

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019

The meeting was opened at 7.40 p.m. with Garry Pyett in the chair.

Present:

Chairman	Garry Pyett
Vice Chairman & Newsletter	Peter Wilson
Secretary & Attendance	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Mark Terry
Rally Secretary & Advertising	Alan Dobson
Competitions/Junior/National	Chris Stammers

1. Apologies for Absence – Julian Fincham-Jacques (Webmaster) and Ron King (Equipment).

2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None noted.

3. Signing of previous minutes: Proposer - Peter Wilson and Seconder – Chris Stammers

4. Matters Arising

8. Treasurers Report March Meeting. Minuted at April meeting that this had been agreed but not minuted. Janet was not at the April meeting and disagreed with this outcome as no general discussion had taken place, therefore there was nothing to minute. Minutes had not been challenged by any other committee member of this being left out. Discussed again and agreed that it had not been discussed at the meeting and that the process had to be reviewed with regard to funding. Agreed that the only rally confirmed for funding (after request) would be the AGM, for all other rallies, marshals are requested to put in writing to committee giving full reasons and any amounts looked at. Chris to put in writing the AGM funding for 2019. Looking forward to the Natter and Chatter meeting for 2020 to look at updating/rebranding with a possible Rally Marshal Forum. Meeting still to run on day advertised, the Centre will cover minimum of 50% of the hall charge for this specific weekend/rally.

5. Chairman's Report - I attended the question time at Newmarket which was fairly well attended, with a really good tour of the Jockey Club rooms afterwards, nothing really brought different to previous question time.

I also chaired the Easter rally, with excellent weather and with electric, good hall to use, live band and a meal the following evening, it was a busy weekend, well done the marshals for all the work involved.

Unfortunately, it was not viable for me to attend the Peewit rally as I had a Regional council meeting on the Saturday and other commitments on Friday evening and Sunday morning.

I was pleased that our rally at Kersey went well, just a bit disappointed with late cancellations, depriving others of a chance to attend and make a bigger donation to the Kersey mill trust.

As per agenda, Garry discussed the Regional AGM and Rally (November 19). Brief discussion about committee attending, agreed difficult as rally will be after our AGM so we may have new committee

members. Some positive acknowledgments of attendance and various ideas put forward for the programme. The Anglia Region will cover the cost of the hall for the Sunday meeting.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Peewit Rally:

Despite the inclement weather Alan, Janet, Tony & Karen did us all proud, by organising a room in the warm and dry to have tea and coffee with the Marshals and also flagpole. Amber Gowers was 12 years old on the 28th and everybody at flagpole had a slice of her cake. A large cuddly bear was raffled off for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, which raised £56, together with a further £27 from the sale of items; a grand total of £83 for this worthwhile charity.

Chill at the Mill III Rally:

We had sunshine, rain, hail and wind during the 4 days, but Garry, Connie, Simon, Lynn, Tony & Karen once again came to the fore to ensure we all had a restful and great time for their rally. Progress of the restoration at the Engine and Stone driven Flour Mill was astounding, with vast improvements in the state of the work from our last visit, to the point that Steve and Allison, the owners of the mill, expect that the grinding of flour could now re-commence in late 2020. The proceeds of the Rally, some £707 was donated by our Chairman to this cause. We had two 1st Ralliers, who both said they will be joining us again at a rally soon as they were made to feel so welcome by everyone on the rally and had, had a great time.

7. Other Rally Reports – Nothing to report.

8. Treasurers Report

Funds – end of April

Bank Account	6117.02
Un-presented Cheques	(3.00)
True Balance	6120.02
Caravan Club	5,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	79.51
Total	11699.53

Unpresented Cheques 50th Anniversary rally refund £3.00

Deposits for forthcoming rallies; £7700.00 for 2019 Thorpeness Holiday Rally

Fund Balances

Charity Fund of £91.00

Junior Crew £483.90

Special Fund £814.59

Charity Fund – Income: - £72.00

Income since March: - £75.00 (Caravan Technician) Advertising, Year End Pointers sales £14.79.

Rally Accounts: - Peewit £33.81

Peter asked Mark about a question raised with the past Treasurer about rallies abroad and accounts. This had been dealt with and accounts/breakdowns had all been provided.

Mark has paid the bill for Hosting UK which will cover for 2 years so domain name and email addresses are secure.

Janet asked for further top up to mail Drop and Go if needed – can get up to £50 without needing second authorisation.

Due to funds of the Centre it was discussed seriously looking at an increase in the Admin Fee – any decision to be announced at the next AGM to come into effect 2020.

One advertiser still not paid – Alan requested to follow this up.

9. Secretary Report

9.1. Membership – as at Friday 3rd May = 1200. March members listing as void = 52.

9.2. Correspondence –

Email from Head Office re National Event. Details of those attending will not be made available to Centres prior to the Event only to Regional Block Marshals on arrival.

