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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on December 13th 2011 at The Woolmarket – Horndon on the Hill Meeting Number 13

Present:

Mrs N. Alden – Chairman	Mr B.Bond	Mr P. Langford
Mr A.Leslie - Secretary	Mt T.Cant	Mr P.Maran
Mr D.Mills -Treasurer	Mr P.Frier	Mrs S.Maran
Mr O. Fitzgerald	Mr K.Higgins	

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Price, absent because of a personal matter.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on November 15th 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered by an Agenda Item:

East Coast Leisure:

The Treasurer reported that this outstanding invoice had finally been paid. Mr Maran added that he believed that ECL had genuinely tried to pay earlier but confusion over BACS numbers may have caused the problem. He said that ECL had expressed their wish to continue to advertise in the Rally book although this was not possible for the 2012 programme. However, they could advertise on the web or in the newsletter. The Chairman requested Mr Frier to follow this up. The Chairman again thanked Mr Maran for his efforts on this matter.

Action : Peter Frier

Outstanding Payments for Adverts

The Treasurer reported that LED lighting had now paid and that contrary to what he had reported at the last meeting it was actually Powr Wheel and not Witter who had yet to pay. He had written to them enclosing another copy of the invoice.

Action : David Mills

In answer to an ancillary question from Mr Langford, Mr Frier advised that companies paid for their advertising in either the January or February following the publication of the rally book. The Chairman added that such action simplified the accounting process.

Fiftieth Birthday Rally

Mr Frier said he had approached four companies regarding sponsorship of generators but had yet to receive any replies. The Chairman requested that he keep pursuing this matter.

Action : Peter Frier

In connection with the rally Mr Frier added that with regard to trying to hire a steel band as part of the entertainment for the weekend, a friend had advised him that this may be both difficult and expensive because our rally coincided with the Notting Hill Carnival. He did however, have a contact number if it was felt necessary to pursue the matter. The Chairman requested that he liaise with Mr Maran.

Action : Peter Frier & Paul Maran

The Chairman said that commencing in January the Birthday Rally should appear on every agenda so that issues could be continually updated.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered by an Agenda Item: (Cont'd)

The Chairman had previously requested Mrs Price to put a programme together for the rally for discussion and said she would discuss this personally with Mrs Price with a view perhaps for it to be ready for the January meeting.

Action : Nerina Alden & Janice Price

Half Term Rally

The Chairman said she had received a telephone call from the Regional Chairman querying the dates for this rally which according to him began on a Sunday. A check of the 2012 calendar showed that October 27th was in fact a Saturday (as it should be) and that Mr Stammers was mistaken.

4 Flagpole Duties

All rallies up to and including Burns Night (excluding the overseas Santa's Express Rally) were allocated a committee member to take flagpole.

Mr Higgins distributed a flagpole list for 2012 showing where flagpoles would be allocated and where they should be collected for each rally. In discussing the list, the Chairman said that it was important that marshals understood that flagpoles should be returned from whence they were collected unless otherwise advised, and should not just be passed on. In reply to a question from the Secretary, Mr Higgins confirmed that where rallies required "Flag Only" (normally continental rallies) he would be supplying the flag. He also confirmed that flagpole kits would be allocated at the "Mainly Marshals" Rally.

For the benefit of the new members the Chairman explained that with regard to the flagpole meeting itself, it would always be taken by the most senior committee member attending. Where two Vice Chairmen were attending the same rally, they should agree between themselves who would do it.

5. Mainly Marshals Rally and Children's Party

The Chairman reported that to date 55 vans had booked in and that it was likely that some would need to be sited on grass. Mr Langford reported that he had had discussion with the School regarding previous difficulties with parents arriving to drop off and collect children from post curricular activities leading to traffic congestion.

The Chairman continued that she estimated that the rally would need to cater for 150 meals including the Junior Committee.

Committee members should aim to arrive at 16.15 hrs.

Mr Maran confirmed that live entertainment had been booked for Saturday evening.

As an aside Mr Cant reported that he had found an act coming from Arlesford that may be useful for the Birthday Rally. Mr Maran requested that Mr Cant obtain details as soon as possible because contacts will need to be signed etc

Action : Terry Cant

The Chairman distributed a list of children attending the afternoon party to Messrs Frier and Higgins. She advised the meeting that apart from the Junior Committee only one member's child was attending – all the others were grandchildren or great grandchildren. Graham Thursby would be providing the disco.

