

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**Attending were:**

Chairman & Regional Rep (1).	Ron King
Vice Chairman & Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Secretary & Attendance	Janet Dobson
Rally Secretary & Advertising	Alan Dobson
Regional Representative (2)	Chris Stammers
Publicity	Melody Gosling
Newsletter	Graham Gosling
Centre Equipment	Tina King

Meeting opened by Ron King - Chairman - at 7.40 p.m.

Chris Stammers sent a message that he was delayed but would join meeting as soon as possible, again traffic issues on the A14 - Sarah was unable to get to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence** - Karl Moles (Sports), Paul Wade (Treasurer). Alison was unable to attend due to contracting Covid-19.

Paul Wade and Alison Stammers subsequently joined in the meeting via phone connection.

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

**3. Signing of December minutes:** These were agreed and signed by Ron King (Chairman).

**4. Matters Arising -**

- a. Year pointers were sourced and ordered. Quantity of 40 plaques for years 2021 and also for 2022.

**5. Chairman's Report** - Ron wanted to wish all members a Happy New Year and hopes for a better 2022. He chaired Saxtead Rally as the first rally of the year. 9 units attended, mixed weather and a lot of normal walks turned into 4 wheeled transport. Sun shone for flagpole and a thanks to Nick and Ruth (landlords) for the food and hospitality and Carole and Nick Harbottle for arranging the rally.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the majority of committee attended at Thurston for a get-together/workshop, putting forward ideas for the future development of the Centre. Ron felt it was productive and constructive.

17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Ron along with Alan Dobson, went to the funeral of a member, John Venables at Weeley Crematorium. John's wife Audrey thanked them for attending.

Chris Stammers was delayed getting to meeting and joined at this point.

**5a. Committee Get-Together Report.** Various ideas were put forward for discussion and they were gone through. In bringing everyone up to speed, as some had not seen them, some will be brought up at a later date, some to gain information and bring back to March meeting. Items covered were:

- Suffolk Centre constitution - Details of when and how formed are in the handbook. The Club holds no paperwork on the Centre formation.
- Centre Accounts - Paul had gone through this at the meeting for those present
- Sports Officer - Karl had ideas, not at meeting so to follow up at a later meeting
- Newsletter and photographs - permission must be given for the under 18's. There is information in Guide to Centres, to be in the next handbook.
- Centre leaflet (updating) - To be followed up by Melody
- Rally Marshals - information is provided on running a rally.
- Committee meetings - to look at meeting in person less regularly and use such as Zoom
- New members - this wasn't discussed. Janet can provide details on what is sent and when on new members joining.
- Treasurer and Secretary - cover and hand overs. Need for Treasurer from AGM 2022 most important.
- On-line booking for rallies - Julian to enquire with website developers on cost. Need to involve rally marshals, how to handle this.
- Format of Centre minutes - to avoid lengthy meetings reports to be given to Secretary to make up draft minutes, circulate before the meeting, Janet to trial from the March meeting.

At this point Tina King gave apologies and left the meeting.

Those points not answered to be on the Agenda for March.

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

**7. Other Rally Reports** - None.

**8. Treasurers Report** -

As Paul was unable to attend the meeting, he sent in the completed accounts for 2021 for committee approval. These were accepted by committee and Ron passed on his thanks to Paul for his work in getting them ready.

**9. Secretary Report**

**9.1. Membership** - Janet reported that membership as at Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was 1,480. November renewals that went void totalled 17 and outstanding still for December 2021 were 54.

At Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February membership was 1523, and December members that went void totalled 26. Members with January renewals still to renew is 57.

**9.2. Correspondence as received:**

**a. Email from Club 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.** Update on Covid restrictions across UK following recent changes.

**b. Email from Club 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** Information that the long rally form normally emailed to Governance for Long/Holiday rallies (over 5 days/120 hours), from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 will no longer be accepted by email but only the online form now available.

**c. Email from Post Office 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** For our use of the Drop and Go system we were awarded a £10 voucher to add to our account.

**d. Email from Club 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** 2022 Rally Supplement now available. Copy sent to Centre (added to Facebook Group) and a link to the Club website. Overseas rally information still awaited from Alan Rogers; this will be added when available.

e. **Email from Club.** Request for an electronic form to be completed giving details of all electrical equipment held by the Centre that is used on rallies for members - i.e., urns etc. To be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Tina King to complete.

**9.4. Attendance** - All attendance reports are in. Listing done for rally attendance.

Of 39 rallies listed, 24 actually went ahead. Members attending at least once were 164. Of this 120 did between 1 and 2 rallies, 37 did between 3 and 6 rallies, and 7 did between 7 and 12 rallies.

Fellowship plaques for 2021 qualification was reduced to 6 rallies and above due to only around half of the programme running last year. Details of names have been passed to Ron King and Don Alcock trophy engraved ready for the Natter and Chatter. A decision on qualifying numbers will be decided at the AGM for the 2022 programme.

**10. Rally Secretary Report** - Alan had nothing to report. Ron requested that we return to 4Bs being brought to committee for clearance - the pandemic and late booking of venues by other centres had meant late receipt. There was a query over listing of other centres being in Suffolk - this has been a recent addition in the book on an as and when basis there is space plus the 4Bs were late so we didn't have a list before the book went to print.

**11. Publicity** - Melody had nothing to report.

**12. Rally Equipment** - Ron reported that all the urns have now been descaled.

**13. Competitions** - Alison is making a start on various ideas.

**14. Junior Liaison** - No report.

**15. Webmaster** - Julian reported the website is being worked on, whenever possible, to get it up to date. It was asked were some of the pages out of date and Julian explained items remain on there for historical reasons and would be superseded by later editions of documents.

**16. Newsletter** - Graham was aiming for the next edition in late March and could he look into distribution rather than just being put on the website and Facebook. There had been an issue with MailChimp previously. Graham to get some figures of costs and bring to March meeting. Surveys of members had been talked about at the get-together - possibly through newsletter or website.

**17. Sports** - No report.

**18. Regional Meeting** - Chris reported that all the other Centres gave reports on their situations at present. The Region Independent member Helen brought up that if you book by telephone to the Club for a foreign holiday the Club charges a £10 admin fee and then apologises for it. The ClubFest event is full although they have/are releasing further spaces. Given figures of 80% first time at this, 60% are motorhomes. Volunteers are being looking for to assist - contact Greg Potter - or Chris can advise. Asked that centres publicise the Duxford event and rally. Discussed as to whether the committee sees a copy of the regional minutes - Janet said we don't - Chris to arrange to send copy to Janet for circulation to committee for their information only.

**19. Any Other Business** -

Ron advised that North Essex Centre will be running the Regional AGM 2022 at Hallowtree. Alan to find out who the contact point will be and advise members.

Natter and Chatter - due this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Ron hoped as many committee could be there as possible. Bacon rolls would be on offer again - surplus to Junior Funds.

Chris said it was hoped that the Juniors would be out and about more in 2022, ideas on updating some of the Junior equipment, plus the craft box is still missing.

The meeting closed at 10.50 p.m.

**Date of next meeting -**

Next meeting booked for 9<sup>th</sup> March at Hintlesham starting at 7.30 p.m.

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