

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MEETING HELD AT HINTLESHAM 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

Meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

**Attending were:**

Chairman	Ron King
Secretary	Janet Dobson
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
Sports	Karl Moles

- 1. Apologies for Absence** - Julian Fincham-Jacques (Vice Chairman/Webmaster)
- 2. Corrections to Previous Report** - None noted.
- 3. Signing of Previous Minutes:** The June minutes were signed as agreed by Ron King.
- 4. Matters Arising (other than Committee get-together).**

Paul Wade reported that the order for the Past Chairman badges has been delayed as the company is working on a large order for items for the Commonwealth Games.

- 5. Chairman's Report** - Ron King sent in the following report prior to the meeting:

At the present I am sitting here at Leiston, enjoying the July sun on the Leiston Abbey Rally. It's that time of the month to compose my Chairmans report for the July minutes for the committee meeting at Hintlesham.

Myself and Denise have been enjoying the last few weeks, since coming back from ClubFest at Belvoir Castle meeting up with people we haven't seen in a while. On various rallies.

With the help of Tony and Karen Reed, we had a lovely week running the Midsummer Rally at Swann's Nursery, Bromeswell. The weather as today was sunny all week and people spent a lot of time relaxing and visiting local places of interest. Thank you to Janice and David Kent for Chairing our week away in Bromeswell.

I Chaired the rally at Clare Priory, organised by Julian, Donna and Sarah Fincham-Jacques. Another beautiful setting to have a weekend away with family and friends. So far, the weather's been kind to us while away in the caravan.

Last but not least, is the rally we are on at the moment, Leiston Abbey Rally held at Applefields Camping and Caravan site Leiston. A very organised site with EHU and all the facilities you would need to go on holiday. Garry and Connie Pyett received their 150th rally plaque for rallies attended, that are covered by the Suffolk Centre rally programme. Thank you to Alan and Janet Dobson for finding this lovely site to visit and enjoy.

The next time we are out is at the Chairman's Charity rally at Trinity Park, Ipswich in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Farnham Leisure Ltd and Sharman Caravans have supported our charity with donated prizes for the draw. Thank you to both companies for their generosity in supporting Suffolk Centre and East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Ron further requested that the following statement from him be added into the minutes:

Regarding decisions that are made within the committee when I am away on holiday - at no time have I, as Centre Chairman, ever said I would not be available for contact with any Suffolk Centre member or committee as to decisions made.

In May whilst on holiday, a decision was made to cancel a rally. The circumstances did make the rally not viable, but it was decided to make it public via Facebook before myself, as chairman, and the remaining committee were informed.

On the same day as this happened, I was in contact with a committee member over another issue and correspondence took place via e-mail. This shows I was approachable and could be contacted.

At no time did I hand over my responsibilities to anyone, except I asked the Vice Chairman to chair the May committee meeting in my absence. Incidentally another meeting that was cancelled.

I will now make myself clear this particular chairman will always be involved in the day by day matters of the Suffolk Centre. Out of courtesy to fellow committee members, any items involving the centre should come before the committee for approval before being placed on social media. It's an aid to Suffolk Centre and not part of the committee procedures.

If for whatever reason that I cannot perform my duties, I will inform the committee and ask someone to take over my role while I am indisposed.

I would like to have this statement placed in the minutes, so there is no misunderstanding regarding the way we move forward.

Ron King  
Chairman  
Suffolk Centre CAMC

## **6. Vice Chairman's Report - Nothing noted.**

### **7. Other Rally Reports -**

When we arrived at Swann's Nursery the sign pointed towards a lane, which was rather bumpy, but soon found the Rally field perfectly located on a large field of flat grassland surrounded by trees. We were swiftly sited by our hosts to a perfect pitch.

David and I soon met up with our fellow Ralliers over coffee. It was good to catch up with many who we have not seen for a while.

The rally location is good for visits to Woodbridge, Ipswich or many of the beaches close to the area. And just a short walk along the lane back to the Nursery there is the Wild Berry Café, an ideal spot to find some shade and enjoy their selection of refreshments. They had a good choice of menu and all were delicious.

We had a solar/battery issue whilst at the rally but in true Suffolk style there were plenty of offers of spare batteries, generators and lights, so thank you all very much.

As I sit here writing in the early morning sunshine I can hear an array of birds singing a merry tune, what a great start to the day. With an abundance of tea, coffee and biscuits the daily get together was perfect for swapping ideas of where to visit and also where to find some gas!

A big thank you to Ron, Denise, Karen and Tony plus all their other helpers for arranging our visit to Swann's Nurseries. I can only emphasis what a gem of a rally this is. We will certainly return.

Many Thanks - Janice and David Kent.

