

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
REPORT FOR JULY 2020
Finalised - 17th July 2020

Due to continuing exceptional circumstances, and with Club advice, all meetings face to face have been suspended. Information below is that received by the Centre Secretary to report to members for July 2020.

Participating were:

Chairman & Regional Rep.	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 & Regional Rep.	Peter Wilson

1. Apologies for Absence - not applicable.

2. Corrections to Previous Report - None noted.

3. Signing of June Report:

The June report was prepared by email correspondence as the meeting had been cancelled due to low numbers and current virus circumstances. After committee were consulted, it was taken as accepted by Garry Pyett and was to be published on website.

4. Matters Arising - Item 9.2.d. A brief message was sent to member. Email replies however escalated into being personal so conversation was terminated. A copy of each email/reply is held in Centre correspondence folder, Centre membership not been renewed.

5. Chairman's Report - My report this month is short as very little is happening with rallies not running. I have endeavoured to continue to contact and check on some of our senior members who I have contact details for over the weekends, some really appreciate the calls, I note from the details Janet provides we are losing members, mostly I believe down to this CO-VID 19 and waiting to see what happens, but I have also been made aware that some of our most senior members have or are in the process of selling their units and giving up caravanning, as they feel that a lot is tied up in the assets and don't see a sociable way to carry on, an awful shame, but I can see where they are coming from. I have also been dealing with some of the understandable 'fall out' from cancel rallies etc, and some members seem to think that I should be able to change HQ CAMC rules etc, but hopefully whilst not always happy, they get to understand why the committee has to make unpalatable decisions for the safety of everyone. Stay safe, stay well and we will get through this.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Nothing for July.

7. Other Rally Reports - Not applicable.

8. Treasurers Report -

Funds - end of June

Bank Account	8832.08
Rally Deposits Held	(8245.00)
VAT QTD	50.00
Charity Fund	(124.00)
True Balance	513.08
Caravan Club	3,000.00
Cash with Treasurer	18.44
Total	3531.52

Fund Balances

Junior Crew £513.40

Special Fund £814.59

Charity Fund - Income: -

Rally Accounts Gain or loss: - Thorpeness Rally deposits refunded so far £1495.00 (13 units).

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - as at Friday 3rd July is 1147. May members not renewing were 68 and there are 73 members from June still to renew. Those who lapsed earlier and now renewed also showing up with new membership number. Database altered to capture details - time consuming.

A review of those leaving the Centre and the new members showed: from 1st Jan to end of April 169 (minimum) left the Centre. Members that indicated leaving are extra to this number as details are deleted when non-renewal is advised. New members from 1st January to end of April total 272. It is noted that new members ranged in the 1 to 10 a week up to 22nd May. Current situation may be reasoning behind weekly figures of Friday 5th June - 25 new members, Friday 26th June - 30 new members, Friday 3rd July - 33 new members.

Janet reported she is still following up about books or PDF for 2021 for those members who are used to getting a book. Even more vital we get precise figures now. List shows: 281 still to answer (some of these may not renew), 690 for PDF, 200 to post and 3 pending against membership 11th July.

9.2. Correspondence as received:

a. Email from Club 16 June 2020. Received protocol and guidance for rallies as expected. A date to resume has not yet been set by Government, an anticipated date is 4th July 2020. Copy given to all committee for thoughts and discussion. A lot to take in - rallies would look vastly different - at this time there are 4 July rallies still pending and 2 Suffolk rallies due in August. Looking at the details every rally will be badly to severely impacted. After a lot of discussion the committee took the decision that for the safety and welfare of marshals and members, and being unable to comply with some of the requirements, we had no other option but to advise marshals and members that the rest of the July rallies and the 2 August rallies could not go ahead and were therefore being cancelled. The Club has made it clear that the decision to allow rallies or not will lie with Centre Committees. This was not a decision taken lightly and done with deep regret.

b. Email from member 24th June 2020. Email from member querying renewal of membership and situation re rallies cancelled. Answer sent on both questions, further query. Messages passed to committee for discussion as requested, Garry to follow up

to resolve. Garry confirmed telephone conversation had taken place to answer questions.

