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Nabo Minutes 01e

MINUTES OF THE NABO COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WAGON AND HORSES OLDBURY SAT 9 JUNE 2001

Members present: Sue Burchett, James Mason, Graham Freeman, Roger Davis, Sadie Dean, Gordon Reece, Trevor Rogers, Stuart Sampson, Geoffrey Rogerson, Andrew Sherrey & Stephen Peters.

Secretary: John Stephens

1 Apologies for absence were received from: Helen Gardner, Peter Foster, Derek Hackett, and Nigel Fountain.

2 Accuracy of the previous minutes

01d/15 Should read: Trevor to support in various ways

01c/8 Stephen to contact Home Office if considered necessary.

Otherwise it was agreed that the minutes were correct.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

01d/1 **Graham** to contact each member to sort out the details and necessary purchases for the required level of communication for council. *See Item 4*

(01d/2) **Roger** to sort out the computer and bill NABO. *Action completed*

(01d/3) **Sue** to take up with NINF that the Waterways Trust is pricing itself out of the reach of the average person. *On-going*

(01d/4) **Sue** to contact Christine Denton with regard to stock and its location.

Completed

(01d/5) We need a place to store things ready for transporting to events. **James has identified secure lock-up garage in Brentford, £250 per year. Agreed.**

(01d/6) We need an asset register to keep track of what there is and where it is being kept. **Andrew agreed to maintain register. Completed**

(01d/7) **Stuart** to sort out the artwork for the flyers. **Nigel ready to print.**

(01d/8) **Sue** to order burgees from Jancraft and garments bearing the logo and 10th birthday T-shirts. **Burgees ordered, T-sheets not required.**

(01d/9) **Stuart** to put something in the newsletter to explain the availability of our moorings etc at the NIA event. **Completed.**

(01d/10) **Helen** to organise the rota for help at the NIA event **All** to try to make themselves available. **Completed see Item 10**

(01d/11) **Sue** to contact Christine Denton to ask if she will do marketing for the event. **Christine declined.**

(01d/12) **James** to write to EA to protest formally about the licensing plans; to give our view and offer to sit on any committee to look into things. **On-going.**

(01d/13) **Geoff** to send the reply, after contacting Nick Gfazebrook for legal advice, and adding that if BW are unable to agree we would like to meet with Paul Wagstaff and BW's legal representative. **See Item 11**

(01d/14) A member's letter about vandalism is to go into the newsletter. **Completed.**
All information on vandalism is to be passed to Stephen. **On-going**

accuracy

(01d/15) Trevor to send a letter of support voicing our views on the emissions problems. *Completed.*

(01d/16) Lord Whitty's letter to go on the website. *Completed.*

(01d/17) All to look out for areas designated for 'Hire Boat Only' mooring. *On-going*

(01d/18) Gordon to write to get clarification about plans to issue swipe cards to enable use of facilities on the Lancaster Canal. *Gordon advised that swipe cards are to be introduced for toilet and shower facilities, in addition to BW key. Completed*

No Ref. Council members need a selection pack of all available stationery and leaflets. *On-going.* **Can Roger do this?**

(01c/4) Sue to liaise with Gordon over the Albert Dock situation, and give him our support. *On-going.*

(01c/5) Our joining PIANC is to go into NABO News along with an explanation of the significance, and a list of other members. *On-going*

(01c/8) Stephen to contact the Home Office about crime on the cut. *See Item 2.*

(01c/9) Dennis to be contacted about mooring policy and charges on the G&S and river Severn. *Stephen to action G&S Item.*

(01c/14 All council members are asked to get the name, address in Brussels and E-mail of their MEP *On-going.*

We still need a list of mooring sites for all areas. *On-going.*

4. Communications

Sue reported that a refund had been given on the printer.

Graham tabled a Communications Strategy Paper. Council discussed the options and agreed (O1e/1) that Graham should procure appropriate laptops and accessories that would provide the basis for a standardisation system for the future, within the agreed budget of £5,000. And issue them to the members who require them.

