

**THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023
HINTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Meeting opened at 7.35 p.m.

Those attending were:

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| Chairman | Ron King |
| Vice Chairman | Vacant |
| Secretary | Janet Dobson |
| Treasurer | Will James |
| Rally Secretary | Alan Dobson |
| Regional Rep | Chris Stammers |
| Publicity | Vacant |

1. Apologies for Absence - Graham Gosling (also for September). Julian Fincham-Jacques. Alison Stammers. Nothing heard from Tina King.

2. Corrections to Previous Minutes - Nothing noted.

3. Signing of Previous Minutes - The minutes for June were agreed and signed by Ron King, Chairman.

4. Matters Arising on last Report - Point to be raised under Treasurer report.

5. Chairman's Report - The rally programme has now started to pick up, where most weekends Suffolk Centre members are involved in organising events over the coming few weeks, taking us into August.

Myself and Denise will be out supporting those rallies that are coming up.

Over the Summer Solstice period I was involved in running a small holiday rally at Bromeswell, which seemed to go quite well. Thirty plus units came to the rally and the majority stayed from four to seven nights. Julian Fincham-Jacques was the rally chairman.

I have just got back home after chairing the Jolly Monks Rally at Leiston. A lovely site with all the amenities you would require for a holiday, including an area where dogs can be washed down or cleaning your muddy boots.

While I was at the Jolly Monks rally, the centre took procession of two new designed Rally Flags from our flag maker in Colchester. We have moved away from the banner style flag to a sail type. Hopefully, people will find it easier to work with. The new design has the CAMC logo at the top on white and the Suffolk Horse logo on the bottom on a green backing.

I would like to give a special mention to Will James (Treasurer) and Janet Dobson (Secretary) for all their hard work and patience in resolving an ongoing problem with the Bank that the centre use. Hopefully very soon all these little problems will be sorted by the time of my next report.

6. Vice Chairman's Report - Post vacant.

7. **Other Rally Reports** - Janet to follow up any report on the Clopton Rally from Garry Pyett who was Rally Chairman on behalf of Ron King.

Julian sent report on Bromeswell Rally - Chaired Bromeswell Summer Solstice Rally, run by Ron & Denise King and Karen & Tony Reed. Excellent weather with a good time had by all, with many ralliers deciding to extend their stay while on the rally.

8. **Treasurers Report** - Will was able to report that we had moved forward with the issue of the Centre account with HSBC. Due to some entries not being changed as we thought the paperwork had been finally done and Will had taken this to his local Branch, along with ID. Ron also went to the Branch with his ID. Paperwork was checked and will be passed to the Business Section to change this. Notification of change of address also given in. Next step is to organise the Internet Banking to Will. Janet to check with Julian where the Treasurer emails are linked to as there had been an issue with payment for the Easter Rally.

Will queried over the "alias" emails - explanation given is that the Club will not reply to personal emails for Centre business. Other than that, all bills have been paid to date.

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. **Membership** - Janet reported that on Friday 7TH July there were 1260 members, number of May members listing void were 80. For June listings there are 90 to renew. Following last week's report listing members not renewing Centre membership there are a couple to follow up. Committee advised. It is not the best having to wait approx. 5 weeks after Club membership to be notified of this.

9.2. Correspondence as received:

a. **Club Office:** New digital membership cards being made available - Club expects Centres to accept these as well as printed cards.

b. **Club Office:** Request for Centres to advise if they have any "groups" within Centre membership - fishing, bowls for example. Reply given - none known of.

9.3. **Attendance** - Up to date.

9.4. **AGM 2023** Nominations for next year. Closing date is Sunday 1st October. Janet will be away from 15th to 29th September so will be back in time to pick up most things. Attendance list for AGM should come in while away but this is now not posted so can be dealt with.

The issue over Centre committee, and even marshals, coming forward was discussed. We are not the only Centre experiencing problems and it does appear we are approaching a "use it or lose it" state.

Janet to do an email drop, Facebook and Website post, to advertise this fact. One nomination form was received at the meeting. All posts are open to any member, just because the job is being done does not mean they will continue. New faces, new ideas and approach are needed.

10. **Rally Secretary Report** - Nothing much to report. Still to send to advertisers. Heard Birchwood Caravans may be ceasing trading. More rallies in.

The AGM for 2024 needs to be booked - Ron to ask at Trinity Park this weekend.

A Centre rally for Easter was discussed. Ron King is willing to put Trinity Park in again - it was suggested we offer North Essex Centre an invitation to this?

11. Publicity - Post vacant.

With regard to an updated Suffolk Centre leaflet Chris Stammers brought to the meeting one he had drawn up - still work in progress - which looks a good start. Ways of printing discussed, hopeful this will be available by AGM.

12. Rally Equipment - Ron said new flags had been received and were up for members to see at the recent Leiston Rally. Instructions show that only a rubber mallet must be used on the ground stake - 2 have been purchased and marked SCCC - and will go out with the equipment bags. Also two small bags have been purchased to keep the actual flag in. Hopefully marshals will find these easier to use.

13. Webmaster - Julian reported that mostly up to date, latest meeting minutes & agenda, along with latest 2024 rallies booked update, to go on shortly.

14. Newsletter - Nothing to report.

15. Regional Meeting - Not meeting until September. Committee requested that it be asked at the next meeting that any Regional Events that they want Centres to put in the programme are advised asap. Last minute notices cause problems in organising the handbook. Preferably before our AGM if possible.

16. Other Committee / Any Other Business

Chris (as plaque supplier) had received a request from one rally to have all large plaques. The committee decision of small plaques for weekend rallies, large plaques for Rally Marshals and Rally Chairman, and large plaques for Special/Holiday/Bank Holiday rallies only, still stands.

We may have a member at 500 rally mark by the end of the year. Currently we are out of stock of the Suffolk Punch horse normally presented.

The metal badges for committee/past Chairman appear to still be outstanding. This to be followed up.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th September 2023 at Hintlesham. Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 21.17.

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