5. Mainly Marshals Rally and Children's Party (Cont'd)

There was then a general discussion regarding the party logistics and its location within the school and also the planning of the morning Marshals Forum.

6 Foreign Rallies

The Chairman had requested this item on the Agenda following difficulties regarding the advertising of these events in caravan windows on normal weekend rallies prior to the publication of the actual 2012 rally programme in rally books, rally lists or on the web. She solicited the views of the committee and said that a decision was necessary before rally paperwork was distributed.

From a personal viewpoint she felt that it should not be permitted since it would set a precedent for all other rally marshals to do likewise. She then requested committee members to individually express their views.

An extended general discussion took place covering a range of issues including the payments of deposits, payments to companies who organize overseas rallies etc. At the end of the discussion a vote was taken as to whether advertising of such rallies should be allowed in caravan windows with 11 members voting against it being allowed. It was subsequently agreed that marshals would be notified at the Mainly Marshals forum, and subsequent flagpoles about the decision.

Action : All

7 Correspondence

The Treasurer had received a letter from a marshal identifying two ralliers who arrived early at a rally – one of whom had been specifically told that he should not do so because of building contractors working on the site. In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that in line with a previous decision on this matter the letter would be retained by the Secretary to ascertain if the members involved were persistent offenders in which case they would be approached regarding their actions.

Action : Alan Leslie

Mr Fitzgerald said he had spoken with Mr Carter regarding the building of the stage for the 50th Birthday Rally and also the design required for the banner. He also had found a contact for a hog roast which he was following up. Preliminary discussions were also in place regarding bar supplies.

Action : Ollie Fitzgerald

Mr Frier reported that he had written to a number of companies regarding sponsorship for the Birthday rally and had already received a cheque for £50 from Coachman Caravans which he passed to the Treasurer. He added that to date he had received various other items totalling approximately £300.00, including a request to visit Camping and General who had a voucher for £50 waiting to be spent on equipment in their store, and a similar voucher from the Lidl supermarket chain.

Action : Peter Frier

Unrelated to the birthday Rally he had also received an advert for the newsletter from a Suffolk member.

The Secretary distributed copies of all required operating certificates (Exemption Certificate, Liability Insurance, PRS etc) for the coming season to all committee members.

The Secretary had received correspondence from the Caravan Club as follows :

- Details of how to book at the National which can now only be done by telephoning or on line. Cheques will not be accepted.

7 Correspondence (Cont'd)

- Details of the Celebration Ball at the Grosvenor Hotel June 15th. Tickets £85.00 per head - non refundable. Three temporary sites will be available with free coach transport. Centres can also have their own sites and the Club will provide free coach transport if more than 50 persons book in at any one site
- Because of a clash between the NEC and the AMM in 2012, the AMM has been put back by one week to October 27th.
- Letter from Martin Stringer regarding the use of generic E-Mail addresses and also an electronic listing of Centre and Club contacts. The Secretary to send electronic copies to all committee members.

Action : Alan Leslie

8 Any Other Business

Webmaster

The Chairman has been advised by Mr Harrison-Smith that whilst he will always assist with the technicalities of the website he no longer wishes to be the "front man" for the site and requests that we find (preferably) a committee member to take the task on. In order that we have a reasonable time in which to do this, she has persuaded Mr Harrison Smith to retain his current position until the 2012 AGM.

Future of Children's Christmas Party

The Chairman said that following the difficulties over the children's party for 2011 whereby it has had to be moved to next month's "Mainly Marshal's Rally", she has obtained agreement from the Secretary that for 2012 it be incorporated within his "Imagine Its Christmas Rally" Such action she said would hopefully encourage more people to attend because it would once again be a "Christmas" party rather than just a party. She has had some preliminary discussions with the Juniors to see if they would wish to run it."

2012 Rally Book

Mr Langford reported that the printers had not been able to meet their 13 day deadline from final proof read to delivery and that as a result the books were not available for this meeting but would be available on December 20th. He added that if this was to be avoided next year then the book would need to be available for print earlier.

The Secretary asked that as soon as they were available could they be delivered to him because there would only be four days before Christmas to enable books for fellowship holders and those who have pre-paid to be put into the mail system.

Action : Paul Langford, Alan Leslie

9 Date of the Next Meeting

January 25th 2012

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p m.

Proposed by:

Signed:

Seconded by: