

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018

The meeting was opened at 7.35 p.m. with Garry Pyett in the chair.

Present:

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| Chairman | Gary Pyett |
| Vice Chairman & Newsletter | Peter Wilson |
| Secretary | Janet Dobson |
| Sports/Junior/National/Regional Rep | Chris Stammers |
| Webmaster | Julian Fincham-Jacques |
| Equipment Officer | Mark Terry |
| Rally Secretary | Alan Dobson |

1. Apologies for absence

Mark Gowers – Treasurer/Attendance
Bill Mitchell – Publicity

2. Corrections to previous minutes

Chris asked it be noted that in his report from the Holt Rally (Sept) a total of £115.20 had been donated to Marie Curie Nurses.

3. Signing of previous minutes

Proposed: Julian Fincham-Jacques
Seconded: Peter Wilson

4. Matters Arising

None given.

5. Chairman's Report

Garry chaired Henham Steam Rally. Centre was sited in a good spot with enough going on over the two days.

Garry chaired the Tangham Rally, another good rally with good weather. As tradition nominations were posted on the Sunday.

Garry was unable to chair the Sutton Barn Dance rally as he attended the Regional meeting.

Garry is going to an East York Centre rally at York racecourse enabling him to attend the Club's AGM meeting.

Garry will be representing the Centre at the funeral of Eve Prentice on 15th October. Eve and Mick were Centre members and marshals for many years.

6. Vice Chairman's Report

The weather on Friday was Winnie the Pooh weather; very blustery, so it was considered unadvisable to erect the Event Shelters, so the Friday evening get together with practice dancing was called off. Saturday Evening started with the Roast Dinner and then our Professional Dancers ran us through the steps for some very enjoyable Barn Dancing. The weekend was rounded off with a Continental Breakfast on Sunday Morning. Well done to

the Marshals, Ron & Wendy with Janice and David for a very enjoyable weekend, despite the rain, which didn't seem to stop for more than 10 minutes at a time.

7. Other Rally Reports

Mark Terry chaired the Oktoberfest rally. Good rally, weather changeable but the Saturday entertainment – Colchester Band – was excellent. Hard work by all those involved, thanks to marshals. Refreshments were donated by them, much appreciated.

8. Treasurers Report

Funds – end of September

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| Bank Account | 5,993.38 |
| Un-presented Cheques | (18.00) |
| True Balance | 5,975.38 |
| Caravan Club | 5,500.00 |
| Cash with Treasurer | 70.51 |
| Total | 11,545.89 |

Unpresented Cheques Alzheimer's research UK £25, 50th Anniversary rally refund £3.00

Deposits for forthcoming rallies; None

Fund Balances

Charity Fund of £1,577.54

Junior Crew £459.83

Special Fund £814.59

Special Fund - Income: £350 transfer from Centre Funds for 50th Thorpeness holiday rally 2019

Junior Fund - Income: £3.50 book sales and £5.00 craft sales donations from Rachel Gowers from proceeds at 50th Anniversary Rally

Income since September – Rally income £292, defaulter payment £10, Equipment sales £8.33, EAAA merchandise sales to charity fund £10.

Expenditure since September – top up of Drop and go postal card £40.

Rally Accounts – Country Music Rally outstanding. Barn Dance at Sutton received.

Defaulters – 2 from Easter at Debenham (Summers and Easton, nonattendance) still outstanding, chased, still no reply. 1 now outstanding from Barn Dance rally, letters sent.

Request from marshals of the Thorpeness Holiday Rally 19 for £50 from Junior Funds towards children's events. Outcome: Committee agreed – Mark to be advised.

Attendance: Easter at Sutton and Country Music festival still outstanding. As Chris was at meeting was asked to forward this asap – copy to Treasurer and Secretary please for the Attendance Database.

9. Secretary's Report

- 9.1 **Membership** – as at Friday 5th October was 1178. Also, in with this report was August renewal members who went void. Total of 54. Emails are sent towards the end of these months and from 68 emails sent 11 replied, 3 of which are not renewing – reasons given.
- 9.2 **Correspondence**
None received.
- 9.3 **AGM Meeting**
110 copies done and ready for the meeting.
Tellers – Mick and Joy Threadgold
Signing in sheets finally arrived from Club – first lost in post
Janet to have membership database available.
Photographs for current/new committee? Janet to follow up.
Plaques for committee organised
Agenda prepared for committee meeting following AGM. Janet indicated that she would take Attendance back under Secretary in new year to take pressure off new Treasurer. Mark G has indicated he will continue until end year for transition.
- 9.4 **Other**
Questions over procedures were raised over a recent issue. Revisited the discussion, and with two abstaining to discuss or vote, remaining committee decision is to stand, hopefully resolved. Noted for the future.

10. Rally Secretary's Report

2019 programme: 38 rallies to date. Programme will close 7 days after meeting with up to 14 days for any marshal amendments/programmes.

Late Additions: Rallies for Oktoberfest and Woolverstone have come in. North Essex invitations to Chelmsford Dinner Rally and Copdock New year have come in. Norfolk Centre confirmed Kessingland Invitation in October.

Regional AGM for 2019: Advised Suffolk turn to run this. Alan has booked Hallowtree – Garry has offered to marshal with Chris as co-marshal. Need rally entry programme.

