

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING HELD 13th October 2022**

This meeting was held at the home of committee member Alison Stammers due to close timing of AGM. Thanks passed to Alison.

Also invited was Will James who will be taking over as Treasurer from Paul Wade for 2023, and Ron King welcomed him to the meeting and thanks given for coming forward for this role.

The meeting commenced at 19.08.

Attending were:

Chairman	Ron King
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Publicity	Melody Gosling
Newsletter	Graham Gosling
Competitions	Alison Stammers
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Regional Rep	Chris Stammers

1. Apologies for Absence - Paul Wade (Treasurer), Tina King (Equipment), Sarah Aldis (Juniors), Julian Fincham-Jacques (Web and Vice Chairman). Karl Moles did not attend meeting.

2. Corrections to Previous Report - None noted.

3. Signing of Previous Minutes: The September minutes were agreed and signed by Ron King (Chairman).

4. Matters Arising - Nothing arising from the minutes.

5. Chairman's Report - This is my last report before Suffolk Centre hold their Annual General Meeting at Trinity Park on Sunday 16th October 2022.

Not a lot to report as rallies have slowed down, with only two to report on this last month.

The first one was Henham Steam Rally, where a good number came and supported us after a couple of years without the show taking place due to Covid stopping people gathering in large numbers. Thank you to Paul Fitch and Diane Preston who accepted my invitation to chair the rally.

A week later came the turn of the Tangram Rally. A lovely venue which we as a centre have been going to for well over twenty years. This place offers so much for families of all ages with walks, trail biking or just sitting back and enjoying the tranquillity of the place. It was a pleasure to be the chairman for the rally. Thanks to the marshals for all their efforts over the twenty plus years.

Before I sign off with my last chairman's report for this year, just a few thank you acknowledgments. Thank you to all committee members for this last year. It's been a bit tough at times, also trying to organise meetings, with so much going on in people's lives. A big thank you to marshals and everyone who has supported Suffolk Centre with our rally programme.

Ron King, Chairman

6. Vice Chairman's Report - There was nothing to report.

7. Other Rally Reports - No recent rallies to report on outside of those that Ron had chaired.

8. Treasurers Report - Paul sent in latest figures and the Centre appears to have fared well this year so far. The AGM rally is the last Suffolk run event in our programme for 2022 and figures can be discussed at the committee meeting in November.

Paul was able to report that money on deposit with the Club now will earn interest at 4%.

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 7th October there were 1,327 members. Members with August renewals who went void were 88.

It was asked the Centre joining date of those now leaving - which appear to show the most from the 2020 to date period. Janet also questioned what new members were actually told by the Club about Centres due to replies to their "welcome" package. It is understood that there is no explanations as it wasn't put into the build of the new membership site - more and more members are saying they thought they had to "tick the box" to be able to complete the application to join. It was suggested that the Club need to be reminded of what Centres do and this is not helpful.

9.2. Correspondence as received:

- a. From Club about Diversity and Inclusion. Online training offered for volunteers.
- b. Confirmation from the Club over requirement of tellers at AGM meeting. Past Chairman can be asked to undertake the role.
- c. From Club giving process of booking a Club site for a rally.
- d. Email from member giving apologies for not being able to attend AGM with a couple of relevant questions. These were answered, but will be brought to attention at the meeting.

9.4. Attendance - Still some to come through and be updated. Janet was hoping to get the database up to date by the end of the month.

10. Rally Secretary Report -

- a. List for AGM completed - total of 26 booked in of which 2 are in doubt and one to be brought to members attention over the price hike to see if it would be supported or not.
- b. List of 4Bs in from North Essex Centre. None received as yet from other Centres. One invitation rally in from North Essex. Due to situation will hold closing programme until early November, as also nothing through from Anglia Region either.
- c. 7 entries for the front cover competition.

11. Publicity - Melody reported: Now that we are coming out of the restrictions of COVID and are wanting to increase both the number of rallies held and, in an effort to raise the attendance at these rallies, the rally reports are important and, if possible, are photographs. As can be seen from the recent caravan and motorhome club magazine publication (featuring the Dordogne rally submitted by a member who attended the rally) the club is interested in reproducing the odd snippet from the Centres. Ideally, I would like to be copied on all rally reports and to receive photographs (obviously with permissions sought) If there is a story to accompany any of the photographs that would be great too, as these could be featured in our centre Newsletter in order to get the word out that 'rallying is fun'.

12. Rally Equipment - Ron reported, in Tina's absence, that apart from the AGM rally equipment with one tea urn, all Centre equipment is back in storage. After the AGM it is intended to do a stocktake on everything we hold and it will be brought to the first full committee meeting to discuss what is surplus and can be looked at to be sold on, donated to charity or disposed of.

13. Competitions - Nothing to report.

14. Junior Liaison - Nothing from Sarah but Alison said she did have a box of Junior Equipment. Ron asked if she could have a look and do an inventory of what is there to see if it should be disposed of or kept still.

15. Webmaster - Nothing to report.

16. Newsletter - The August Newsletter is now on the website and the next one will be produced post-AGM. Please could I have any reports anybody has for rallies held since Bromeswell, or anything else that you think could be included.

I look forward to receiving the email distribution list so I can get on with pushing the newsletter directly to those members that have not opted-out.

Recently I saw a FB posting regarding the holiday rally in the Dordogne where it was reported on in the club magazine in the 'Centre Lines' section, this is good publicity for the centre but such a shame it hadn't gone to this committee first so they could have had the opportunity to promote it even more - perhaps we can discuss how we can encourage marshals to feed as much publicity through us as possible?

17. Sports - Nothing to report. Ron felt this may be a role not needed in the new committee. This can be discussed at the short meeting after the AGM.

18. Regional Meeting - Last meeting held was via "Zoom". Fairly well attended. There was discussion over the timings of AGMs with the Club wanting Centres, Regions and the Club in a certain order. Rallies were discussed and the Club should be reminded what value Centres are to them. The hike in the ClubFest price for next year was discussed and the reasons for it - price has been raised to £295. As all volunteers in helping run this also pay their fee a sliding scale for payment - to show time spent on site - will be put together. Next year ClubFest is at Kelmars, Northamptonshire.

19. Any Other Business -

It was suggested we had a photo opportunity for the Charity Donation - perhaps a dummy cheque at the AGM held by the younger members of the Centre showing what had been raised?

It was suggested that the committee members have a group photo in the handbook with details showing who is who - this can easily be done. Officers to still be listed separately. Agreed to take photo and see how it comes out.

Query over the way marshals bank money due to difficulty now in finding a branch actually open. Treasurer had agreed bank transfer from the marshal but some did not like to use this manner. Agreed that the Rally Chairman at the time hold bank paying in slips to pass to marshals as required as the marshal pack is now done electronically. To be discussed by new committee.

Date of next meeting -

Short meeting after AGM of new committee to discuss roles and anything urgent.

Hintlesham Village hall is booked for Wednesday 9th November - agreed this meeting will remain as a face to face one.

December meeting due 14th December - new committee to look at making this a Zoom style. Janet asked Alison if she would be able to co-ordinate this meeting as she did before - Alison agreed.

Meetings for 2023 to be discussed at the November meeting (put on agenda) and to look at more online and less meetings.

Meeting closed at 21.18.

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