

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Boat Owners held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Wolverhampton Boat Club.

## Minutes

### 1. Apologies for Absence

John Slee, Fiona Slee, Paul Monahan, Julie Henderson, Sadie Dean, Geoff Wood, Dennis Hill, Simon Robbins, Joan Jameson, Louis Jankel and 23 others gave their apologies.

2. The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Wolverhampton Boat Club were approved. Proposed by David Fletcher and seconded by Phil Goulding

3. The meeting received the Chairman's report on Council activities for the preceding year in which he outlined the efforts made by Council. He voiced his concerns that from a bright start at the time of his election to the Chair he was increasingly concerned about the relationship with CRT, not just ourselves but with other user Groups. He was keen that this aspect with discussed later in the day and the informal discussions. A copy of his report was posted on the NABO website.

The Chairman singled out David Fletcher, Helen Hutt and Sue Burchett for the work undertaken, and on still on-going, in bringing the Membership Administration up to date and in more modern formats, and to Helen for bringing our accounts into a newer and more detailed format.

Special mention was also made on the work done by Peter Fellows our Editor and Chris Pink who does layouts and presentation both of whom have been responsible for NABO News for some while now. Not only is it held in four National Libraries as reference work now, it is still firmly the most important communication we have to our members despite the modern age of the internet, web pages and Facebook.

Special mention was also made of the massive contribution made by two retiring members of Council. Stephen Peters was stepping down after 19 years – many of which he was Treasurer and Geoffrey Rogerson after 18 years – most of which he was responsible for Legal Matters and had undertaken many challenges with BW in particular during his time on Council.

The Chairman also made mention of the long service Trevor Rogers had made to NABO following his retirement from Council earlier in the year, and further his efforts on BSS over such a long period.

The report was proposed by Mark Tizard and seconded by David Fletcher and unanimously accepted.

4. The Treasurers report was presented by the Honorary Treasurer. Helen Hutt explained items in the accounts and referred to a slightly different way of presentation and accounting practice with

regards to accruals for memberships. She felt the new presentation was clearer. A copy of the accounts is attached to the minutes. It was proposed by Stella Ridgeway and seconded by Phil Goulding and unanimously accepted.

Helen reported that our Auditor was standing down and proposed Colin Walker, a member with all the right credentials. He was proposed by Mike Rodd and seconded by Mark Tizard and unanimously accepted.

5. Nominations for the New Council were read out as Mike Rodd, Mark Tizard, Peter Fellows, David Fletcher, Phil Goulding, Paul Howland, Helen Hutt, and Stella Ridgeway. As the number of nominees fell below the maximum number permitted the Chairman proposed that if there were no objections they be elected en bloc. This was proposed by Alison Tuck and seconded by Sue Birchett. All were voted unanimously to serve for a further year. Richard Carpenter agreed to continue as General Secretary but will not sit on Council as permitted per the Constitution.

6. Richard Carpenter pointed out that the Constitution had not been formally reviewed since 2004 and whilst there were no obvious problems it might be good for the new Council to have a small working party check things in the light of new media and the digital age. He also suggested that the process of Council election whereby all Councillors stand down each year could have ramifications at some stage and that a staggering of Council positions and terms might prove a better system. It was resolved this would be looked at by the new council but in general comments from the floor were favourable.

There was a request from the floor that the relationship with and new restrictions placed by Peel Holding on the use of the Bridgewater Canal be discussed in Council and any influence NABO has be applied.

The discussion took place about the ongoing problem of recruitment of members, problems facing the other boating organisations as well. David Fletcher said that during his term in the Cahir he did explore the possible merger of organisation but found that ultimately aims were different.

All agreed that the use of new media and modern methods of reaching people were vital and the new Council was charged with studying these to the best advantage.

The Official AGM closed at 11.25.

Vice Chair Mark Tizard the conducted a lively discussion from all present on the subject: **"What should CRT's priorities be for 2016"** with views on

Moorings and Enforcement, Maintenance & Infrastructure, Facilities, Towpath Conflicts and Engagement with Boaters

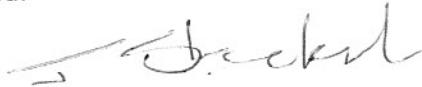
Signed  
Vice Chair



AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS  
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2016

I have examined the Books and Records of the Association and am satisfied from the information presented to me that the Financial Statements give a true and fair view both of the Association's funds at 31 March 2015 and the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Signed:



Dated:

31/3/2016

James Steckerl

FCMA

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS**

**AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2016**

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2016**

	Note	31.03.16		31.03.15	
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>					
Membership fees	1	12,852		14,144	
Donations		595		672	
Advertising revenue		1,250		1,250	
Deposit interest	2	5		4	
Other income		0		80	
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<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>					
Printing and distributing newsletter		7,654		8,257	
Rallies and marketing		0		234	
Printing, postage and stationery		1,375		817	
Legal expenses		1,800		0	
Travelling and conference expenses		1,702		3,681	
Room hire and meeting expenses		567		502	
Subscriptions and donations		20		25	
Insurance		838		1,153	
Secretarial and computer support		0		93	
Audit		100		76	
Web site costs		202		423	
Cost of recruitment		0		-157	
Bad debts		-10		0	
Sundry expenses	3	25		0	
Depreciation of fixed assets		161		161	
		<hr/>		14,434	15,265
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>					
Corporation tax				268	885
				0	-1
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<b>Supplement</b>					
Net EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE				268	884
Exceptional items:	4			7,301	4,053
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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS

BALANCE SHEET for the year ended 31 March 2016

	Note	£	31.03.16 £	£	31.03.15 £
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	5		442		602
Current assets	6	18,306		18,168	
Amounts due within 1 year	7	-1,249		-8,840	
			<u>17,057</u>	<u>18,168</u>	
Net current assets			17,057		9,328
			<u>17,499</u>	<u>18,168</u>	
Total net assets			<u>17,499</u>	<u>18,168</u>	9,930
<b>RESERVES</b>					
Reserves brought forward			9,930		4,993
Excess of income over expenditure			7,569		4,937
			<u>17,499</u>	<u>18,168</u>	
Reserves carried forward			<u>17,499</u>	<u>18,168</u>	9,930

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2016

### 1. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are shown net of Paypal transaction costs (£53)

### 2. DEPOSIT INTEREST

Deposit interest is received gross.

Provision for corporation tax has been made against this in previous years, none this year.

### 3. SUNDRY EXPENSES

£25 refunded to member for NABO News front cover photo.

### 4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Income: Donations (transfer of historic credit balances on Members' ledgers in accordance with Council's wishes)	492
Reversal of reserve for advance subscriptions made in previous years	<u>6,809</u>
	<u><u>7,301</u></u>

### 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	TOTAL	Office equipment	Other fixtures
Cost brought forward	11,456	8,239	3,217
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
Cost carried forward	<u>11,456</u>	<u>8,239</u>	<u>3,217</u>
Depreciation brought forward	10,853	8,239	2,614
Charge for period	161	0	161
Disposals	0	0	0
	<u>11,014</u>	<u>8,239</u>	<u>2,775</u>
Net book value at end of year	<u>442</u>	0	442
Net book value last year	<u>603</u>	0	603

### 6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors and prepayments	336
Bank current accounts	9,208
Bank deposit account	<u>8,762</u>
	<u><u>18,306</u></u>

7. AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

Accruals	553
Members' credit balances	685
Corporation tax	<u>11</u>
	<u>1,249</u>

8. BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

All members are welcome to inspect the Association's financial records at any time mutually convenient to the member and the Treasurer.