

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

18TH MAY 2022

Meeting at Hintlesham did not go ahead

Committee details:

Ron King	Chairman
Treasurer	Paul Wade
Secretary & Attendance	Janet Dobson
Vice-Chairman/Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Sarah Aldis	Junior Liaison
Tina King	Equipment
Karl Moles	Sports
Regional Representative (2)	Chris Stammers
Publicity	Melody Gosling
Newsletter	Graham Gosling
Competitions	Alison Stammers

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

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

3. **Signing of April Report:** As the face-to-face meeting was called off due to varying circumstances - 5 had been unable to attend - a report for May has been drawn up from information provided.

4. **Matters Arising (other than Committee get-together).**

a. Janet reported that the Centre Health Check had finally be put together and was forwarded to Greg Potter, as requested, on 1st May with apologies for being late. This has been acknowledged and forwarded to the right department.

Item 18 - Regional Meeting: Some puzzlement from Janet, as a rally marshal, to the report that the Club is looking at an online app for booking to include CL's and Rallies. Understand that this could be the "rallies"/pop ups that the Club runs.

5. **Chairman's Report** - The following report was given by Ron King: The Easter Rally Trinity Park, Ipswich saw a good number attending. The marshals worked very hard over the weekend and brought a varied programme for the people to enjoy. During the course of activities, some fund raising took place for Centre Charity, East Anglian Air Ambulance and a grand total of £280 was achieved. A massive thank you to all who made it happen and going to a good cause.

Myself and Denise chaired 'Can You See the Sea Monster Rally' at Peewit, Felixstowe. One new rallier was presented with their First Rally plaque.

I left the Peewit rally to head to Scotland and attended the Scottish Caravan Club National Rally at Aboyne, Royal Deeside. Also attending was a Centre Past Chairman, Dave and Georgie Rabjohn. At the time of writing my report, we are at Glencoe for a few days, before starting to make our way south, with a couple more stops before arriving at Belvoir Castle for ClubFest at the beginning of June.

5a. Committee Get-Together Report. - UPDATE

- Sports Officer - to hold over as Karl not present.
- Treasurer and Secretary - cover and hand overs.
- On-line booking for rallies. Initial query reported in April. Follow up - see under Webmaster.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Julian reported: I attended the A Trinity Easter Rally 14-18th April, kindly marshalled by Ron, Denise, Alan, Janet, Chris, Amy and Lilly. The marshals laid on a wide range of events, including quizzes, a race night, bingo, fish and chip supper and charity breakfast, with the proceeds going to the Chairmans Charity. The rally attracted visitors from South Essex and Buckinghamshire. There were 4 new ralliers. One wasn't able to attend Flagpole and arrangements made to present their plaque at Tangham. There was also one 50th Rally plaque presented. An amazing weekend was had by all those that attended.

I then attended Springtime in The Forest at Tangham, very kindly hosted by Tony & Karen and Alan & Janet. Seven days of wonderful weather for everyone to sit back, relax and do as they please, exploring the walks through the wood or playing games. Two new ralliers were presented with their First Rally Plaques along with the new rallier that did not receive their plaque at Trinity Easter. The rally also had three visitors from West Hampshire, North Essex and Norfolk. The excellent weather even encouraged some to stay longer than originally planned.

Finally, I attended the A Cheesy rally at Clopton Village Hall, which was hosted by Trevor & Sue Smith and Joe & Sheila Holmes. The Saturday evening saw the marshals laying on a feast of cheese and biscuits with entertainment provided by Maria Sutherland who sang and played a mix of Jazz, Swing, Soul, Rock and Pop on the Saxophone. The rally had visitors from Southport, Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Bracknell, Dartford and Burnham on Sea. There were also two new ralliers presented with their First Rally Plaques.

