

# ***Cambridgeshire & West Suffolk Driving Club***



## **Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Village Hall, Freckenham.

### **1 Apologies for absence.**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Wally Binder, Sue Brock-Hollinshead, Richard and Linda Carter, Sarah Jayne and Graham Cooper, Ray Godwin, Lady Iveagh, Rebecca Power, Sue and Tom Ram, and Richard Webster. Sue, Tom and Wally would join the Club for lunch later. Liz would take the minutes for the meeting today

### **2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd December 2007.**

The minutes were read, approved and signed.

### **3 Matters arising from the minutes.**

No matters were raised.

### **4 Chairman's Report.**

Mouse said she was delighted that this years varied events and holidays were so well attended. She thanked all the members of the Club and helpers for their enthusiasm and the support, in spite of bad weather.

She thanked Shirley and Brent for arranging two Road Driving Test days and the training beforehand. The Test was becoming increasingly relevant because the roads were busier than ever. Ten members of the Club had taken the test this year with 100% success.

Finally, Mouse thanked our webmaster, David Jones, for all he had done this year to improve our website. She was amazed that photographs from a Club events appeared on the website so speedily

### **5 Treasurer's Report.**

Judith had provided a written report for everyone at the meeting; a copy is attached to the minute book. The finances of the Club are in good order, the substantial balance has increased and there is an increase in the reserve. The source of income was from subscription. The holidays were financed by the attendees she praised the management of the accounts by the members and the £10 profit.

The West Rudham holiday and the Club's insurance premium were both in September, this caused a problem with cash flow. Members suggested a number of ways this could be avoided in the future. The committee will consider these proposals, which included increasing the deposit when booking the holiday and paying the likely balance at the start of the holiday. It is easier to refund members where appropriate than to wait for cheques to clear before settling the club's account with the host.

In response ,Mouse said that at Whitehall Farm, the new holiday venue in North Norfolk, holiday members will be asked to settle their individual accounts with the owners.

## 6 **Election of Officers and Committee for 2009**

The President announced the introduction of Honorary Membership. The award was at the discretion of the committee for long service and acknowledgement of continued support. Shirley was pleased to make Bunty Richardson our first Honorary Member. The membership was delighted.

There were two nominations to be co-opted to the committee. Wally Binder was proposed by Eunice Binder and seconded by Gwen Leonard ; David Jones was proposed by Terence Wheeler and seconded by Mouse Winter. The meeting warmly approved both nominations.

### 7a **Programme for 2009.**

Linda Godwin read the proposed programme for 2009 highlighting three new items, a drive at Swaffham Prior in April, a long distance event centred at Coney Weston following the Millers' Trail, to local windmills in Suffolk , 22-24 May and in September a new holiday venue at Whitehall Farm, North Norfolk.

There will be some of the well established events and a new location for the Club Trec. Jonathon and Liz Slater have offered Windolph's Farm , and Linda, Ray and Brent have offered to organize the competition.

Shirley Reeder plans to involve the grooms more next year in her training week-end at Worlington.

### 7b **Newsletter**

There was a lively discussion about electronic newsletters. Members asked for an e-mail to alert them that the newsletter was on the website. Copies of the newsletter would be posted to those members without e-mail. Linda would be happy to receive contributions, whether they were hand written, a word attachment or by e-mail. . She asked that a note of attendance at a drive be sent to her as soon as possible, along with the drive report.

### 7c **Notes to drive organizers**

Linda read an old document about Club advice for drive organizers. It had not been used for years. One of the items concerned risk assessment, and. Kathy Batty asked if the forms could be made available on the website for members to download.

A discussion about tethering in public places followed. The chairman recommended the committee should consider this problem and report to the membership in due course.

## 8 **The Drive Attendance Award.**

This year it was won by Liz and Terence.

## 9 **The Chairman's Award.**

Mouse made her award to Gwen and Geoff, for support and encouragement over the years.

## 10 **The President's Award.**

This year Shirley gave her award to Angela in recognition of her renewed driving.

## 11 **Club Awards.**

Mary Dennis Cup to Liz Wheeler for Le Trec.

Crinkly Bottom plate to Maureen and Angela for the Treasure Hunt

To Wally there was wax polish and duster for keeping up standards by his immaculate turn out at Club events.

Gil Daly was presented with a waterproof mac for rescuing the Chairman at Stetchworth, in torrential rain.

To Linda there was an egg timer to prevent accidental overheating at breakfast.

David was presented with a mouse mat bearing the Club logo for his skills improving the website

## 12 **Any other business.**

a) Kathy Batty asked about plans for another Road Driving Test day. Shirley hoped to arrange training and testing for five candidates in March.

b) Linda said that Ray had offered his band for a supper dance early in the season. A date will be arranged. The proposal was welcomed.

The Chairman thanked her committee and closed the meeting at 12.30pm in time for a ploughman's lunch.