

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024
VENUE: HINTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those taking part in the committee meeting were:

Chairman	Ron King
Vice-Chairman/Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Newsletter	Diane Fitch
Equipment	Paul Fitch
Publicity	Trevor Smith

Item 1. Apologies for Absence - Chris Stammers (Reg Rep).

Item 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes - None.

Item 3. Signing of Previous Minutes - September minutes agreed and signed for the records by Ron King, Chairman.

Item 4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting - There had been a query over membership - latest information discussed.

Item 5. Chairmans Report - I was involved in marshalling the Henham Steam Rally, 20th-22nd September 2024. It was another good event, with the weather being kind to everyone. This year we had members from North Essex, South Essex, West Surrey and West Sussex., who came and joined us in our special area that Henham Steam and Country Show committee allows us.

As the AGM approaches, it is very disappointing that the members of Suffolk Centre have shown very little interest in serving on the committee or getting involved with rallies for 2025. It seems that we will have a committee for next year, as the majority of the committee have stepped up to the plate to offer their services for 2025, with a couple of new faces joining. Same applies to rallies, no new people coming forward to organise a rally.

I would like to thank the present committee for their input this year. Those that are standing down, I look forward to seeing you on the rally field somewhere in 2025.

Item 6. Vice Chairmans Report - Julian had chaired the Henham Steam Rally. Apart from an odd shower the weather had been good, venue laid on a very good event. Thanks to marshals for organising the Centre part.

Item 7. Other Rally Reports - None.

Item 8. Treasurers Report - Not a lot to update since September. Quarterly VAT return had been done. Arranging to collect any other Centre items from Paul Wade. Report done for the AGM.

It was asked if a new Expenses claim form for the committee for sundry bits could be done.

Item 9. Secretary Report:

9.1. Membership - Janet reported that on Friday 27th September 2024, there were 1,121 members. Report due Friday 4th October should list the August members not renewing - anticipated 71. Some have already indicated not rejoining. September still to renew are 67.

Janet to locate stats of rallies attended (numbers last AGM to date) to give members an idea. To also look at advertised spaces in the rally book versus how many actually attended.

9.2. Correspondence received: None received.

9.3. Attendance - Updating as comes in.

9.4. AGM - Paperwork being put together, copy to go round committee before printing. Agreed 50 copies printed, one per family. Would need some volunteers for signing in members. Will arrange flowers for attending Tellers. Agreed that the Centre covers the cost of the rally as in previous years.

Will approach printers in Hadleigh for this so can also liaise re handbook for next year.

Agreed to ask for members to join committee under co-opting on. To ask for interest at the meeting, new committee to decide for agreement at meeting due after AGM.

Item 10. Rally Secretary Report:

Advertisers: Been in touch, some artwork agreed, new advertiser for next year, supplies entertainment.

Handbook: Will look at contacting printers, hoping to use them for AGM paperwork, and see where we go with folders/printing. Final updates given at AGM meeting. Will close programme for new entries 10 days after AGM.

Programme: Latest copy sent round committee and onto Facebook. Weeley venue now in programme, change of marshals. Programmes still to come in. Lessingham rally indicated but as yet no date.

Discussion over rally slips and being able to identify those no longer members but booked a while back. Vital to keep Exemption and Insurance Certificates. Agreed to publish that membership cards should always be available on arrival at a rally or if asked for by the marshal. Possible thought to add this to the rally slip to indicate month/year of renewal...

Item 11. Publicity - Nothing to report. Trevor had a quantity of the leaflets which were handed back. Ron appreciated Trevor's work for Publicity and that the leaflets were still being distributed wherever possible.

Item 12. Rally Equipment - Urn and bingo equipment needed for the AGM rally. Ron will be on site on Wednesday p.m. at Trinity Park to set up. Ron had to report a flag spike was found to be broken. Need to order a new one. Needs to be emphasised to marshals to check equipment when handing on and report losses/breakages and the collecting marshal should also do a check. Accidents do happen, quicker we know we can get items replaced.

Item 13. Webmaster - Website up to date.

Item 14. Newsletter - Although standing down from committee Diane is happy to help if asked. Felt one edition a Quarter is sufficient: it's just getting the articles to put something reasonable and informative to members.

Item 15. Regional Meeting -. Nothing since last meeting. Next one due in January 2025. New Regional Committee arrangement means only one Regional Representative per Centre.

Item 16. Other Committee / Any Other Business -

3 committee badges and one window plaque returned.

Ron passed on his thanks to those committee members not returning next year and fully understood their reasons why they were not continuing.

It was suggested a possible sub-committee, outside of the main committee, for anyone that would be willing to help but not commit to official involvement.

Diane Fitch wished the new committee well going forward.

It had been made clear during the meeting that some nominations in for 2025 were for one year only and this had to be made clear to members otherwise the Centre will be going towards hibernation next year.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Next meeting at Trinity Park after the AGM.

Dates for meetings to end 2024 are:

Dates for meetings for 2025 to be agreed meeting/Teams by new committee.

Wednesdays 13th November and 11th December 2024 reserved at Hintlesham.

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