Email from Head Office re weekly and nominal reports. From June reports will be put into their “Box” system to be downloaded by Secretaries. Due to holiday concerns these will be kept there on a quarterly basis for now before being deleted.

Email from Head Office re National Event and the Secretary morning to be laid on. No representative from this Centre will be attending the training sessions.

Email from Club re the Centre Festival weekend. Intended to publish in the May edition of the Club magazine with further follow ups in later editions. We did not take part in this.

9.3. Other – Nothing to report.

9.4. Attendance – Lists due from Easter at Trinity Park, Chill at the Mill at Kersey (Garry to forward copy to Janet for Attendance database).

10. Rally Secretary Report

10.1. 2020 Programme – Very slow in bookings. Disappointing 12 rallies for 2020 and 2 for 2021. Further one possible pending venue and confirmation. Kersey Mill Rally has been put in as provisional pending agreement.

10.2 2020 Handbook – Nothing further at present.

10.3 Printers – Have approached Flyerpress again for estimate on printing at same terms as this year. An estimate has been submitted – they hope to hold to the same price as this year but due to uncertainty have quoted £2019 at this stage.

10.4 Marshal Request – Request from Sheena McCartney to be able to take actual bookings once costs are known from Alan Rogers for their French holiday rally – this may be before the AGM in October. Site is now confirmed.

10.5 Adverts – Most have renewed for 2020, spaces allocated in book.

10.6 Email received from Fowlmere Village Hall Chairman. Hall and site near Cambridge/Duxford. Full amenities and field, rallies welcome. Have information if anyone interested. Melody expressed interest, Alan to forward the message.

Spalding rally for 2020, site requests £100 holding deposit to go against site fees. Refundable if they cancel, non-refundable if Centre cancels. No minimum van attendance given. Agreed.

Chris passed several more dates for rallies for the 2020 programme. Alan to update Julian/website.

11. Publicity – Melody reported that Peter had been very helpful in distributing the new leaflets. These have been placed with Peewit Caravan Park, agreement reached with Grantham Caravans, arranged to see those at Farnham Leisure with contact also made with Marquis Leisure. Email to Anglia Region for help with dealer days – reply received which was discussed. Some felt disappointing response taking a lot away from Centre promotion. Leaflets will be available at the National event.

12. Rally Equipment – Ron was unable to attend meeting. Understood he has made contact with regard to replacement flag stakes and bag. Awaiting delivery.

13. Sports and National Liaison – Chris expressed his strong disappointment with the Club reaction over National information not being made available prior to the event. Planning is underway with Mark Terry as Regional Block Marshal but it will cause problems not having details of those attending until so late. He has taken this up with the Anglia Region committee. Ways of easily identifying those arriving are underway. Some discussion over times of arrival and Mark has several already to cover the Block Marshal role.

14. Webmaster – Julian was unable to attend the meeting.

15. Newsletter – Janet has supplied current list of subscribers to Peter. Despatch imminent. Next edition due for July.

16. Junior Liaison – Chris gave thanks to all the Juniors at the Easter Rally. They raised £45 from the breakfasts. Some have discussed running a “Junior” rally – with parents help, and Chris will be putting a rally in the programme for 2020. Venue agreed.

17. Regional Meeting I attended the meeting at Copdock on 27th April, the chairman stated that centre membership across the club is the highest for 9 years.

He also asked if it was possible to have an idea of how many members in our centre, and how many are actual ralliers we have. Also, how many unit nights we offer over a 12-month period, using last year’s rallies to make up a rolling program for the 12-month period. **Janet** – to provide figures for next meeting.

Still considering a regional rally brochure and information, and asked if each centre would be willing to donate £100 each, with the region making up the rest. **Committee:** General response to this was no.

The chairman would also like an A5 flyer/poster with perhaps special rallies and centre contact details to go onto a board at the national in the region/centre area of the info marquee, plus some other info like newsletters etc?. **Melody** – has offered to produce this.

Also looking at passing on vouchers to potential centre members. **Committee:** Janet noted that this had been tried in the past by this Centre and had proved unsuccessful.

Jasmine (Mid Anglia) would like bottles if possible, for a regional bottle stall at the rag fest at the national.

Regional get-together/reception 11.00 Sat at the national, centres to assist with shelters, urns etc

Provisional units attending by postcode: MA 29, N 19, NE 11, SE 14, S 33

18. Any Other Business

Janet to provide Garry with extra handbooks to take to the National.

Apologies from Mark Terry and Alan Dobson as they are unable to attend the June meeting.

Apologies from Garry that he will be unable to attend the July meeting. Looked at rescheduling but due to his calendar this does not seem possible. Peter to stand in to chair that meeting.

Alan told committee he was attending the funeral of a past Suffolk member – Gordon Wakely – on Thursday.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th June at 7.30 p.m.

Venue – Hintlesham Community Centre

This meeting closed at: 10 p.m.

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