

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
11th April 2018

The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. with Garry Pyett in the chair.

Present:

Chairman	Garry Pyett
Vice Chairman & Newsletter	Peter Wilson
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Publicity	Bill Mitchell
Sports/Junior/National	Chris Stammers
Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Equipment Officer	Mark Terry

1. Apologies for absence

Mark Gowers – Treasurer

2. Corrections to previous minutes

None

3. Signing of previous minutes

Proposed: Peter Wilson

Seconded: Alan Dobson

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Chairman's Report

Garry had attended the rally at Dunwich where the "Beast from the East" caused some concerns but being a commercial site, good facilities with bar/restaurant the rally went well. Major snow wasn't a problem but the wind was "bracing".

The Easter Rally at Debenham was hit by the heavy rainfall before and during the rally which caused the yellow flag to go up but the marshals worked hard to ensure everyone got off safely. The entertainment was first class and the marshals worked hard to keep an Easter effect.

The rally at Felixstowe was also hit by the weather but the marshals were able to run after consultation with the site meant contacting members to give them a chance to cancel midweek (site reserved right to use tractor for siting and leaving). Site owners were appreciative of our care and consideration.

Garry attended John Preston's funeral along with other centre members. Diane expressed her thanks for the support, the funeral was well attended.

Garry, Chris and several Suffolk members attended the Club "Question Time" on 24th March in Norwich. Some interesting points were raised especially from some non-Centre members.

Garry attended the Anglia Region Council meeting, with Chris, on the 7th April. Proved to be a long meeting due to 2 new independent members where the usual acronyms had to be explained. The National was also discussed.

6. Vice Chairman's Report

Peter attended the Sutton Easter "Egg-Tastic" Rally which was well attended and well organised. Lots of things to do for adults and children with Egg hunt and Easter walk. The weather was not kind but offset by a great rally. Well done to the Marshals.

It was also noted thanks to Mark Gowers and Julian Fincham-Jacques for their help in assisting members to get off the field on the Monday.

Julian wished to note that his daughter Sarah had raised £38 for the Air Ambulance charity from donations for artwork she had done over the weekend.

7. Other Rally Reports

None this month.

8. Treasurers Report

Funds – end of March

Bank Account	4,497.71
Un-presented Cheques	-160.00
True Balance	4,337.71
Caravan Club	5,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	12.49
Total	9,850.20

Un-presented cheques: £160 for Suffolk Punch Trust

Deposits for 50th Anniversary Rally stands at £982.40

Fund Balances

Charity Fund £11.35

Junior Crew £575.04

Special Fund £964.59

Income since Mar – Equipment sales £6.50, Advertising income £150.00, Rally income £431.50.

Expenditure since Mar – None.

Rally Accounts – All accounts received

Defaulters – Burns defaulter now paid, Mother's Day rally 2 defaulters both now paid.

Advertising income - £775.00 received so far for 2018 rally book

Attendance: All up to date.

9. Secretary's Report

9.1 **Membership** – as at Friday 6th April was 1079. 22 members from Feb renewals went void. Discussion took place over new members and some issues on one rally of “new” members, who were in fact not registered with the Centre. Janet/Garry to follow this up initially. Janet to make enquiries with Club re any implication with exemption certificate as all members attending a rally must be valid Club registered members. Also, with regard to implications on any other licences we hold.

9.2 Correspondence

- a. Email from Club re change of provider for EHU hire available through them.
- b. Latest copy of the Competition General Standing Regulations received from Club. Chris asked Janet to forward a copy by email to him.
- c. Letter sent to longstanding member – left Centre.
- d. Email from Club re Secretary meeting at the National. Garry to attend as Janet not on this rally.
- e. Email from Club re Party at National to do with Royal Wedding and Centre/Region involvement.

9.3 Other

None

10. Rally Secretary's Report

No real movement on last month for 2019. Dunwich confirmed pending price. Tangham May 2019 booked but in doubt for week duration due to pricing – marshals in discussion.

Request from Secretary (Janet) to revert to members booking the Natter and Chatter and possibly charging small amount on door to cover refreshments (tea/coffee). Committee discussed need for sign in sheet at door. To be agreed before book goes to print.

Working through a list of venues held by Rally Secretary – a lot no longer take rallies, have been rebuilt, or no longer exist. Several to follow up with.

Contacted Flyerpress – good reply and quote. Janet felt that we could order less books next year to cut costs again and they will do a copy in PDF suitable to email, removing addresses for us. Final numbers to decide later in the year.

