

Minutes of the Anglia Region Council

Held at the Cameo Hotel Copdock Suffolk on April 2nd 2016

Attendees :

Name	Centre	Name	Centre
Mr K. Flexman (Chairman)	N. Essex	Mr G. Potter (V. Chairman)	N. Essex
Mr A Leslie (Secretary)	S. Essex	Mr B. Clark (Treasurer):	S. Essex
Mr M. Finney	Ind. Member	Mr R. Rice	N. Essex
Mr K. Higgins	S. Essex	Mr C. Stammers	Suffolk
Mrs J. Kent	Suffolk	Mrs J. Threadgold	N. Essex
Mr J. Kent	Mid Anglia	Mr M. Threadgold	Nom. Member
Mrs K McDonald	Mid Anglia	Mr D. Wakeling	Mildenhall
Mr P. Maran	S. Essex	Mrs J. Youngs	N. Essex
Mrs A. McGarva	Norfolk		

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Mr Labourne and Mr Flower

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Jan 9th 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Threadgold reported that he had no further action to report regarding the generation of cloud storage facilities within the Club but he did now have a copy of "The Way Forward" presentation which he would send to the Secretary for distribution to Council Members **ONLY** .

Action

Mike Threadgold

Mr Potter reported that he had now received input from Suffolk and Mid Anglia regarding the development of a consolidated "New Member Booklet" and had started to work on its preparation.

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Greg Potter

Mr Potter reported that he was still awaiting information from Norfolk regarding their five most prominent rallies for 2016 for inclusion on our website. Mrs McGarva said she had chased the issue from last time but would do so again

Action

Ann McGarva; Greg Potter

Mr Threadgold confirmed that arrangements for "The London Event" were well in hand and that he had 40-50 people attending. In answer to a question from the Chairman as to why it was not taking place on the same weekend as the Club Council meeting, Mr Threadgold said that the Club had brought forward the Council meeting to April in order to even the spacing of the meetings throughout the year.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes (Cont'd)

Mr Potter confirmed that he was now receiving input for the Region website. Mr Kent congratulated Mr Potter on his efforts and reported that several Mid Anglia members had commented positively about the site. Mr Potter confirmed that he was updating each Centres "Top 5" rallies on a rolling basis. Regarding the software being used for the site he reported that he had yet to submit an invoice to the Treasurer for payment.

4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that he had just received an update on National attendees (which now includes names) and was able to confirm that 79 outfits were currently booked into the Anglia Region block. As it stood non centre members outnumbered Centre members by two to one and were all on EHU whereas none of the Centre members had taken up the EHU option. He would circulate the report to all Regional representatives.

Action

Alan Leslie

The Secretary also reminded all Centre Chairman that they need to notify Jon Gass of their intentions regarding stalls at the Queen's Birthday Party no later than April 25th and asked that copies of all E-Mails be sent to him (the Secretary) as he was the nominated co-ordinator for Anglia Region

Action

Alan Leslie; All Centre Chairman

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr Clarke reported that all necessary VAT returns had been sent to the Club and that Anglia Region had claimed back £282.36. He again reiterated the need for all claimed expenses to be supported by proper VAT receipts in order to maximise the amount of VAT that could be reclaimed.

In answer to a question from the Secretary regarding BACS transfers, Mr Clarke advised that this has still not yet been resolved due to the fact that the Bank had still to acknowledge and ratify the new list of designated signatories,

Action

Brian Clark

6. Vice Chairman's Report

Mr Potter reported that the website was progressing well and that he was receiving information from Centres although more photographs especially of sites would be appreciated. The E-Mail advertising the question time had been put onto the Facebook page and had resulted in a substantial increase in the number of "likes" on the page indicating that at least people were now beginning to read and take an interest on the site.

Mr Potter concluded his report by saying that he had attended a number of Centre functions (Dinner Dances etc) within the Region all of which had been excellent and which he and his wife had very much enjoyed.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that the main topic of his report concerned the Forum which had taken place at East Grinstead in January which was attended by himself, the Vice Chairman and the Independent Member Mr Finney. He then distributed a set of "notes" prepared by Mr Potter during the meeting and also copies of the various slide presentations made by EGH staff. He requested members to read the information supplied and if they have further questions to bring them to the June meeting.

