

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE

COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2022

Meeting organised by Alison Stammers via Google as before. Minutes taken by Alison Stammers.
Meeting opened at 19.01

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 - Janet Dobson, Alan Dobson, Julian Fincham-Jacques, Chris Stammers, and Paul Wade.

2. Corrections to Previous Report - Nothing Noted

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

4. Matters Arising - Next Meeting likely to be a round robin email style meeting - Due on the 11th of Jan 2023

5. Issues following the AGM Meeting - UPDATE

a. Meeting schedule for 2023. December at Hintlesham cancelled. Meetings booked and paid for at Hintlesham for April, June, September and October. Online meetings for March, May and July

b. Valentine rally and N&C for 2023 and 2024- Discussed 2023 will be the last year for the current cohort of marshals. The committee will be looking for new marshals to take this on, with the possibility of the Natter and Chatter to be a day only even held at Hintlesham Village Hall or similar.

Cost of Hallowtree for the above has increased from £180 - £250 and site fees increased from £8 p/n to £9.50 p/n - WJ and committee agreed the Centre will fund the hall for the N&C

c. Equipment Officer and Stocktake list Ron has looked at what is in the shed and it was agreed the 3 flag poles could be disposed of - These will go to a local scouting club (unless anyone has any need for them) and one tea urn will go as it is not in good condition the others to remain in stock.

Ron provided list of all equipment held and highlighted items needing attention and what he thought could be disposed of. Julian to help go through list with Ron highlighting unneeded equipment to downsize what is in storage. For the book, agreed no specific Equipment Officer be listed but an email address for marshals to use. To follow this up at December meeting. Janet offered to put out a request via FB and email to members to see if anyone could help with storage (ideally within the Ipswich area). Janet proposed and Paul Wade seconded proposal all items in red could be disposed of now, along with 2 tea urns.

Janet had put up a request on FB - one reply suggesting a location - members to be asked in their email of the book.

6. Chairman's Report - Only one rally has taken place, that I have attended since the AGM in October 2022. The Anglia Region of the Caravan and Motorhome Club AGM and rally took place at Hallowtree Scout Camp, Ipswich over the weekend 11th - 13th November 2022. Included, as part of the rally a 'Children in Need' theme weekend also took place. Friday night saw fund raising with a raffle, games and homemade entertainment. A total of £860 was raised over the course of the weekend.

Suffolk Centre have an interest in the new Anglia Region Committee for 2023. Garry Pyett has moved from Secretary to become Treasurer.

The new committee will be Paul Maran (South Essex) Chairman. Will Thursby (South Essex) Vice Chairman. Garry Pyett (Suffolk) Treasurer. Jasmine Kent (Mid Anglia) Secretary.

It is with sadness that I have to report the death of Bill Michell, who passed away, 5th November 2022 in Colchester General Hospital. The funeral took place at Colchester Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. Bill served on the committee and was an active member of the rally scene for many years.

Denise and I would like to wish the committee and all Suffolk Centre members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing many members in 2023 on rallies.

7. Vice Chairman's Report - Received Vice-chair equipment from Julian registered inventory with Chairman. There are a number of 'flag' items of equipment that are either frayed and worn or carry old branding I.e., CC for Caravan Club, does this need dumping? Liaising with Chairman on rallies to be covered.

8. Other Rally Reports - Ron attended the regional AGM at Hallowtree - There were only 30 vans in total from across the 5 centres

9. Treasurers Report - Not too much to report on - Will have an ongoing handover with Paul. Paul has nearly completed the 2022 accounts with the advertising included, Will has not has sight of this yet.

10. Secretary Report -

10.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 2nd December there were 1306 members. Members with October renewals who went void were 34. Members with November renewal outstanding are 35 and for December there will be 137.

10.2. Correspondence as received:

- a. Email from Club and picked up in Box a complete new set of Centre Guidance. Copies held by Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. Club has issued differently this time in more sections so only the appropriate sections could be passed on i.e., Rally details for Rally Secretary.

10.3. Other:

Janet has received a postage amount which has been credited to the Drop and Go account. Envelopes purchased, labels ready, database sorted waiting to send out books. Edition of the Newsletter was made available end November and members, where possible, have been emailed a copy. Some nice comments returned; some have opted out. New members/returning members emailed a copy when details received.

