

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE**  
**REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021**  
**Finalised - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

With current restrictions no face-to-face meeting could be held so report drawn up on email correspondence once again.

**Participating were:**

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

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

2. **Corrections to Previous Report** - None noted.

3. **Signing of January report:** A report was drawn up for January to detail where the Centre was at this stage with further restrictions in place.

4. **Matters Arising** - Nothing noted.

5. **Chairman's Report** - Garry sent in a report - I sincerely hope that all our members are keeping safe and well, with several of our members in the high groups for vaccinations, I hope they have all been able to get at least their 1<sup>st</sup> jab, as rallying etc is still in lockdown, see Janet's notes, there is little to report, I did have a nice homemade card from a member, thanking all the team for what we are doing during this unfortunate period, much appreciated. Please all Stay Safe and Well and we will be out in our units when it is safe to do so.

6. **Vice Chairman's Report** - Nothing to note.

7. **Other Rally Reports** - None held. Next rally due to be Easter at Trinity Park.

8. **Treasurers Report** -

**Funds at 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021    Minus figures in RED**

<b>BANK ACCOUNT</b>	<b>6560.50</b>
<b>RALLY DEPOSITS HELD</b>	<b>6865.00</b>
<b>VAT</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>CHARITY FUND</b>	<b>131.75</b>
<b>TRUE BALANCE</b>	<b>450.25</b>

<b>DEPOSITED WITH CAMC</b>	<b>3000.00</b>
<b>CASH PREV TREASURER</b>	<b>18.44</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2568.19</b>

## FUND BALANCES

JUNIOR CREW	513.40
SPECIAL FUND	814.59

## 9. Secretary Report

**9.1. Membership** - Janet reported that membership at Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February is 1340. Members from December renewal that went void totalled 47 and members still to renew for January is 53. With December being dealt with there are no further books to be sent out - certainly by post - unless they renew or we get new members with no email address. There is now about £1+ in the Drop and Go Account. Janet says she will post books as and when needed, keep receipts, and claim back at a later date.

Janet asked could we put up a notice on the website that books have been sent out by either email or post - anyone not receiving anything to please email:

[secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk).

### 9.2. Correspondence as received:

**a. Email from Club 26<sup>th</sup> January.** The Club has informed all Centres that any rallies or events booked for February have to be cancelled. They will be monitoring the Government guidelines and if nothing changes will look at the March rallies later in February. They advised that in the circumstances the Scottish Centres have decided to cancel all their rallies until the end of May. The Club supports their decision.

**b.** Due to messages received from December renewing members Janet said she had queried with the Club over postal applications for membership and Centre membership in general. The Club has confirmed that 1) Centre membership is renewable annually by the member to be able to re-affirm data being used 2) requests by the postal system are taking longer than usual - Club staff are still working from home 3) renewal letters for December have been delayed and possibly lost in the post. Club membership will be renewed if members are down for automatic renewal. Those waiting for cards before renewing Centre membership may find themselves no longer being Centre members.

**c. Email from Club 11<sup>th</sup> February.** The Club is doing a review on the process used to upload rally entries for the Club Rally Supplement. As Janet has uploaded these the last few years she will reply to their questions and offer suggestions as they are trying to make this more user friendly.

### 9.3. Other -

**a.** Following email 26<sup>th</sup> January and a further announcement from the Government, the Club posted on their website that all their sites would now be closed up to and including 8<sup>th</sup> March. For the CLs and Affiliated Sites, they asked members to contact those directly. With rallying held until end of February it can be assumed that rallies look like having to be cancelled to 8<sup>th</sup> March also. A further update is awaited.

**b.** Question has been asked if we are ordering, or have already, the normal Year Pointers.

**c.** South Essex Centre is organising a Zoom quiz on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3 p.m. Details are on both Facebook groups - not on the website - or available from Centre Secretary at [secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk](mailto:secretary@suffolkcentre.co.uk).

**9.4. Attendance** - List has been made ready in the database for recording purposes.

## 10. Rally Secretary Report

**10.1. 2022 Programme** - Date list is available - early January/February rallies now in. The end May Bank Holiday is not listed for 2022 with the holiday being used over the

period of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June to cover the Queens Jubilee. Unknown if the Club will hold a National event in 2022.

**10.2 Rally Marshal paperwork** - Alan said he has the equipment sheets and his information ready to pass onto the marshals but does need the Treasurer pack information - Account sheet, Defaulter sheet, Attendance List. All this will be going out via email for the marshals to print out as and when needed, but will post to those unable to do so. As the packs normally had a paying in slip, what arrangements are to be made? After discussion account paperwork has been sorted and will be sent out. Do we also need to discuss financing rallies, payment up front etc., even though we don't have a clue when we will be let loose again so marshals can make arrangements that may be necessary with those booking on and their sites?

**11. Publicity** - Melody reported that with dealers still closed any chance of contact remains on hold.

**12. Rally Equipment** - Ron reported that he had updated the equipment list of who held what and where it was and forwarded an updated information sheet. He passed on his thanks to fellow committee members for their information.

**13. Sports and National Liaison** - No report.

**14. Webmaster** - Julian reported website being monitored, some information and documents to go on there.

**15. Newsletter** - Peter reported that he was starting to put together another edition for March and would appreciate any input from committee. Janet suggested contacting Rally Marshals to put something brief in about what they were hoping to do, emails sent at Peters' request.

**16. Junior Liaison** - No report.

**17. Regional Meeting** - Garry sent in a report - There was a Zoom meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan for committee, regional reps and also the chairman of the CAMC Grenville Chamberlain OBE zoomed as in normal, there was not much to discuss as per the centres as not a lot was happening. It was nice to see and hear from the new Norfolk Centre Chairman, as they had been in a bad position in forming a full committee with all the exec's required to continue, we wish him well. I have not had the minutes yet so unable to comment on anything further, but all the centre reps seemed to be weathering the pandemic at the moment."

**18. Any Other Business** - One of our members, and an advertiser, supplies caravan equipment as his business. He had asked committee last year about having a selection of equipment available on rallies to which he offered a donation towards Centre Funds on sales made. He has approached committee again requesting the same for 2021, initially by supply direct while we are closed down, and then on the rally field. After discussion it was decided that whilst we could approve the suggestion, the Centre could not be seen to participate in any selling or storing of any equipment, nor could the Rally Chairman nor Rally Marshals handle any payments or equipment. This he would have to do himself - or to ask a friend to do - and arrange payment to him. We are mindful that otherwise issues over VAT may apply, together with our liability should stock not be accounted for. This is to be put to him and if in agreement a written agreement to be drawn up. He is to decide what donation he will make to Centre funds, and when.

**Date of next meeting** - The next scheduled meeting is at Hintlesham Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. This is subject to change.

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