

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Present:

Chairman	Garry Pyett
Vice Chairman & Newsletter	Peter Wilson
Treasurer & Attendance	Mark Gowers
Sports/Junior/National	Chris Stammers
Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Equipment Officer	Mark Terry
Publicity	Bill Mitchell

1. Apologies for absence

Janet Dobson – Secretary. Garry to take September minutes in absence.
Alan Dobson – Rally Secretary

2. Corrections to previous minutes

None

3. Signing of previous minutes

Proposed: Julian Fincham-Jacques
Seconded: Bill Mitchell

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Chairman's Report

I chaired the Hadleigh rally which was another hot weekend, but very relaxing with a soup/chilli followed by a Chinese auction.

Alan Green chaired the Debenham country music rally as myself and the available committee members were at the 50th rally.

The 50th Celebration rally went very well with 85 units on site, the entertainment was first class, the luxury cream tea and fizz was enjoyed in brilliant sunshine, and a quiz was enjoyed on the last evening, along with memorabilia & photographic displays. We made good use of the marquee, complimented with several sports activities outside.

The grand draw raised £677.00 in total (after taking out the 2 £50 prizes). Derek Pannell also raised £155 for the BBQ held on Friday evening

I chaired the Newmarket rally, with more good weather and over 40 units, and topped off with Derek Pannell's excellent breakfast baps which raised £100 for his chosen charity Guide Dogs for the blind.

I then chaired the Banham rally, a good rally with reduced access charges into the Zoo, a good chip shop, butchers and a pub across the road, just a pity the weather let us down at times.

From there we went off to enjoy 2 weeks holiday and a wind down.

Bill chaired Shotley, Julian chaired Thorpeness & Peter chaired Wroxham for me whilst we were away & Peter also chaired Weeley for me.

My next rally will be at the Henham Steam Fair in 2 days' time.

I will be attending the next Regional meeting is 22 September.

6. Vice Chairman's Report

I chaired the Wroxham rally in the heart of the Norfolk Broads. Weather caused some problems with heavy rain giving programme changes but with school allowing a hall to be used the rally continued with fun and entertainment. A well-run rally.

I also chaired the Weeley rally. Although a commercial site, they hold a non-electric rally field. Apple pie and cream with cider to follow (provided by marshals) and a bacon roll on Sunday gave a well-run and organised rally.

7. Other Rally Reports

Bill Mitchell chaired the rally at 'The Shotley Rose' which was very well attended, in fact a full house. The landlady and her staff could not have been more accommodating providing a mini beer festival, bands on both Friday and Saturday night and so many superb meals with a warm welcome for all. The events in the bar were very well supported by the local villagers, who made us, as visitors feel very welcome in their village.

The site is well placed on a circular walk that takes in the glorious views over both the Orwell and Stour rivers. The peninsula walk is I am told, more than worth the effort. The Marshals: Nick, Carol and Trevor worked tirelessly to create a friendly relaxed laid-back weekend that was enjoyed by all. Looking forward to a repeat performance next year.

Chris Stammers attended the Holt Steam invitation Rally, 8 Suffolk Vans attended, £150 raised for North Essex Ctr and Marie Curie with 'horse racing' Sunday evening

Julian Fincham-Jacques chaired the Thorpeness rally which included the Aldeburgh Carnival with their lantern parade followed by fireworks and then the Thorpeness Regatta, where the Suffolk Centre participated in the lighted float parade on the Mere with a Mama Mia themed float, followed again by evening fireworks.

An excellent program of events, including Bingo, Quiz Night, Cream Teas and Tie Dyeing for the Children. Also, congratulations to the brave swimmers that ventured into the sea early each morning!

8. Treasurers Report

Funds – end of August

Bank Account	11,739.12
Un-presented Cheques	(98.00)
True Balance	11,641.12
Caravan Club	5,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	70.51
Total	17,211.63

Unpresented Cheques - Thorpeness holiday and 50th Anniversary Rally refunds

Deposits for forthcoming rallies; Thorpeness Holiday rally £7,411.31

Fund Balances

Charity Fund of £1863.30, includes £285.76 for RNLI to be paid out.