c. **Email from Club 25th June 2020.** Following on from decision taken on the grounds of the Club protocol document, further email received giving a holding message that guidelines are being reviewed due to the recent Government announcements for what can restart in general from 4th July. From message does not give 4th July as a date to start rallies. More details expected w/c 29th June.

d. **Email from Club 29th June 2020.** Due to legal implications following the Government recent announcement, and absence of clear guidance from them at this time, the Club has taken the decision to withdraw the exemption certificate from all Centres to end July 2020, and all rallies in this period must be cancelled. The current information is that groups of over 30 people - legality is questioned. The Club will be discussing August onwards on 20th July when we will receive further information.

e. **Email from Club 7th July 2020.** Advice if Centre was looking to re-schedule dates on rallies of over 5 days (120 Hours). This does not affect Suffolk Centre.

9.3. Other - AGM for October 2020. Following on from Club email and with the current distancing and other issues, this needed to be discussed urgently as to how we prepare for this. Limited rallies in September/October. Nomination cut off 4th October. Will rally be viable? AGM can be extended to 15 months, costs involved. Platform kept to minimum. Pre-booking to advise attendance possibility. Online nomination form prepared. Forms in handbook still accepted.

Garry Pyett suggested that the committee look at "rolling over" for 2021 - Janet to check with Club as Guide to Centres does not indicate this is possible. **OUTCOME:** Reply from Club stating protocols for AGMs is being dealt with and Centres to hear shortly. It has been confirmed that the suggestion of "rolling over" committee cannot be done, all posts become vacant and nomination system must be followed. AGM can be extended to maximum of 15 months - up to 18th January 2021.

Emailed nomination form requested; process went smoothly. Nominations received are for: Peter Wilson - Committee, Julian Fincham-Jacques - Vice Chairman and Garry Pyett - Chairman. (It is normal practice that a Chairman stands for 3 years. Letter received with explanation due to circumstances this year). All members can still put forward nominations for any post on committee.

9.4. Attendance - Not applicable

10. Rally Secretary Report

10.1. 2020 Programme - Henham Steam has now cancelled the annual event, so rally cancelled also. Tangham rally also cancelled as site has now taken decision not to open for 2020.

10.2. 2021 Programme - 19 rallies listed so far for 2021 and a couple for 2022. Of the 19 rallies 4 are Invitation Rallies.

10.3. Handbook - Some preparation made for layout of the 2021 book. Some rally details for programme are in.

10.4. Printers - To look at contacting printers for initial discussion.

10.5. Adverts - No further email replies in as yet.

Alan said he had received an offer from one Advertiser (Karl Moles) to supply some items that he sells direct to the rally field/marshal and he will donate a percentage of £sales to the Centre funds. Fine details to be looked at if committee agrees. He is

also advertising with us again for 2021. **OUTCOME:** No negative feedback - to look at how we could make this work for Equipment Sales.

11. Publicity - Melody reported that the window of opportunity for 2020 dealer days was getting smaller as dealers still in "virtual" viewing rather than open generally for customers.

12. Rally Equipment - Ron had nothing to report with regard to equipment this month.

13. Sports and National Liaison - No report received.

14. Webmaster - Being updated as normal when notifications received. Have updated AGM tab with the online nomination form.

15. Newsletter - Peter asked if it was possible to know from the website if it showed how many viewed the Newsletter over the last 3 editions and would it be possible to use the website to email out the Newsletter direct to members. **OUTCOME:** Julian replied: We do not have the facility to see how many people, or how many times, have clicked into the website (unlike previous version) or any section of it. Without the members area we cannot directly email from the website, but Julian indicated that he has another idea to look at but not sure it will work.

16. Junior Liaison - No report received.

17. Regional Meeting - No further meetings held as yet.

18. Any Other Business - None brought up.

Date of next meeting - All face to face meetings cancelled, to be extended to cover the July meeting. Committee will continue with a monthly report at around normal meeting date of each month to keep members advised until normal meetings are resumed. Suggested meeting in August if not will be in September.

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