The have confirmed they are GDPR compliant – suggested by Club we confirm this.

Still waiting on information from Club for disclaimers for book.

Peter is looking into a Holiday rally in the Netherlands for 2019 – waiting for Club confirmation – dates to be in August for two weeks – 25/30 vans needing possibly 3 marshals.

Chris confirmed that Sutton Easter would be going into the programme.

Confirmed that the Flixton rally for 2018 will start at 2 p.m. – not as advertised.

Venue for the 2019 AGM is needed, ideal with hardstanding and EHU, possible venues to be followed up, Chris is happy to marshal this but costs are an issue. Hall needs to hold at least 200 people for the meeting.

11. 50th Anniversary Plans

Another meeting is due shortly. Garry asked for the draw tickets to be advertised wherever possible, some decent prizes are coming in but a lot of those asked are slow to reply.

12. Publicity and Advertising

Bill said there are 6 outstanding fees to come in for the 2018 book – to double check with Mark Gowers. He intends to follow up by email in about 10 days' time. Re advertising Peter asked about a possible advert from a foreign site being in the newsletter and charges. Janet to follow up with contact at the Club to be certain of any procedure.

13. Rally Equipment

Discussion took place over storage of Event Shelters – currently with Mark Gowers and Chris Stammers. For information they are currently booked out to:

4 - 7 May.	Chill at the Mill x 1 Event Shelter
18 - 21 May	Rede Hall x 2 Event Shelters
22 - 30 May.	Sledmere House National x 1 Event Shelter
15 - 24 June.	Stratford upon Avon x 1 Event Shelter
20 - 24 July.	50th Celebration x all Event Shelters
9 - 12 August.	Banham Zoo x 1 Event Shelter

To book these marshals should contact Mark Terry. The equipment bags are all out, no problems so far. One older style flag and flagpole is still available for marshals use.

Mark will be taking one event shelter and one gas urn to the National and discussion took place over the possible need/use for a set of walkie talkies. Mark/Garry to investigate further – possible use for the 50th rally?

Chris brought up about investing in a fast charger for leisure batteries for longer/Bank Holiday rallies, as there had been some issues. Mark to investigate.

14. Sports and National Liaison

Chris has not received many emails re the National and competitions and has no idea yet on attendance at this rally. Suggested that we advertise in the next edition of the Newsletter re entrants for the competitions.

15. Webmaster

Julian reported that the site was showing 95/100 views per day with an average of 42 visits for the first time each day. Further discussion over the future of the website with what we can/can't do with it with regard to secure area and imminent changes in data protection. Still looking into new site – suggestions asked for from committee as to the terms of reference to enable pricing. Julian to put a plan together to bring to next meeting. Online booking also discussed. To look at how other Centres approach this.

16. Newsletter

Peter hopes to get the next issue out by 10th May and asked for all details by 1st May. Details of the National competitions to be advertised asking for entrants.

17. Junior Liaison

Chris is looking at charging options at the National for those not on EHU and Wifi providers. The equipment has been topped up but further items may be needed for the 50th rally. Rally passports for the Juniors are being sorted out.

18. Regional Meeting

Lengthy.

GDPR was discussed.

There will be a Regional Officers meeting at the National and a contact centre for non-Centre members to find out about Centres.

Those marshals over the age of 80 who may still be working will still be insured by the Club but in the event of any accident, not for loss of earnings.

It was asked that the Club magazine be supported by Centres with interesting news – not just handing over Charity donations – as they need more articles. If something is sent make a note of what and when and let Region know if they are used or not.

It was asked if Regional meeting minutes are available. Chris handed over a copy of the Council October 17 ones – they are normally several months behind due to the meeting schedules. Chris asked that one section be minuted:

“A member suggested that older generations were not good at second guessing what the younger generations required. Consequently, he suggested that there should be someone younger involved in the Club’s strategic thinking and that the Club should keep its eyes open for young talent, perhaps from the families who rally. The Chairman agreed, observing that many in the room had known each other for 30 years or more and did not necessarily represent the future of the Club.”

19. Any Other Business

Rally Marshals Rally – held over until another meeting.

Reminder to Marshals that they should only be ordering the number of plaques they require – not extra, regardless of any reason.

A small plaque has now been made up as “Rally Chairman” should any committee member chairing a rally like one.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th May 2018

Venue next meeting – Hintlesham Community Centre

Meeting closed at: 10 p.m.

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