

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023
HINTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting opened at 7.36 p.m.

Those attending were:

Chairman	Ron King
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Regional Representative	Chris Stammers
Committee	Diane Fitch
Committee	Paul Fitch
Committee	Trevor Smith

1. Apologies for Absence - Will James and Julian Fincham-Jacques.

2. Corrections to Previous Minutes - None noted.

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

4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting:

Janet reported year pointers ordered, waiting on delivery. Ron said the small amount of equipment we do still have is advertised at rallies.

5. Chairman's Report - This is my last report for 2023 and at this time of the year I don't have much to say since the last committee meeting in November.

The one thing that has happened, is the passing of Annie (Ann) Knights. She died on the 27th October 2023. Ann was born on the 3rd May 1925. The funeral took place at Gorleston Crematorium at 11.30 am, 29^h November 2023.

Myself, Denise along with members past and present from Suffolk Centre attended. Older members of the Centre will remember Alex and Ann, who were keen supporters and ran rallies on behalf of the Club.

Thank you to Alan Dobson, with help of Janet for getting next years Rally Book near to completion, having to wait for the invitation rallies to come from other centres in our Region.

Denise and I will be attending the New Year Rally being hosted by North Essex at Trinity Park. I believe Suffolk Centre will be well represented, so look forward to meeting up with them over the weekend.

Last but not least, Myself and Denise would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas period and a good New Year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out with your units in 2024.

Ron King, Chairman, Suffolk Centre.

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

7. Other Rally Reports - None.

8. Treasurers Report -

- Continuing to catch up with 2023 (following gaining HSBC access). Paul has agreed to provide to guidance shortly as the spreadsheet is quite complicated (e.g. VAT).
- Bulk of deposits for Thorpeness 2024 have come in. 2023 site fee still not invoiced by Ogilvie Estates.
- Julie has asked to use some of the surplus from Thorpeness 2023 (spent less on pump out and skips than expected) towards the bands in 2024. I explained that CAMC rules (and normal accounting practice) is that the income, cost and profit/loss from each rally is recognised in the year it occurs.
- Rex Rayner 2nd £50 refund has been paid. I've asked HSBC to approach Barclays (recipient Rayner bank) to try to recover the 1st £50.
- Centres, Divisions and Regions Review Group questionnaire completed, submitted and acknowledged by Berks Treasurer.

9. Secretary Report -

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 1st December there were 1,202 members. We lost 51 members for October renewals. Pending renewals for November were 39. For December there are 124 to renew. Database is all marked up for handbook distribution, envelopes needed at present are all done, Post Office will take those posted when ready. Postage costs have increased on last year - some left in Drop and Go Account which should help.

9.2. Correspondence received: None

9.3. Attendance - Being updated as lists come in.

10. Rally Secretary Report - Handbook finally finished and is with the printers. We were able to get all the rally information uploaded for the Club Supplement on time. Invoices sent out to the Advertisers. New form for 2024 dates will be available in the New Year.

11. Publicity - Nothing to report at this stage.

12. Rally Equipment - Paul to liaise with Ron over rotas and what is held.

13. Webmaster - Julian was unable to attend the meeting and sent following report: I have made contact with a couple of regular ralliers, who work in IT, regarding possible alternative options to a card machine for paying for rallies cashless, to see what can suggest.

I have started building the pages for next years rallies, which will be completed and released over Christmas.

14. Newsletter - First edition by Diane seen by committee, a small amendment and Janet to send out to members.

15. Regional Meeting - Next is on 6th January 2024, Ron and Chris will be attending. Ron did advise that nothing has been heard yet about the Centres providing help to ClubFest again re siting.

16. Other Committee / Any Other Business

Need to sort out committee badges/plaques. To see what items may still be held. Alison still has a window plaque, to be passed back.

Rally Chairs for next year. To go on February agenda to see what cover is needed.

Next meeting Wednesday 14th February 2024 by Teams. Julian had offered to put this together. Meeting time 7.30 p.m. if all agree.

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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