All questions raised during the Regional Forum in January were asked although answers to some needed to be taken away for further investigation.

The Chairman then went through the salient points of all the reports which generated an extensive discussion but he again urged all representatives to read all the reports in their own time and bring any queries and or questions to the June meeting.

Action

All Regional Council Members

8. Centre Reports

- **South Essex** : Mr Maran said that the year had started well with the "Mainly Marshals Rally" which 52 vans had attended. He then went on to praise the Centre Social Secretary for the Annual Dinner Dance Rally which he said had been very good – a view endorsed by Mr Flexman who had attended the rally. Upcoming rallies were mostly full. He also gave details of the Indian Meal on April 6th with all proceeds going to Charity.
- **North Essex** : Mr Rice reported that regrettably their first rally of the Year (Burns Night) was cancelled but since then things had been going well –especially with the launch of their new website which now had facilities for online booking. They had 50 vans on their two Easter rallies and total rally attendance since the start of the year has been 130 outfits which Mr Rice said was "quite encouraging".
- **Suffolk** : Mrs Kent said their membership was quite steady but that rally attendance had been very variable with some being full while others –Easter for example – had been quite low. She added that whilst optimistic for the coming year there was an inherent worry in that a number of well established marshals were standing down during the year which may well become a problem for next year. Looking to the future they are already starting to plan for the Centre's 50th anniversary in 2018 and are looking at Trinity Park as a venue on the May bank Holiday weekend.
- **Norfolk** : The year had started with Nigel Fenton's 80th Birthday Rally where he also received his 800th Rally plaque. This was then followed by the Valentines Rally which had a good turnout and subsequently by the "Natter & Chatter" where Charity cheques were presented including one for £1000 from the Juniors which was given to Teenage Cancer.
- **Mid Anglia** : John Kent reported that rallies at the beginning of the year had been well attended and Charity Cheques had been presented. In the meantime he had visited Gambia to see where and how charity money was being spent in schools which he said was very satisfying. This was followed by the Pre Season Dance which was very successful with a large attendance from other Centres. To date only one rally has been cancelled due to low numbers but six others are already full including a New Tear Rally. Mr Kent stated, however, that he was very disappointed with the take up on the "Anglia Region Get Together" (the old 5C's rally) and asked all Centre chairmen to give it extra promotion.

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All Centre Chairmen

8. Centre Reports (Cont,d)

Regarding this year's AGM Mr Kent explained that Mid Anglia will need a new chairman, two new vice chairmen, a new secretary and possibly two new committee members.. Clearly work has to be done to form a committee for 2017. In conclusion he confirmed that should a member of the Regional Council wish to attend a Mid Anglia Committee Meeting they would be more than welcome.

9. Independent Member Report :

Mr Finney said that he had nothing to report at this time.

10 Mildenhall Report :

Mr Wakeling offered his grateful thanks to Messrs Flexman and Potter for their assistance with concreting at Mildenhall. He is still trying to recruit wardens as he has two periods when none are available but says if necessary he will cover them himself. He reported that the site now had its own closed group on Facebook so that wardens could more easily communicate with one another and also stated that in response to Mr Potters request for photographs for the Region website he will supply some showing recent tree lopping operations at the site.

11 Correspondence

The Secretary stated that correspondence he had received had also been received by, or passed on to, the Council members.

Mr Threadgold requested that a date and venue for the 2017 AGM needs to be advised as soon as possible and also advised that a decision regarding the Caravan Club having their own Charity day was still being discussed and would advise the Council when it was finalised.

12, Any Other Business

Mr Wakeling asked if there were any further updates regarding Mr John Page. The Chairman said that there been no further reports since the Mildenhall meeting

In response to a question from Mr Rice it was confirmed that North Essex would host the Inter Centre fishing competition in 2017.

Mr Rice raised an issue concerning members private details being published in the Rally Supplement The Chairman replied that this had been discussed by the Regional Officers and would be referred to EGH for their comments'

Mrs McGarva asked if it was acceptable to take down the Red Flag during very high winds in order to mitigate against falling or breaking flagpoles. The Chairman advised that in such circumstances this would be acceptable.

The Meeting closed at 12.35 p.m

13: Date of Next Meeting : June 25th At the Copdock Hotel