

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE

REPORT FOR MARCH 2020

Finalised 14th March 2020

Due to exceptional circumstances, also with several committee not attending, it was decided not to hold a meeting at Hintlesham in March, but to compile minutes by email and correspondence. The information below reflects this. Each committee member emailed in reports/observations.

Participating were:

Chairman	Garry Pyett
Vice Chairman & Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Treasurer	Mark Terry
Secretary & Attendance	Janet Dobson
Rally Secretary & Advertising	Alan Dobson
Centre Equipment	Ron King
Competitions/Junior/National	Chris Stammers
Publicity	Melody Gosling
Newsletter	Peter Wilson

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Not applicable.

2. **Corrections to Previous Minutes** - All agreed correct.

3. **Signing of previous minutes:** Proposer - Julian Fincham-Jacques and Seconder - Alan Dobson.

Minutes for the February 2020 meeting, having been agreed, to be signed by Chairman, Garry Pyett, at April meeting.

4. **Matters Arising** - None noted.

5. **Chairman's Report Sent In:** Garry emailed: We attended the funeral of Jan Fitch on 16th Feb at the Weeley Crematorium; there was a very large turnout of past and present members of the centre, some having to stand.

We also attended Ken Syzling's funeral, in the new chapel at the West Suffolk Crematorium, followed by a buffet at the Three Kings in Fornham, where a lot of photo's showed Ken during his life, many caravan orientated, several present & past club members attended.

After the problems of presenting the charity cheque at the Natter & Chatter, and not wanting to withhold the funds any longer, Ben Walker from the EAAA called at our house and we presented him the cheque, as you will see in the newsletter & on the website.

Connie and I were invited as honoured guests of the Chairman Will Thursby to attend the South Essex Centre Dinner & Dance at the County Hotel in Chelmsford on the 29th February. Will & Penny looked after us very well and the hospitality was 1st class, a rally was run alongside this at Chelmer Valley School, a great weekend.

We will be attending the North Essex Dinner Dance and rally 13-15th March.

6. **Vice Chairman's Report Sent In:** Julian emailed that there was nothing to report at this time.

7. **Other Rally Reports** - No rallies to report on.

8. **Treasurers Report Sent In:**

Funds - end of February

Bank Account	8442.03
Rally Deposits Held	(8410.00)
VAT QTD	(559.13)
Charity Fund	(104.00)
True Balance	(631.10)
Caravan Club	3,000.00
Cash with Treasurer	50.43
Total	2419.33

Fund Balances

Junior Crew £513.40

Special Fund £814.59

Charity Fund - Income: - £104

Rally Accounts: Gain or loss: - Valentines Rally awaiting paperwork.

9. Secretary Report

9.1. Membership - as at Friday 28th February is 1098. Jan o/s 40 (known 5 not renewing - 36 subsequently did not renew - report 6th March). February members still to renew is 67 (known 4 not renewing).

Emails re the book preference - So far 415 for PDF, 139 for Post, 542 no reply and 2 not renewing in the future. For pending void Jan/Feb = 104 members with emails. 5 have said books, 6 PDF, 6 not renewing, 1 deceased and 86 have not replied.

9.2. Correspondence: Email received on 3rd March 2020, from Club office, re the current Coronavirus outbreak and possible effects to the Club as a whole. At the present time situation is being monitored and for rallies no action is required at this stage, and not recommended large events are cancelled. This is; however, an ongoing situation and updates will be sent where appropriate.

Janet requested a short statement be put on the front page of our website so members can see we are monitoring the situation and following Club guidance, and that we will update members where and when necessary. **COMMITTEE OUTCOME:** There was agreement that something along the lines of the email from the Club be placed on the front page of the website.

9.3. Other -

1st Ralliers - For information in 2016 - 19, 2017 - 11, 2018 - 31, 2019 - 20, 2020 - 2 so far.

Overall rallies - On checking lists the Centre shows at the end of 2019 a total of 2,170 rallies, anticipated end of 2020 to be 2,215 rallies.

Hintlesham: Meeting room cancelled for March meeting, indication credit for date would be given.

9.4. Attendance - Outstanding: Valentine Rally.

10. Rally Secretary Report Sent In:

10.1. 2020 Programme - 4B in for North Essex Copdock rally, no details of rally as yet. Have requested information from their Rally Secretary.

10.2. 2021 Programme - no further additions.

10.3. 2021 Handbook - nothing to report.

10.4. Printers - Order for publicity leaflets done and collected.

10.5. Adverts - nothing to report.

10.6. 4B Requests - Received from South Essex. Clare Priory venue. 4 to 6 June and 3 to 5 September in 2021. Also received from South Essex is Green Farm, Acton for 17 to 20 June 2021.

Alan requested these are held over until later in the year as our 2021 programme is only just underway. COMMITTEE OUTCOME: There was committee agreement to hold over any 4B requests until later in the year when our programme is known.

10.7. Virus Outbreak - Alan stated he would also make sure Rally Marshals are kept informed of any Club information/notifications over rallies as and when appropriate.

11. Publicity Report Sent In: Melody emailed: As I am now well on the road to recovery following my foot operation and having requested and received approval for a reprint of the Suffolk Centre Leaflet, it is my intention during the month of March to call dealers in the area to arrange for 'Dealer Days'. I would appreciate any help from any other member of the committee who already have a relationship with dealers, to speak to their contacts and find out a few dates that would be acceptable to the dealer then get back to me to firm up on dates. I would also appreciate any help any committee member would like to offer in assisting at these 'Dealer Days'. I will submit a report at the next meeting to update the committee on progress.

12. Rally Equipment Sent In: Ron emailed that he had received the new shelter, which will be marked as centre property, and parts from the damaged one would be kept for spares. He has also received Centre equipment - Bingo set on loan to centre, Professional Dart Board, 3 Large cooking pans, 1 Wooden shield (Target Bowls Dermic Trophy) - from Trevor Smith.

13. Sports and National Liaison Report Sent In: Chris emailed there was nothing to report at this time.

14. Webmaster Report Sent In: Julian emailed that there was nothing to report at this time.

15. Newsletter Report Sent In: Peter emailed that there was no report for this meeting.

16. Junior Liaison Report Sent In: Chris emailed there was nothing to report at this time.

17. Regional Meeting Report Sent In: Report emailed by Garry: There has been no meeting since the last Centre committee meeting, so nothing to report. However, I was informed by the Regional Chairman at the SEC dinner that the Question Time hall for up to 200 people was now full, however there were still a few places on the rally. John Kent has since advised that only 2 places left on the rally.

18. Any Other Business - Nothing noted under A.O.B.

Date of next meeting - Due Wednesday 8th April 2020 but face to face meeting cancelled due to virus situation. Emailed report version to be put together around this time.

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