

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JULY 2021 MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM 14TH JULY 2021

This was the first face to face committee meeting since February 2020 (AGM 2020 was held face to face, closed meeting). The meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

Attending 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	Position vacant

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Melody Gosling, Peter Wilson and Mark Terry all gave their apologies for not being able to attend.

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

3. **Signing of June report:** A report was drawn up for June to detail where the Centre was at this stage with restrictions still in place. Agreed, to be put on website.

4. **Matters Arising** - Under Item 4 it had been noted there was a non-renewal of Centre and Club membership by Chris Stammers, committee, who has since re-joined Club/Centre. This effectively meant Chris had left the committee. Chris was given a choice of being co-opted back onto the committee until AGM 2021 or to just re-stand for committee at the AGM 2021. Chris has requested to return to committee. This was fully discussed with all committee (those not attending had been included) and it was decided by a majority decision that with the close proximity of the AGM, as the roles involved were not urgently needed at this time, that at this time there was no need to co-opt on any member. All the committee will stand down at the AGM, giving members the opportunity to stand for any role. Garry did indicate at this point that he will not be standing for the Chairman position for 2022.

5. **Chairman's Report** - Garry reported that he had attended: Father's Day at Bromeswell Rally which was excellent and it was good to see children playing out again on the rally field after so much time. Ron and Denise King were presented with their 450th rally plaque. Clare Priory Rally went well considering the weather that at times appeared and it is a nice site although somewhat smaller each year as the trees mature even more. Woolverstone Rally again had the mixed weather but there are some lovely walks off site. Unfortunately, being taken ill Garry had to return home and he thanked Ron King for taking over as Rally Chairman - this rally had the "follow on" to Weeley which started the day of this meeting, again thanks to Ron King for acting as Rally Chairman on that one.

6. **Vice Chairman's Report** - Julian had nothing to report this month.

7. **Other Rally Reports** - All rallies to date had been chaired by Garry Pyett, Centre Chairman.

8. Treasurers Report - Paul sent in the financial report.

Funds at 30th June 2021

Bank Account	12,011.22
Rally Deposits held	-8913.00
VAT	45.72
Charity Fund	-221.75
TRUE BALANCE	2,922.19
Deposited with CAMC	3,000.00
Cash with Treasurer	18.44
TOTAL	5,940.63

Paul also reported that the 2nd Quarter VAT payment has been made.

9. Secretary Report

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that membership as at Friday 2nd July was 1,572. Members from May renewal that went void totalled 70 and members still to renew for June is 118. For July there are 207 liable to renew. Response from these members emailed about renewal had various replies: some would be renewing, some had sold up, some had just joined the "local group" on joining the Club, but were not renewing as not really what they wanted to do. The majority have not replied. Following receipt of the Friday report for 9th July, Janet reported that 14 members from the void list had now re-joined and with another list of 22 new members, current membership stands at 1,606.

Janet also reported that in a conversation about membership with the Club, it would appear that if you join online, you get the option of a tick-box to join your local Group. From the conversation it appeared that not much is done to fully explain what the local Group actually involves. Some members, on receipt of welcoming email, almost cancel straight away, coming off membership almost on the next report. Certainly, as we approach the end of their first year, they are not renewing.

9.2. Correspondence as received: Nothing received.

9.3. Other - Janet reported that envelopes had been made ready to supply plaques to those attending: Southwold, Rede Hall and Thorpeness. However due to a precedent now set the marshals for Clare Priory, Woolverstone and Weeley cannot be held to the current Club instructions. As at 7th July no plaques have been delivered. Plaques were given at the meeting. Janet will envelope up and distribute.

Janet requested that we look seriously at a date and venue for the Centres AGM for 2022. Chris Stammers has already advised he will not be marshalling this rally for 2022. This is normally announced at the AGM due this October and we are leaving it tight in organising something. Perhaps drop to purely a meeting?

This was discussed and felt that we should stick with rally and meeting. To look at Trinity Park again and possible other venues, but it was felt that the availability of electric was a deciding factor in some booking the rally.

9.4. Attendance - Attendance lists received for Bromeswell Rally and Clare Priory Rally.

10. Rally Secretary Report

10.1. 2022 Programme - 12 rallies in book so far. Have emailed other Centres in Anglia Region, and the Region itself, for anything proposed that may go in our book. South Essex Centre reported the sudden loss recently of their Rally Secretary, condolences have been sent. Possible other venues/dates were discussed, they were still in the pipeline.

10.2. Handbook for 2022 - Nothing done or started to be honest at this stage. Paul mentioned that there was still one advertiser payment outstanding, he will follow up on it.

10.3. Rally bookings - Was the committee in favour of Melody offering first choice on spaces for the Valentine 2022 rally to those already booked on the February 2021 event that had been cancelled. All agreed no problem.