10.4. Attendance - One rally to trace attendance for.

11. Rally Secretary Report -

- a. Books being printed
- b. Invoices sent out to advertisers
- c. Rally Marshal Packs being sorted out

12. Publicity - have submitted brief details of upcoming rallies to the club magazine to 'drum up trade' but response is they are not interested in promoting rallies unless they are run in conjunction with or adjacent to an organised event. They do say however that they will be pleased to receive any rally

reports submitted. The message being sent out by them is 'use it or lose it' so again I would urge anyone attending a rally to send reports to me so they can be submitted I can then forward to the Newsletter for inclusion.

13. Rally Equipment - This is to stay with Ron for now - Ongoing review of what we keep and not keep. Will questioned the use of the old logo and Ron confirmed that this was ok and agreed with the club. All new equipment in the future will have the new CAMC branding.

14. Webmaster - Julian reported that updates for the website had been sent to him, along with appropriate handbook, and due to illness and personal circumstances the website should be completed over the Xmas period.

Email from Julian received website is not as updated as he would like due to other commitments. Graham has reiterated that he is happy to provide support with this as an when needed. It was agreed that the website was a very important form of communication to the membership and therefore any support we can offer to keep this updated will be offered.

15. Newsletter - The latest edition of the newsletter (December 2022) was sent to the committee at the end of November. It included information about the new committee, reports of recent rallies, and notification of future ones. The cover of the 2023 rally handbook was featured, and the newsletter also contained a message from our chairman and a short piece from the newsletter editor. I included short articles on winter caravanning along with some recipes featuring the virtues of using a slow cooker to create hearty meals appropriate to this time of the year. As suggested, I included a "Rumour Has It" section.

I understand from Janet that, as well as uploading the edition to the centre's website and Facebook area, it was emailed to a number of registered centre members, which apparently generated some feedback. Perhaps those comments can be shared at the meeting.

However, at the time of writing this report, I note that this latest edition has not been uploaded to the centre's website.

In respect of rally reports, it was disappointing that because I received so few, I could only include those from four rallies, even though there were thirteen between this edition and the previous newsletter & it would have been good to have provided centre members with news on how those were enjoyed. This seems to give the impression to those that see the newsletter that our centre is not particularly active, which we all know is not the case, despite a declining number of rallies.

I hope to produce the next edition in March and to include reports from all the rallies held up to that point so will be chasing rally chairs / marshals for their contributions.

Ron commented on that the Newsletter was very good and that it was important to get this on the web page so members could see this. Graham was pleased that the newsletter was now being sent out with a lot of help from Janet and is grateful for that - Has asked if some figures on how many were sent etc would be useful, in addition to any comments/feedback that has been given so he can produce more of what is popular.

16. Regional Meeting - Ron attended the Children in Need weekend at Hallowtree which included the regional AGM - Refer to the Chairman's report for updates regarding regional committee. Jasmine Kent is now the Regional Secretary and Garry Pyett has taken on the role of Treasurer.

Greg Potter spoke in detail about 2023 "Clubfest".

The next regional meeting is on Saturday 7th Jan at the Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich at 10am - 12pm for the regional reps. This is to be followed by a forum for all members led by Kieron Buggs, the club's social media representative. There is an open invite to all committee and spouses for a lunch on - Interested parties to let Ron know by the 20th of December - Ron has sent an email around to all.

17. Other Committee / Any Other Business -

Graham expressed his thanks at having the meeting held remotely, given the time of year etc.

Melody and Ron have some documents that need to be disposed of from previous post holders that are no longer relevant - Ron and Melody will arrange safe and secure disposal of these.

Graham discussed "Flagpole" equipment such as table clothes etc - Ron asked that none of these are disposed of even through there has been a move to a less formal flagpole at the end of rallies.

Will mentioned past chairman badges etc in reference to the new branding, and Ron is aware of a supplier for these that he can obtain a quote from. However as previously discussed local clubs are able to work under historical rules and branding.

Will mentioned that the change of the bank mandate is an ongoing process to be completed as part of the handover with Paul.

Next Meeting 8th Feb which will be at 7pm on google meet.

Ron would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year

Meeting closed 20:07

DISCLAIMER: All those mentioned in this report have given their permission for their data to be used.