

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE

COMMITTEE REPORT

EMAILED REPORTS JANUARY 2023

A meeting is not held normally in January. Decided at December meeting for an emailed list of reports to be put together. Below is what has been received and put together as at 11th January 2023 with subsequent responses.

Chairman	Ron King
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Vice Chairman / Publicity	Melody Gosling
Co-opted to Committee	Paul Wade
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Newsletter	Graham Gosling
Committee	Tina King
Regional Rep	Chris Stammers
Committee	Alison Stammers

1. Apologies for Absence - Not applicable.

2. Corrections to Previous Report - Draft December minutes updated to include the emailed messages that had originally been sent.

3. Signing of Previous Minutes: December draft minutes have had original emails added. Passed to Chairman and Committee to read through. *Janet proposed that if there are no alterations, and with Chairman's agreement, they are accepted and put into the file.*

4. Matters Arising - Nothing noted.

5. Chairman's Report - Myself and Denise attended the Invitation New Year Rally at Trinity Park, hosted by North Essex Caravan Club. The event was well supported, with members coming from Anglia Region and beyond. A total of 89 units attended, which included a good number from Suffolk Centre.

A few days later we attended 'The First Rally the Year' held at The Old Mill Public House Saxtead. As usual we enjoyed the varied menu that we were able to choose from. Nigel and Jackie Bentley received their 1st Rally Plaque. Hope we will see them on future outings with Suffolk Centre. Gilbert and Julie Jackson also received a belated 50th Rally Plaque.

On Saturday 7th January I attended the Anglia Region Committee meeting at the Holiday Hotel in Ipswich, followed by a Three Course lunch. The afternoon was taken up with a forum, for anyone in the Region.

My next outing will be Burns Supper at Hallowtree, followed by our Valentine Rally and Natter & Chatter in February. Meeting on the Sunday starts at 11 a.m.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Melody replied nothing further at this stage

7. Other Rally Reports - Not applicable.

8. Treasurers Report - The accounts are almost complete for the financial year, just awaiting the interest received from CAMC for the 2nd 6 months of the year, if not received within next 2 days will make an estimate.

Surplus for the year will be circa £1950.

Just a couple of analysis of some balance sheet accounts needed, then can send accounts off to Independent Examiner and send Will the template for next year

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 6th January 2023 there were 1,297 members (this includes the December members still to register). Members with November renewals who went void were 24 and members with December renewals outstanding with the Centre are 93. Apart from some December renewals who have not replied to email if they intend to renew, so books have not been sent yet to them, all other books have gone out.

9.2. Correspondence as received: Nothing.

9.3. Other: Janet advised she had been able to purchase a quantity of 2023 year pointers, to be passed to Ron at the earliest opportunity.

It would appear that the Royal Mail strike/dispute had an effect on postage. Those posted within certain timeframe last December were only now being received. Understand the backlog may not have been priority and more recent mail was handled first. Messages around 12th January show books now arriving.

9.4. Attendance - All lists accounted for under 2022 and Fellowship Awards listed. There were 273 members listed as attending at least one rally. 27 members did 6 or more rallies.

10. Rally Secretary Report - Alan replied: All books collected from printers, together with email copies with and without contact information. No contact copy passed to Julian as Webmaster.

Advertisers all sent invoices and Treasurer given details.

Rally marshal paperwork sent out, paying in slips passed to Centre Chairman, will print copies of the marshals paperwork if requested.

Janet wanted to remind marshals that Risk Assessment forms should be completed and sent, preferably by email, to her prior to the rally taking place.

Programme list put together with dates for 2024. Committee will need to look at location/date for Natter & Chatter if wanted, and for the AGM 2024.

Still waiting on news about Forest Camping Rendlesham but understand Mrs Lummis has written to say she is retiring and leaving site. Unknown future.

11. Publicity - Melody replied nothing further to report at this stage.

12. Rally Equipment - Nothing reported

13. Webmaster - Julian replied - Updates done for rallies etc, excluding Tangham until we know what is happening with the venue. We have managed to removed link to 2019 rally book that was an issue and link now directs to this year's PDF. Hopefully website is now fully up to date, but if anyone notices anything, if they message me, I will amend as soon as possible.

14. Newsletter - Graham replied: I don't have anything to report other than to say that the December 2022 newsletter is now on the website, so thanks go to Julian. I also wish everyone a happy and peaceful 2023.

15. Regional Meeting - Ron reported the following. Anglia Region, Caravan and Motorhome Club held the first Committee Meeting and Forum of 2023 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Ipswich 7th January.

Chris Stammers sent his apologies' for not attending due to illness.

The meeting was opened by Paul Maram, Chairman Anglia Region.

The main points as regards to the finances of the region, were spelt out by Garry Pyett Treasurer.

He stated that they had received the grant from the Club of £3,400.00. After expected expenditure the Region had a balance of approximately £10,490.00 in the bank.

During the conversation, one of the centres was having trouble with a bank they use, in accessing their account in depositing and withdrawals. It was stressed that the mandate should have a recommended three signatories. Treasurer, Chairman and another, normally Secretary.

Janet responded that she had always known the signatories on Suffolk accounts had been the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary and it had always been Treasurer and one other. She did appreciate she was coming from the time of actual cheques being used.

The Centres from the Region gave their reports on what was happening on their patch. I informed the meeting that our rally books were mostly out in the post or by PDF.

ClubFest was the main topic of conversation for rest of the meeting. I will be leading a team of members from the Region as part of the Crew Team for siting units for Anglia Region. Gregg Potter informed the number for Anglia Region who are booked to go for the weekend was just under Two Hundred, up already from last year where we had One Hundred and sixty-six units. He informed the meeting the Region was leading the way as regards to bookings. He also was confident the weekend would be a success as numbers were increasing every day.

The next regional meeting is to be by Zoom on 10th May 2023.

A Forum took place after lunch, but the guest speaker was unable to attend due to Covid.

Paul Maran took the meeting and the main topic was branding and advertising the centres through publicity via social media. Also trying to come up with new ideas, as a lot of people think we need to modernise our wording. **(Rally and Flagpole)** into something more with today.

Responses to this last point: Melody wrote in: Regarding new wording I put forward the suggestions of either Suffolk Centre breaks, could include the mini for weekends or maxi for holidays. Or Suffolk Centre getaways, again could include mini, maxi? To replace flag - just make it 'gathering'.

16. Other Committee / Any Other Business - Nothing noted

Next meeting scheduled for February 2023. This will be via online again.

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