10.4. Possible Handbook numbers - Alan obtained following numbers from membership list - at 1572 when done - for those listed for books/pdf for 2022. Figures obtained were: 1 member wanted a book and a pdf, 3 members did not want a copy (one down not to renew), 1,302 were down for a pdf next year and 266 members for posted copies. Of the 266 to post, 141 members fall within renewal of June 2021 to December 2021 which gives 125 members confirmed renewal for next year who are also down to receive a printed copy of the handbook.

Alan said that Chris Stammers had already indicated he would not be putting in an Easter Rally nor marshalling the AGM in 2022. To put out to members looking for marshals/venue if any interest.

11. Publicity - Melody had no report this for meeting.

12. Rally Equipment - Ron just re-iterated to marshals if they need extra equipment, please just to contact him.

13. Sports and National Liaison - Position vacant.

14. Webmaster - Julian reported that updates are going onto the site as soon as he was able to do so.

15. Newsletter - Peter was unable to attend the meeting so sent in the following report:

Next edition of the Newsletter will be issued during September to cover any Rallies between now and then and anything for the AGM. Can Rally Chairs please let me have any Reports, with photos please, for the Newsletter. Thank you (in anticipation).

Peter also advised that he would be joining in with the expected Zoom Regional Meeting, to be held on 12th July, as Garry was away at that time. The original date had been changed. Garry advised at the meeting that the date had changed yet again and the Zoom meeting was now scheduled for tonight, 14th July. Peter offered again to join in. Report for meeting detailed under Section 17.

16. Junior Liaison - Position vacant.

17. Regional Meeting - Now re-scheduled for 14th July. Peter sent in the following report:

The meeting was opened and Garry had his apologies recorded. Centre Membership across the East Anglian Region has increased, but actual number are vague, so each member of the 5 Centres was asked to provide the Regional Chairman with an accurate figure as at the date of the meeting (or as close to the 14th July as possible) [I did say I would ask Janet to send the figures to the Regional Chairman]. Norfolk Centre is successfully using the Payment System

using a Card Reader and they are also investigating the possibility of booking and paying for future rallies online, on their own website.

The Regional AGM will be held at Chelmer School on the 12th September 2021, starting at 11:00.

It is planned to hold a Children In Need Rally 12-14th November 2021.

The National is to be 1-5th June 2022 at Belvoir Castle (as per page 6 of the Suffolk Centre June Newsletter). We would be celebrating the Queens Platinum Anniversary at the National.

A Summer Ball is proposed for 2022 and ideas are needed for a venue or theme.

The Club Chairman stated that changes to the Covid Rules would be issued shortly by Governance and that a Charity Rally would be held next year at some point. Regional Membership is now in excess of 60,000; Club Sites are fully booked and most CL's are filling up. The Chairman also stated we all need to continue to be careful.

The Next Meeting after the AGM is to be decided.

18. Committee - Mark had nothing to report for this month.

19. Any Other Business -

Garry brought up about committee badges/window plaques and that there are no Past Chairman Badges or window plaques in stock. Julian to follow up a lead for the plaques and Paul to follow up about the badges. Garry pointed out that Janice Kent had lost her Past Chairman plaque in a fire so we could look at the cost of 2. Janet and Garry to look at what they actually hold in badges/plaques for committee.

No 2021 year pointers had been ordered - Janet offered to follow up a possible lead for a supply or name of supplier. **UPDATE:** Janet enquired and obtained details of company used by another Centre. Details passed to committee. This company also provides plaques similar to what the Centre used to supply some years ago.

Due to an oversight, for which committee apologised, although agreed no donation in the memory of Past Chairman Bill Ferguson had been sent. This is normal committee practice. Janet offered to pass on apologies to his wife Wendy, and ask where a donation could be sent. **UPDATE:** Details found and passed to Garry Pyett and Paul Wade.

Ron brought up the question of Rally Chairman paying the Admin Fee or not. It was accepted this had changed over the years. It was felt this should be looked at so Janet to put on the next Agenda to discuss.

Julian raised the point that members had been commenting on the changes we have had in running rallies during the pandemic and how many were saying they quite liked that there were no flagpoles. Some felt they had not missed them, they could be at inconvenient times (going out or packing up), most did thank the marshals on the way out. Should we be looking at a different approach going forward. Janet suggested making any tea/coffee gathering an informal method - possibly using the rally envelope to add in the notices often given out. She felt children's sweets should be a thing of the past as we got back to normal. Peg prizes had almost died out anyway. Janet to put on the next Agenda to discuss.

Alan felt that the opportunity to pay by bank transfer had been a good idea, could we look at still offering this facility? Paul replied there was no problem from his point of view - it would be down to the rally marshal.

Date of next meeting - The next scheduled meeting is at Hintlesham Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30 p.m. depending on restrictions at the time.

Does the committee wish to schedule a face-to-face meeting in August or provide a report as before? Janet to email committee to find out general feeling over this and dates people may be available.

Email sent - dates option are 4th or 11th August. Hintlesham contacted. It would appear the 11th is favourable to all replied and Paul as Treasurer is doubtful over the 4th. Hintlesham confirm we can have larger hall on the 11th. Meeting therefore confirmed for Wednesday 11th August at Hintlesham at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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