7. Other Rally Reports - None applicable.

8. Treasurers Report - Paul provided following account figures:

Balance Sheet	Amount
HSBC Current Account	15,650.75
Funds on Deposit with CAMC	3,000.00
Inventory for Sale	64.40
Prepayments	233.80
Petty Cash	20.54
Debtors	119.00
TOTAL ASSETS	19,088.49
Ralliers deposits Held	-9,500.00
VAT (+ Due - Owed)	-58.25
Charity Fund	-963.00
Creditors	-1,428.00
Total	7,139.54
Junior Crew Balance	513.40
Special Fund Balance	814.59
Balance	5,811.55

Paul also advised that all the payments from the advertisers for 2022 are now in. Agreed that Paul follow up a lead for purchasing Past Chairman metal badges. Two committee ones are held by Janet as Secretary. To look at Secretary holding all metal and window plaques as these should all be handed in at AGM, and then passed onto those doing the roles for the following year.

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that Friday 6th May membership was 1,542 and March members that went void were 76. Members with April renewals to renew is 110.

9.2. Correspondence as received:

a. 25th April email from Club. - Instructions and deadlines for submission of rallies in designated National Parks.

9.4. Attendance - Database now up to date on attendance.

10. Rally Secretary Report - Alan reported a couple of more rallies have come in and a new list is available. Still very slow and other Centres have been contacted over any Rally Invitations but they could be in the same position as us. Currently 11 rallies have been put forward for the programme for 2023.

Initial approach to advertisers to be looked at shortly. As most advertisers are long-standing, and with decrease in costs, could we offer say a 10% discount if payment made within a certain time after the book goes out?

To give idea of books for next year Alan had requested member details - those given were 8 members having PDF and a book, 4 requested nothing to be sent, 1,290 PDF copies and 241 books to post - this is at 14th May 22.

Alan reported that the marshals for the Hollesley Rally in September had come up against a new management at the Suffolk Punch Trust, with new Terms and Conditions that they felt went against everything advertised. Despite a site visit, trying to negotiate, it became obvious the rally was not wanted and although other paperwork was held, the contract that Gary Pyett had returned was "missing". The rally could not go ahead and was cancelled.

11. Publicity - Pleased to advise that finally, we have been featured in the Caravan and Motorhome Club magazine on page 93. Featured was the presentation of the Don Alcock trophy to Karen and Tony Reed, sadly though not of sufficient interest to include the photograph. I would ask that everyone taking photographs at rallies, especially one's theme based or comical to be forward to me as quickly as possible, together with names of those members appearing in the photograph and that permission to use them has been sought please. I will do my best to bombard the club magazine until we get a photo featured. Thank you in advance.

Regarding the Centre leaflet it does need updating both editorially, for instance with the correct number of centres as well as number of rallies run by Suffolk, and to be more family orientated, again I would ask any of those on family rallies taking photos send to me, together with permission to use.

12. Rally Equipment - No report given.

13. Competitions - No report given.

14. Junior Liaison - No report given.

15. Webmaster - Information now received from the website builders on our query over adding online booking.

Message received is: *"We are assuming that your marshals will have separate logins and they will login to create booking slots (tickets for want of a better word) and that rally attendees can then book these slots out and the marshal will receive an email when booked.*

The price for the individual components have gone up since the website was originally developed four years ago and in order for them to be installed, the Wordpress installation is out of date and will need upgrading to the latest version in order to install these plugins and configure them. This is complex work as core components had been customised to your design in the original work, and so upgrading will cause these changes to be overwritten and the work will need to be redone.

Total cost therefore to allow online purchase and booking of rally places will be £1,080+VAT. If you elect for booking only without online payment, then this would save £360. Therefore, total cost would be £720.

Let me know if you or the committee have any questions."

16. Newsletter - Graham reported that the latest Edition of the SCCC Newsletter was published last month and the next edition is planned for July, which hopefully will include reports from recently held rallies. It is continuing to be difficult to obtain sufficient content to fill the publication and I welcome contributions and ideas from fellow committee members. If anybody can think of new ideas to be included then please feel free to contact me directly, outside of the monthly meetings.

17. Sports - No report given.

18. Regional Meeting - No report given.

19. Any Other Business - Nothing noted.

Date of next meeting -

Next meeting booked Wednesday 8th June at Hintlesham starting at 7.30 p.m.

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