

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM
WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m. with Garry Pyett in the chair.
Melody Gosling to take minutes.

Present:

Chairman	Garry Pyett
Vice Chairman & Newsletter	Peter Wilson
Treasurer	Mark Terry
Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Publicity	Melody Gosling

1. Apologies for Absence – Janet Dobson (Secretary & Attendance), Alan Dobson (Rally Secretary & Advertising), Ron King (Centre Equipment). Chris Stammers did not attend meeting, no reason known.

2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None

3. Signing of previous minutes: Proposer - Peter Wilson and Secunder – Julian Fincham-Jacques

4. Matters Arising:

a. Treasurers Report (Janet). Contact has been made with Club re website funding. No further information at this time, may or may not happen now. Up to Centres to decide way forward with their websites. Felt not very helpful – why offer this in the first place and get hopes up.

b. Treasurers Report (Peter) re plaques. The question was raised concerning the charges for providing plaques on rallies. It is believed that other Centres make a charge and only provide for those who request a plaque. Look into including the cost when increasing the admin fee. Also, query raised on the cost of sending plaques by Special Delivery of £6. This despite 3 weeks' notice being given. Gary to speak with Chris.

5. Chairman's Report – Unfortunately I was unable to attend the last meeting, run my rally or chair rallies during July, as my caravan was back at the factory for major warranty repairs and I was recovering from the surgery I had been waiting for since last December. I did manage to run my rally at Hollesley remotely from my hospital bed, but was disappointed not to be on site, thanks to the marshals who took over.

I sincerely thank my Vice Chairman Peter for taking over my duties, and also Ron, Mark, Janet and Julian for chairing the rallies I could not attend.

I would also like to thank past Chairlady Janice Kent for chairing the Dutch rally on my behalf.

I did have my caravan back operational for the Chairman's rally which I thought went very well, with over £200 being raised for the Chairman's Charity, along with proceeds of the breakfast baps run by Derek Pannell and his team going to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you, Derek, and the marshals Karen and Tony, Alan and Janet, and Mark and Debra who worked hard to make the rally a success.

I chaired the Pie and Pint rally at Weeley, another good venue with brilliant weather, a meal and plenty of cider on Saturday evening with a bacon roll on Sunday morning, with discounts in the Homestead Caravan shop, a pleasant long weekend.

6. Vice Chairman's Report – No report

7. Other Rally Reports:

Ron King chaired Woolverstone Rally. Report given as Ron was unable to attend meeting: Tea/coffee/biscuits laid on for members Friday with Saturday a do as you please day. Flagpole on Sunday with 4 visitors from South Essex Centre. We welcomed one new rallier. Weather was kind making it ideal for local walks which many took advantage of. 36 units in total attended. Thanks to marshals.

Janet Dobson chaired Nowton Park Rally. Report given as Janet was unable to attend meeting: A new venue, thanks to Julian and Donna Fincham-Jacques with Jerry and Heather Goddard. Lovely spot for either walking among the grounds or getting the nearby bus to get into Bury St Edmunds. Sadly, weather was against us but it did brighten to enable people to get out and about. Useful café on site. Flagpole ended up informal event under the useful shelters and we were all provided tea/coffee and cupcakes. Good addition to our Centre programme, hopefully in for 2020.

Rally report for Hurray for Holland: Thanks were given to Janice Kent, past Chairlady, for chairing the rally. Sadly, Peter Wilson had to return home due to Ineke's health at the beginning of the rally. Plenty arranged to keep all occupied, with games, cycle rides, local visits and two organised trips off site. Rally ended with organised BBQ on site. Thanks to those attending from marshals Melody and Graham Gosling with Mark and Debra Terry. Peter Wilson requested that it be minuted his grateful thanks to Melody, Graham, Mark and Debra for stepping in to run the rally when he and Ineke had to go home.

8. Treasurers Report

Funds – end of July and August

Bank Account	5612.39
Un-presented Cheques	(3.00)
True Balance	5609.39
Caravan Club	5,500.00
Cash with Treasurer	79.51
Total	11188.90

Unpresented Cheques 50th Anniversary rally refund £3.00

Deposits for forthcoming rallies; £9240.00 for 2019 Thorpeness Holiday Rally

Fund Balances

Charity Fund of £510.85

Junior Crew £483.90

Special Fund £814.59

9. Secretary Report

9.1. Membership – as at Friday 2nd August was 1187 and at Friday 23rd August was 1151. Members going void for June were 49.

Members going void for July are anticipated to be 74. 84 original emails have been sent. Those acknowledged not renewing so far = 7.

