

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2023
HINTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman	Ron King
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Regional Rep	Chris Stammers
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson

1. Apologies for Absence - Melody Gosling, Graham Gosling, Julian Fincham-Jacques, Alison Stammers. Not attending (unknown) - Tina King

2. Corrections to Previous Minutes - None noted.

3. Signing of Previous Minutes: The February minutes were agreed and signed by Ron King, Chairman.

4. Matters Arising - None noted.

5. Chairman's Report - Attended the Valentines Rally, 10th-12th February 2023, organised by Graham and Melody Gosling. They announced that they would not be organising the event next year. A varied programme was on offer for the weekend. Games, music to suit Valentines and a three-course dinner on Saturday night. Over the course of the weekend, fund raising took place for East Anglian Air Ambulance. Sunday 12th February 2023 our Natter & Chatter took place, with a good turnout of members. The Centre welcomed Kevin Sullivan from East Anglian Air Ambulance, who gave a short speech about the role of EAAA and the funding. He thanked Suffolk Centre for the magnificent amount of £1,998.35p they had just received.

Between Valentines Rally & Natter & Chatter a total of £300.00p was raised for the Chairman's Charity to start this year's fund raising off. Games, a draw, an auction and the sale of bacon rolls enabled the weekend to reach this good start. £62.00p was also raised by the sale of EAAA merchandised that was on display for people to purchase. A total of £362.00p, I think it is a good start to our charity fund raising for 2023.

The Don Alcock Trophy for most rallies attended in 2022 went to Tony and Karen Reed. A great achievement, well done.

The David Totman Trophy for youngsters attending most rallies in the last year, went to Sarah Fincham-Jacques. Congratulations Sarah.

After much discussion towards the end of Natter & Chatter, Mark & Debs Terry stepped forward and said they will take on the role of marshals for next years Valentine's weekend. Thank you.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Nothing to report.

7. Other Rally Reports - None

8. Treasurers Report - Will advised committee that whilst the mandate with HSBC is being sorted out that Paul Wade is still dealing with any online payments and we are up to date with most of them. For this reason, Paul remains a member of committee.

Will asked about the £10 default list, the how and when, and will follow up with contacting members if necessary.

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 3rd March 2023 there were 1,300 members. Members with January renewals who went void were 54. Members with February renewal outstanding are 91 at present.

9.2. Correspondence as received:

a. Email from Anglia Region 22.2.23. Following on from their meeting details forwarded re tents on Centre rallies. This subject has already been discussed by the Suffolk Committee and as it is up to Centres to agree their way forward, it was agreed that we would not go down this route.

b. Email 26.2.23 (member) - Message received thanking for Fellowship Plaque and the work done on rallies and making people feel welcome.

c. Email Club re Rally Supplement 28.2.23 - Amendments or additions to the Club supplement to be sent by 18 March after this date updated issue will be done for members. Details of where to send any new rallies/events. Alan to look at making sure amendments to Burns Rally is done and to follow up the proposed Valentine rally.

d. Email from member 28.2.23 - Message received via Rachel Southgate to advise of the passing of June Everson on 18th February. June, along with her late husband Russell, were Centre members and frequent Rally Marshals in the 70's, 80's and 90's. Funeral details given. Janet has put this into the Centre Facebook Group.

e. Email from member - Request from a Rally Marshal to hold fundraising for Cancer Research on their rally later in the year due to personal issues. Discussed and agreed. Marshals to be asked to make a note within the account paperwork so it can be noted and members get to know any other amounts/organisations money has been raised for.

9.3. Other:

a. Information put into the Box system - a guide to help upload a video to either YouTube or Facebook.

b. Over time it appears some procedures/process have not been done. Certain points raised so far were:

Running AGM and Committee for following year. Agreed this should be raised earlier in the year and added to Agendas. The only required roles are Chairman/Treasurer and Secretary. Agreed to add to next Agenda re roles from Vice Chairman downwards to know what we may need for next year.

Annual Accounts. Already discussed to be sure committee has sight of accounts prior to being signed off and sent to Club. The whole committee is responsible that these are done correctly and in a timely manner. This has already been done for the 2022 accounts.

Rally Marshals/Envelopes. We no longer get the printed envelopes via the Club and members are entitled to know exactly what they are paying for. To assist marshals it was agreed to look at providing our own printed envelopes. Ron passed on one designed and with a few tweaks it was agreed that Janet to contact FlyerPress about getting these done. Centre funds to purchase.

9.4. Attendance - Up to date.

10. Rally Secretary Report - Offer by Mark Terry and a team to take over the Valentine rally for 2024. Full details awaited so members can be told. Looking at the Natter and Chatter this year mainly being those on the rally should we consider organising this event at another time in the calendar and another venue to get more interest?

This was discussed and it was agreed that the majority at N&C were those on the rally. Agreed to look at running this separately for 2024, taking the pressure off the Valentine event. Some ideas were a March date, providing some sort of buffet so booking may be needed, asking for a small entry donation as we have done before. To look into some venues for next meeting and also take into account we may not need Hallowtree hall booking for the Sunday.

It is now understood that the Tangham venue has been taken back by the Forestry Commission and is noted as not opening in 2023, but they are looking for someone to take this site on. As the May rally

ended up against the Coronation weekend the marshals sadly will cancel this one and are looking for an alternative venue for September.

The Burns Supper rally is confirmed as a date change for 2024 to 19th - 21st January.

Other than that, not much happening this time of year. It will be interesting to see what we actually get in the programme for 2024.

Will mentioned about the Harbour site at Southwold which has had more electric points installed as a possible venue for the Centre.

11. Publicity - I have been busy sending plenty of material to the club magazine covering recent rallies, Saxstead, Burns and Valentines together with information on Henham Steam. I also sent details on Natter and Chatter with trophy presentations. Details of 'presentation of cheque' to EAAA (this has now gone to press) I have been assured that Henham will be featured. My thanks go to our Chairman for supplying me with 'copy' and suggestions. All are greatly received as I can only send on to the club magazine material that is provided to me. I am now concentrating on producing new copy for the Suffolk Centre leaflet and hope to be able to reduce this to a single double sided A4 style flyer.

12. Rally Equipment - Ron to wait for better weather to get the equipment he stores sorted out.

13. Webmaster - With Julian unable to get to the meeting it was asked to get a follow up on what "older" information we could get taken down from the website. Some items are historical but can cause some confusion.

14. Newsletter - Graham advised prior to meeting that he expected to be able to produce the next edition in March, probably towards the end of the month.

15. Regional Meeting - No change to previous information, next meeting by Zoom scheduled for May.

16. Other Committee / Any Other Business

It was agreed meeting face to face was better for some issues while Zoom-style had their place. The next meeting is due 12th April at Hintlesham but with it being so close after Easter, possible holidays, should we look at moving it. Committee to be asked whether another day/week, face to face or Zoom-style. We need to try to get a meeting where we have most of the committee together to make sure all points of view are covered.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. and Ron passed on thanks to those that had managed to attend.

Next meeting due Wednesday 12th April booked at Hintlesham - this is to be looked at to change - see Section 16.

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