Junior Crew £451.33

Special Fund £464.59

Charity Fund - Income: £131 from Chairman's Rally, EAA Merchandise £7.20, donation £60.80 (L Stammers), 50th Anniversary Rally BBQ £155.50 (D Pannell), £471.00 Draw tickets, £285.76 for RNLI from Thorpeness Holiday Rally.

Special Fund - Income: £200 donation from Sharmans towards 50th Anniversary Rally.
Expenditure: £700.00 towards 50th Anniversary Rally

Junior Fund - Expenditure: £100 towards 50th Anniversary Rally

Income since August – Rally income £1,389.10, donation to Junior crew of £8.50 (craft items and books sold at 50th anniversary Rally by R Gowers)

Expenditure since August – LS Plaques £92.50, Thorpeness Holiday rally - Donation to RNLI £285.76, Site fees and expenses £5,230.00

Rally Accounts – Country Music Rally outstanding. Thorpeness Holiday Rally and Wroxham processed in September. Thorpeness Holiday rally generated a surplus of £370 and **MG** proposed that £350 be placed into the special fund to be held for the 2019 rally which is will be the 50th anniversary of the rally. The committee agreed.

Defaulters – 2 from Easter at Debenham (Summers and Easton, non-attendance) still outstanding, chased, still no reply. 1 from Happisburgh (Crane, non-attendance), letter sent and copy of rally slip, no reply.

Advertising income - £1,675.00 received so far for 2018 rally book.

Co-Op Cuppa Scheme: R Gowers applied for free tea bags from the Co-Op cuppa scheme and received 3 boxes of tea bags, which were used on the 50th Anniversary rally. Our thanks should be noted in the minutes to the East of England Co-Op for this donation.

Attendance

Easter at Sutton and Country Music festival still outstanding, all others up to date.

9. Secretary's Report

Janet did not attend meeting. Notes sent were:

- 9.1 **Membership** – as at Friday 24th August was 1202. 43 members went void from June renewals with 38 still to renew from July renewals. Last few weeks have seen several new members resign within 1-2 weeks of joining. Club nominal reports (5 weekly) appear to have printing issues of details – they have been made aware.
Random information: From current attendance known we have 207 members listed – breakdown is 1-4 rallies 164, 5-10 rallies is 37 and 11+ rallies there are 4.

9.2 Correspondence

Email from Club via Region re Non Rallier Rally for 2019. Club putting together idea for Centres/Regions to organise a weekend for those to try rallying who have not. 30th August to 1st September date given. Email discussed by committee, but with a full agenda it was decided to discuss the contents in more detail at a later date. We are aware that we have a rally that is already arranged for that weekend, the committee seems to think that this type of rally should be happening earlier in the summer holidays? Garry to discuss at the September Regional Meeting.

9.3 Other

9.3.1 Janet will monitor emails while away and contact Garry for anything urgent. Will deal with reports when back – Peter has contacted re newsletter for September. AGM paperwork has been started. Have put feelers out for tellers for meeting.

9.3.2 A question was raised by Garry following the 50th anniversary rally. It was queried when the 2,000 rally of the Centre would be – the 1,500th was in 2006. It would appear we passed the 1,750 mark in late 2010 and 2,000th rally mid-2015. Anticipated number of 2133 will be reached by end 2018. Leaves about 117 to 2,250 target, possibly another 3 years. **Outcome:** As we are out of sync with the expected celebration rallies, Chris suggested that we could hold a 2000thish' type rally to bring us back in line, decided to put on agenda for future meeting.

9.3.3 AGM. Nominations received so far for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and one committee member. Paperwork in hand for the meeting. Would appreciate reports from Garry, Mark G and Alan by end September at latest please. Will then arrange for printing of AGM paperwork. Expecting membership list several weeks before meeting. Note for any nominations that Janet will be at Tangham venue from Wednesday 26th September. 35 day cut off for motions for meeting was Sunday 9th September.