9.2. Correspondence.

Email from Club. General Letters to Centres will now be known as Centre Guidance and the whole document has been re-issued. Copies have been sent round committee; this document is for committee use only. Some areas highlighted by them where changed. Will arrange to pull out the documents to save for use.

9.3. Other –

Recent addition of new domain. Peter Wilson confirmed that there will be no cost to the centre for this new domain. It will now remain dormant and will not be renewed.

Club competition for website. Janet asked that it be discussed as to whether a letter should be sent from committee suggesting that the competition for websites be suspended for 2020 due to the requirements of the Club which it is suspected many Centres cannot match. The basis of their recent email, suggesting many websites could fall foul of the GDPR requirements, is not fair on Centres. Happy to draft such a letter on return from holiday. **OUTCOME:** Janet is requested to send a letter but is asked to speak to Julian first.

Nominations for 2020 committee. As at 23rd August two nominations received: Ron King for Committee, Garry Pyett for Chairman. Melody Gosling confirmed she will seek re-election and will complete the appropriate form immediately.

Thorpeness Rally – Contact was made about an incident that has occurred, involving marshals, at the start of the rally. The Club was contacted, this matter is between those involved, not an insurance matter. No further action for committee. There was a further incident during the rally concerning the 'raft race'. Discussion took place on retaining age restriction and ways to enforce/monitor.

9.4. Attendance – Those outstanding to date (23rd August) are: Easter at Trinity Park and Debenham. For attendance received so far, a total of 191 members have rallied at least once (taken from Fellowship Report).

10. Rally Secretary Report – Alan provided report.

10.1. 2020 Programme. Total of 32 rallies for 2020, some still pending confirmation, with 3 for 2021. Very disappointing at this stage, have emailed other Centres with some response, some "regulars" have not approached for dates. Email from Anglia Region giving dates for the Question Time meeting with added rally at Fowlmere Village Hall (Mid Anglia to run). Disappointing they can't liaise with Centres to check dates rather than just tell us, especially so late in the year.

10.2. 2020 Handbook. Some work started. Will prepare handbook for both printing and PDF despatch.

10.3. Printers. Nothing to report.

10.4. Booking of rallies/Privacy Statements. Appears we now have Centre guidance, will be working through anything relevant for rallies and handbook.

10.5. Adverts. No further response from outstanding two I had contacted. Income will be less for 2020 as 3 have said no and 2 are still to confirm.

11. Publicity – no report. Gary Pyett advised having left brochures at Swaffham.

12. Rally Equipment – Ron sent this report. We now have 2 new flag stakes, one replacement and a spare. Is looking on getting the damaged one repaired if possible. Chris has passed on an extra gas urn, should we get this checked to be on safe side? The urn that gave problems at Woolverstone has been checked by Birchwood Caravan Services, bill paid will submit claim to Mark in September. The committee believes it prudent for all equipment to be checked whenever possible.

13. Sports and National Liaison – no report.

14. Webmaster – Julian advised that a number of sites were affected recently by an unknown 'glitch'. Site is now up and running.

15. Newsletter – no report.

16. Junior Liaison – no report

17. Regional Meeting - The Club has set the question time for the 18th or 25th April next year and John Kent is in negotiations with a site as near as possible and a tour of Duxford, Thetford Forest Centre or Fritton Lake other possible venues.

In future the Regional AGM will be held prior to the Club AGM, possibly done just as a meeting, with an independent adjacent rally to become the Children in Need Rally.

The Club is still looking at the regional setup review and there may only be 3 meetings a year.

The Festival weekends that the club had requested to be run to entice new ralliers had not proved to have much of a take up.

The Regional/Centre information setup at the National was successful bringing in some new centre members, also giving more info on Centre membership.

18. Any Other Business - It was with much sole-searching and regret that Peter Wilson handed a 'Letter of Resignation' to Gary Pyett, with immediate effect, which was read out to the committee. Julian Fincham-Jacques proposed a vote of thanks for all of Peters support and dedication, in his role of committee member and Vice-chairman, over the past years, this was seconded by Mark Terry. The committee request that a card be sent to Ineke. Peter handed over to Gary paperwork for 1st Rally at Sax stead, Valentine's rally at Hallowtree and information on 'Whisky Galore' rally, Alan Dobson has originals of this paperwork.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th October at 7.30 p.m.

With AGM due Sunday 20th October, there will be a short committee meeting immediately after this meeting to confirm details and roles and for photographs for handbook.

Next full meeting after AGM due Wednesday 13th November.

Venue – Hintlesham Community Centre

This meeting closed at: 9:45 pm

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