 by the September Committee meeting, then cancel.

**9.2 Marshalls Needed.** Valentine Rally (2017). The Natter & Chatter to go ahead in any case with discussion points at tables with a different topic per table.

**9.3 General.** Rallies not to run against each other. Try for one rally per week, the exception being Shotley and Waldergrave.

**9.4 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally.** DP suggested that Glemham Hall at Woodbridge would be a ideal place to hold our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, with easy access to large vehicles and the use of their Hall, Gardens and Marquee (with bar) available at an extra cost. DP to source the cost of these 'extras' and report back to the Committee. We could also allow a FREE whole page advert in our Rally Book for 2017 if a discount can be negotiated with the Hall. Need to decide at September meeting.

## **10.0 Publicity**

- BM stated he had not received copy of invoices from CS. JK to contact CS.

## **11.0 Rally Equipment**

- TS to contact CS re location of boxes.
- Flags not ordered. JK to chase. DP has old flags to repair

## **12.0 Sports Officer**

- Deferred as CS not available to report.

### **13.0 Webmaster**

- Shotley Pub Rally and Photos of site for this month.
- Website is regularly being updated
- Suggested that the Rally List be updated with indication of spaces available to show 'Plenty Spaces' or 'Few Spaces' or 'At Risk' (with an explanation of what that means.)

### **14.0 Newsletter**

- Halloween Rally – please support your Rallies to be on website, but so far little response from members.

### **15.0 Junior Crew Liaison Officer**

- Deferred as MS not present.

### **16.0 Regional Meeting**

- Rally attendance is down. Two rallies cancelled so far with another two in doubt
- South Essex is hosting Inter Centre Fishing Rally in 2017 – confirmed dates/venue not available at present. Need to 'pencil' this in when details known. Possible date is 15-17 September at Homestead, Weeley. TBC.
- Concern of what appears to be a spoof post in the media of the Caravan Club banning charcoal BBQs on their Club Sites
- An idea was raised of the Region completing a survey using SurveyMonkey; involving all Centres in the Region to ask relevant questions, such as: What Centre do you belong to? Likes and dislikes of Rallying? What is your Centre doing right or wrong? How many Rallies a year do you do? All to be anonymous allowing feedback to Centres and Region.
- CS thought the National was good and the grouping together of units in a Regional basis worked really well. For 2017 this opens in October for bookings at Sandringham. We can expect good attendance at this popular venue.

### **17.0 Any Other Business**

- **DP** raised the problem of Storage of Centre Equipment – Dart Board, Shelters et al. a 9 foot x 9 foot Box Room can be hired at £40.00 per month. Committee to look into this and report at next meeting.
- **JK** North Essex need Tellers at their AGM and any other than Committee Members that would like to assist would be appreciated. North Essex will be attending our AGM as our Tellers.

### **18.0 Date of Next Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

18.1 Place of Next Meeting – Raven Public House

Meeting Closed at 22:10