

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**Attending were:**

Chairman	Ron King
Treasurer	Paul Wade
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Junior Liaison	Sarah Aldis
Centre Equipment	Tina King
Regional Representative (2)	Chris Stammers
Publicity	Melody Gosling
Newsletter	Graham Gosling
Competitions	Alison Stammers

**1. Apologies for Absence** - Julian Fincham-Jacques (VC & Webmaster), Janet Dobson (Secretary) and Karl Moles (Sports).

**2. Corrections to Previous Report** - Nothing noted.

**3. Signing of Previous Minutes and Reports:** March, April and May minutes and reports were taken as agreed and signed by Ron King.

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

a. Alan's request that advertisers for 2023 can be offered a discount (10%) if payment received by a certain time. This was discussed and agreed, Alan to now approach advertisers.

b. Information received from Julian on on-line booking. See under Webmaster.

**5. Chairman's Report** - Myself and Denise have just returned back from a six week break in the caravan touring Scotland. The last week of our holiday was to attend ClubFest formally known as The National at Belvoir Castle. I was Site Crew Leader for Anglia Region CAMC. Anglia Region had eight teams acting as siting crew for approximately 160 units from our area. As well as myself and Denise, Suffolk Centre was well represented as part of the siting crew, Andy and Sally Gaffer, David and Janice Kent and Natasha Terry made up the team, with two units each from Mid Anglia and South Essex centres.

I would like thank my team that worked with us over the ClubFest period, it was a long hard first day taking information and siting units from 08.00 until the last motorhome arrived and was in place by 22.20.

A total of known families from Suffolk post codes totalled Thirty-two. Eight of those attending are families who have rallied within our centre. In the coming weeks, I will be back on the rally field and look forward to meeting as many people as possible.

Chairman's Rally in July - Ron enquired which committee members were going to attend. Bookings are slow, as with other rallies, Paul Wade felt the current fuel situation could be causing members to hold back on bookings.

**5a. Committee Get-Together Report. - UPDATE**

- Sports Officer - to hold over as Karl not present.
- Treasurer and Secretary - cover and hand overs.

**6. Vice Chairman's Report** - Thorpeness rally was well attended with visitors from North Essex and East Kent.

Weather was not as good as was hope Saturday, but it stayed dry for the weekend, and everyone had a good time. The raffle of a specially commissioned and donated Platinum Jubilee bear, raised £90 in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Rally accounts will be finalised this week and sent to Paul and full report will be sent to Graham for the newsletter.

Also, I was approached at Thorpeness by a marshal for another rally who said they had been advised, by a committee member, that it was not necessary for a marshal to always be on site when they are running a rally. I tried to explain that there should always be a responsible person on site, whether a marshal or the rally chair, just in case something was to happen. Perhaps what is expected should be agreed and clarified by the committee.

**UPDATE:** This question has been asked and clarification received from the Club. Information for all marshals is: *As volunteers we cannot expect that the Rally Officer/Marshal has to remain on-site for the duration of the rally - so Centre Guidance suggests that if the Rally Officer/Marshal goes off-site then another member of the rally (must be a Centre member) can be named as a point of contact or failing that, a contact telephone number can be left for members to contact them in an emergency. This is something that can be decided upon at the point of organising the rally.*

**7. Other Rally Reports** - None to report on.

**8. Treasurers Report** - Paul advised that spending was at nil for last month. It was agreed that Paul goes ahead and orders 3 x Past Chairmans badges. Ron was given 3 Past Chairman window plaques that Janice Kent had managed to obtain. Paul to refund her. Ron requested to purchase a further metal stake for the flagpoles and a bag to replace one. Paul had got costs of metal badges, need to confirm they are the same type.

**9. Secretary Report** - with Janet not attending, Alan Dobson took notes for the meeting.

**9.1. Membership** - Janet reported that Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June membership was 1,487 and April members that went void were 90. Members with May renewals to renew is 124. 9 so far known for May renewals, either sold up or not renewing Club membership.

**9.2. Correspondence as received:** Nothing received.

**9.4. Attendance** - Lists being received as the rallies are run.

**10. Rally Secretary Report** - Still disappointing on the rally numbers. No further response from other Centres re any invitation rallies. Advertisers not contacted as yet, waiting on committee response re a "discount" for 2023 as asked for in the May report. (This was agreed earlier in the meeting). Still to approach printers.

Date of AGM for 2023 and venue are needed - Ron to look into this.

**11. Publicity** - I am continuing to view a number of previous rally photographs but would appeal for more. I would ask either Janet or our regional rep to confirm total number of CAMC sites please, and Alan to confirm current number of rallies in our rally book for 2023 please as a start to editing the current leaflet. Janet had supplied the information on receipt of an email message.

Melody is looking for family type photographs for the leaflet being updated.

**12. Rally Equipment** - Nothing to report.

**13. Competitions** - Nothing to report.

**14. Junior Liaison** - Nothing to report. Lack of children attending rallies.

**15. Webmaster** - Minutes from April and Agenda for May & June to uploaded, no one has reported finding any further errors on the website. If any committee members are approached with any observations, then please remind Centre members to drop me a message.

As it is now over 6 months since the AGM, it would be good to have an updated Chairman's message.

The current website was discussed and Julian asked to provide information on who actually owns this, questions about a code?. Is there a commitment or contract with it?.

**16. Newsletter** - Once again I am struggling with content for the next issue of the Newsletter but hope to have something for the end of June, although I will be away for the whole of next week. Could I ask that Rally Chairs send me a report as a matter of course, preferably with photos and if any committee member has recently chaired a rally, but not yet sent a report, could they please let me have something before the end of the month.

**17. Sports** - Chris reported that he had taken part in the walking football at the ClubFest.

**18. Regional Meeting** - Next meeting due in June.

**19. Any Other Business** -

- a. Chris will be making Centre rally plaques for those that attended ClubFest.
- b. It was asked if it would be possible to start the meetings at 6.30 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.

**Date of next meeting** -

Next meeting booked Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Hintlesham starting at 7.30 p.m.

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