### **8. Treasurers Report -**

HSBC Current Account	16226.91
Funds with CAMC	3000.00
Inventory for Sale	56.68
Prepayments	187.80
VAT (+Due -Owed)	-385.95
Deposits held	-9654.00
Charity Fund	-963.00

Petty Cash	20.54
Debtors	85.00
Creditors	-1124.10
Total	7451.88
SPECIAL FUND	814.59
	513.40

## 9. Secretary Report -

**9.1. Membership** - Janet reported that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July membership was 1,437 and May members that went void were 109. Members with June renewals to renew is 132.

Janet raised two queries for committee attention.

Another Centre has requested if a holiday rally could be advertised on our website due to latest date for numbers being before programmes are published. Enquiries to be made with regard to our own holiday rally for next year.

A Centre rally has forwarded list of those attending to check membership. Query has arisen over some details, Janet to follow up with the Club to get clarification on bookings and to follow up with the rally marshals.

### 9.2. Correspondence as received:

**Email from Club 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022** - Publishing Team able to include new rallies in the Rally Supplement. Needs to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> July, along with any other amendments not already notified.

**9.4. Attendance** - Lists are coming through. There is an attendance list in the account finance pack - this is designed to be compatible with the spreadsheet, marshals asked to use it please, not old forms.

## 10. Rally Secretary Report -

- a. Advertisers emailed. 6 replies so far saying yes. None declined as yet.
- b. 14 rallies in the programme for 2023, none for 2024, venue and date still needs to be agreed for the AGM meeting/rally.
- c. No approach to our printers as yet, can see book being thinner which could save money going to a stapled copy rather than what we have had. Will enquire.

Alan was approached in general discussion over why we did not use Hintlesham as a rally venue as in the past. Chris advised we had issues over bringing in our own drinks and a subsequent corkage charge.

The AGM for 2022 and 2023 were discussed. Issues with Trinity Park over prices, would not given a firm price. Limited numbers on the 2022 rally. Discussion over whether to run a rally next year, Ron to approach Trinity Park for pricing on just the hall only for the Sunday meeting. Two dates given possible for the 2023 AGM.

**11. Publicity** - I am continuing to send photos and reports to the club magazine and hope to have more success. I am continuing to work on an alternative, and shorter centre leaflet and I am still calling for 'family' photographs from committee members to use please.

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

**13. Competitions** - Alison had been looking at the ClubFest site where competitions had been posted for 2022. To look at doing the same as soon as we knew the 2023 details.

**14. Junior Liaison** - Sarah asked did we know how many juniors were attending the Newmarket rally as she had discussed with Alison putting together a pack to hand out. Janet to follow up (as co-marshal of the rally).

**15. Webmaster** - Julian sent in the following message which Janet read out to committee:

Regarding website, we own the actual site but pay for Hostings for the domain names. We then pay IdeasBarn for hosting the site and licensing to keep it secure and less liable to being hacked and stopping viruses being put on the site that would transmit to people visiting the site, which we did not have when we were with Hostings. We also get free minor support from them but would have to pay for major changes to the site that cause parts of it to have to be rewritten or to upgrade the operating system to the latest version to allow new modules to be added, which is what has increased cost of online booking. On that note I would recommend we utilise the email system next year to allocate marshals with rally specific addresses for slips to be emailed to directly, especially with current low numbers of rallies currently booked. This is what some other centres are currently doing to allow online booking without financial outlay and is pretty much what an online system would, at more cost.

Melody commented on security mentioned about the website as there is a rogue email getting through to committee members at times, what can be done about this?

**16. Newsletter** - Publication of the latest SCCC Newsletter will be delayed to late July. In an attempt to widen the scope of the Newsletter, I am attempting to include technical articles and recipe ideas to add to the usual rally reports, but this is proving time-consuming - hence the deferred publication date. I hope the Committee will bear with me on this.

**17. Sports** - Chris gave details that we won 2 medals at the recent ClubFest event, one for volleyball and the other for walking football.

**18. Regional Meeting** - Ron reported that the July meeting has now been moved to 28<sup>th</sup> September and there was nothing further to report.

**19. Any Other Business** -

The issue of meetings - and the use of "Zoom" style - was again discussed. It had been accepted we would use this method but no-one had come forward to organise this. Alison offered to set up the September meeting via Microsoft Teams, Janet to approach Hintlesham to cancel our September booking. The date is to remain the same, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Janet advised it was unlikely she and Alan would be able to join in due to returning from holiday late the night before and not having the information to hand that the meeting would need.

Ron advised he is still following up new flags and new design as some are starting to break up.

It is possible more Centres may find themselves in "hibernation" issues by the end of this year.

**Date of next meeting** -

Next meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September by Microsoft Teams to be organised by Alison Stammers. Hall booking to be cancelled.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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