9.3.4 A letter of complaint was received from a Centre member. The contents were read out to the committee, a chance was given by the person named in the letter to explain his side of events. He accepted that this situation was not handled correctly and apologised to the committee for his actions and his misinterpretations of the rules. All the committee members present except for 1 abstaining agreed that mistakes had been made and that a resignation was not required on this occasion. A letter of apology will be sent together with a covering letter from the Chairman. The rule in question will be the subject of alteration in a motion to be put before the AGM meeting.

10. Rally Secretary's Report

Alan did not attend meeting. Notes sent were:

10.1 2019 programme - 22 rallies booked in at present with 3 in for 2020 (have emailed list to all committee). Venue already provisionally booked 26 July, a further request for another venue that date. **OUTCOME:** Original venue abandoned due to costs, replacement rally venue found. Other request removed at this time. Sutton Easter is now confirmed as moving to Trinity Park. Easter at Debenham – no one has come forward even interested. Venue to be cancelled with regret.

- 10.2 AGM 2019 - Chris has confirmed Trinity Park for later weekend, EHU for those that want it, prices on par with current venue. Provisional booking at Sutton to be cancelled.
- 10.3 Handbook - some preparation made.
- 10.4 Adverts – After agreement to look at adverts I contacted all those in 2018 handbook other than Caravan Care Services, Ardleigh. Response from 14 confirming (some ads in already) / 1 has come back no thank you, 2 still to reply back and two further approached – Adria Caravans and John Grose Ford of Ipswich. One has said yes but still deciding if colour/black and white. Flyerpress will have normal page and Club usually sends their adverts and National flyer through Secretary. Witter/Westfalia have also now agreed to advertise.
- 10.5 Alan will be monitoring emails while away and will respond where needed. Anything urgent will contact Garry.

11. Publicity and Advertising

As I have been away for most of the summer Alan and Garry made a start contacting potential advertisers with very positive response. Alan indicated that he had sufficient adverts to maintain a good balance in next years Book. I have emailed all my contacts and thanked them for their support and explained that I will not be on the committee next year and suggested that they contact Alan direct if they have any queries or additions to make until such time that a new Publicity Officer is appointed.

I tender mine and Pam's apologies for the AGM.

As Bill & Pam will not be at the AGM, and he will not be standing again, he handed in his badge and window 'plaque' and Garry stated: I will arrange for him to receive his 2018 committee plaque when we next meet - and a vote of thanks was sounded for Bills efforts in his role over the years.

12. Rally Equipment

New side panels have been purchased for the event shelters, rain gully joining sections, Hi-viz bibs and a battery charger will be investigated and discussed at next meeting.

Mark also holds a white board collected at Thorpeness, and needs to find who it belongs to as not on inventory.

13. Sports and National Liaison

2 members mentioned that were interested in sports for the national.

14. Webmaster

Julian produced a report from a new website supplier which as it had only just been received needed to be read and commented on via emails etc, he also reported that the present website had crashed after an update and required an awful lot of work using an older backup and then to include all the following updates, perhaps we need to look at the new proposal and run the existing in tandem for a while ?

15. Newsletter

Peter issued the latest copy of the Sept newsletter asking for gaps to be filled in by anyone at recent rallies etc, so that he could get this out in good time for the AGM.

16. Junior Liaison

Nothing to report.

17. Regional Meeting

As the last meeting was cancelled, no more info except for the item in the correspondence, which will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting.

Chris had been asked by Rupert Moody to air a complaint via the region about the Blackpool Club site.

18. Any Other Business

Peter did mention his recent concerns re attendance and rally accounts for holiday rallies both in the UK and abroad. Mark Gowers is going to follow this up with a request for full account details for any recent Holiday rally in the UK or overseas.

Apologies from Mark Gowers and Bill Mitchell who will not be available for the next committee meeting.

19. Date of next meeting Wednesday 10th October 2018

Venue next meeting – Hintlesham Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at: 10.20 pm

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