AGM: List has been done and printed. List of amendments to be read out during meeting.

Adverts: See under Publicity and Advertising.

Front cover entries: 19 entries have been received. Members to vote at AGM.

Handbook: Well underway in layout. Some rally details still outstanding. Adverts all allocated. No further space for adverts.

Rally Marshal Document: Wanting to finalise the rally information sheet for marshals. Agreement from committee to go ahead. Alan to email/send after AGM. See note under Region: splitter information to be added.

Disclaimers: Details in from Club. 2019 programme entry updated to cover this.

Other: Chris discussed the 2019 AGM rally which is booked at Trinity Park, Ipswich. Finances were discussed to set this at £25 rally + the cost of EHU if wanted. Committee agreed to this. Chris wanted to minute his thanks to Ron King for this year's AGM and the help he has given.

Chris put forward other ideas: Could we make Easter Rally 2019 into a North Essex invitation?
Ideas to raise profile of Centre – to be discussed with new committee.

11. Publicity and Advertising

Bill was unable to attend the October meeting.

Alan has taken on the Advertising role under Rally Secretary and reported so far:

2 x b/w half pages, 6 x full b/w pages, 4 x half page colour and 8 x full page colour

All cover spaces have gone. One of these adverts is the National event advert (FOC), two b/w are Club information for which they pay total of £100. Printer also has FOC advertising space.

12. Rally Equipment

Mark Terry reported that signs are need as some are quite poor. Equipment is starting to come back in, some lost. Will replenish bags when back – suggested combining 3 major signs into one. Suggestion of post enabling 3 to be attached/detached for carrying by marshals. Agreed Mark to get quotes for equipment and discuss/agree with Mark G/Garry to go ahead before next meeting if necessary. Still to obtain hi-vis vests.

13. Sports and National Liaison

Nothing to report.

14. Webmaster

Further discussion on new website. After discussion/pricing and the issues with the current website crashing it was agreed to go ahead and get underway. Hopes to run both alongside each other may not be possible. Julian to check renewal dates on hosting etc., of current site. Initial agreement for the basic site plus Events Calendar. Other modules such as Members Area, Classifieds/Online booking to be put in as and when needed. Online booking could be offered by 2020 handbook after liaising with marshals. Agreed to add to AOB section at AGM – Julian to advise members.

15. Newsletter

From September edition 2 members opted out. Need entries from members/committee for next edition, November despatch date was discussed. It was agreed for publication w/c 12th November, Janet to send email list. Copy for newsletter by 9th November, probably too early for any 2019 rally details as book will not be signed off.

16. Junior Liaison

Chris put forward some ideas for 2019. Junior Crew passports need to be sorted out – an incentive was put forward to put on these – agreed for discussion with new committee.

17. Regional Meeting

Garry noted:

Regional Forum Newmarket April 19. Suffolk asked to approach Newmarket racecourse for possible rally. Alan contacted and both are unavailable. Region to be advised.

Centre Festival Weekend was discussed. Other Centres have offered to be involved. Possible invitations to Centres but may this be too late for our handbook? We were unable to accommodate on the weekend proposed.

Kevin Flexman will be attending our AGM

John Kent is looking for 6 people to work 3 weeks before National at Ragley Hall. All rally marshals are covered by insurance apart from over 65 not covered for loss of earnings.

Discussion over Centres having posters at CAMC sites

Regional Rally being hosted by NE Centre at Maldon – Barge dinner.

Suffolk turn to host Regional AGM in 2019. Already underway with Alan.

Chris noted:

Mid Anglia are looking for a venue at Newmarket re Forum as both racecourses unavailable.

Region AGM in November will have Chairman and Secretary roles available.

For National next year Centres will be within Regional areas but not mixed. Suggested provide a car/van identification for those arriving. Suggested dayglo card with SCCC on it.

If Centres decide to do Dealer Days the Region will support. Something for the Publicity Officer for new committee?

An issue had been raised over the use of splitters for EHU on rallies.

UPDATE: Following contact with GP at Region for further information email received:

The issue is that the use of splitters does not comply with the current wiring regulations and as a result any damage caused by using such a splitter either to the caravans or the supply side i.e. the landowner's property would be the responsibility of the centre to pay for and rectify etc and any insurance would be null and void both personal and with the club. I hope that clarifies the situation.

Further email received from the Club:

"I can confirm the Clubs stance regarding the compliance with the 'Electrical Wiring Regulations' and the updated requirements is that a cable supplying a caravan must be of one single length, without any connections (including splitters). These rules are the current wiring regulations and information is also stated in the Sites Directory, that no cable connections joining two or more cables together are permitted. Guests are welcome to have an electric cable plugged in from their outfit into their awning, like many do for heaters etc."

18. Any Other Business

Alan and Janet gave apologies for November meeting due to clash of events. Agreed Janet to approach Hintlesham to change to the next day – Thursday.

Brought up about speeding on the rally field. Suggested a "banner" designed to catch attention. For further discussion with new committee.

Date of next meeting **Thursday 15th November – agreed by Community Centre. Please note date change.**

Venue next meeting – Hintlesham Community Centre

Meetings for rest of year:

Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at: 11 p.m.

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