Sue expressed concern that meetings were still taking up a great deal of time and the report procedure was not working. Council reviewed the meeting structure and a rationalisation of Council responsibilities was not acceptable. *The next meeting to deal with policy and regional issues.*

5. Treasurer's Report

No report available due to pressure of work.

6. Rep's Reports

a) London

Willow Tree Eviction: Eviction orders being issued to maximise income. Helen to investigate. : (O1e/2)

Port of London Byelaw 19: Small craft have not been giving way to larger vessels as required by the Byelaw.

River Dee Conservancy Paper: James, Stephen and Gordon to confer. Reply required by 13 July. (O1e/3)

River Medway Revised Byelaws: Stephen advised that it was not too late to respond. (O1e/4)

River Brent Creek Mooring: James and Graham had attended meeting. Pressed technical and legal arguments that BW was outside their jurisdiction. Mark Bensted to reply. (O1e/5)

Mr Duffy - Docklands: James advised that following a BW complaint to Mr Duffy he had visited the site and advised that the boat was in a normal condition and the mast secure. The next boat had no objections to Mr Duffy's boat and there was no evidence of rubbish on the mooring.

Richard Branson: James tabled a reply from Mr. Branson advising that he was flattered by invitation but pressure of work precluded acceptance.

BW Boaters Handbook: James advised that he had attended two workshop which reviewed and amended the Handbook A revision would be issued shortly.

Navigation Authority BW/EA: NABO objections to be submitted to DETR Financial, Management & Policy Review Panel. (O1e/6)

b) Southern

Written reported submitted
Items discussed:

Oxford No Mooring Length: Council discussed the issue, which Geoffrey is now reviewing for possible national action. (O1e/7)

Winter Moorings: Trevor advised that availability of winter online moorings at Crick were well advertised.

c) Midlands

Written report submitted:
Items discussed:

Water Grid: Chris Boxall, Nigel & Graham to attend Water Grid Meeting at Lapworth. Need to be vigilant on Grey Water. (O1e/8)

Police Complaint: Complaint to Northamptonshire Police Re. not attending crime scene.

EA: Negligence claim against EA. Re. Great Bardford Bridge, Great Ouse. (O1e/9)

d) River

Written report submitted:
Items discussed:

G&S: Reply awaited from John Lancaster on G&S Mooring Policy.

BW Plan for the Future 2001-05 copies distributed to Council.

e) NW

Written report submitted.
No items discussed.

f) NE

No report submitted.

g) Anglia

Letter received from David Blagrove on guillotine gates. Passed to Sadie

h) Legal

See Item 11

7. Membership

Roger tabled his membership report, which detailed current statistics, and two letters he had received. The first from a Rapid Response Diver Team offering assistance. Council discussed the offer and agreed that it should be declined because of the access and legal implications.

The second was from yet another disillusioned boater how was taking up motor caravanning. Council agreed **(O1e/9)** that permission should be requested to publish in NABO News.

8. News & Web

Roger advised that the Web Site was the main source for new members at present.

Stuart advised that the last issue of NABO News had been delayed by the Bank Holiday. The next issue would have to be drafted afloat and submitted for printing on CD.

Council congratulated Stuart on the excellent last issue. Stuart advised that he would like material for the 10th year edition by the July Council Meeting.

Invoice required for Mark Dix's advertisement. Andrew to provide. **(O1e/10)**

Basic Boat Liability Company has offered £100 per year for Web Site Advert. **(O1e/11)**

9. Chairmans Report

Written report submitted.
WRG Panto, £100 donation agreed. **Action Andrew**

10. Events

NIA

Sue arranged rota.

Two banners with inscriptions not limiting them to the 10th anniversary to be purchased at £150 each.

Sue to investigate more passes.

No Bar. Hospitality drinks on Sue's boat.

Graham to make name badges.

Mugs not required

Inkwell, firm at Braunston supplies canal ware.

5,000 leaflets to be ordered.

AGM

Black Country Museum agreed as venue, coffee only to be provided.

IWA National Festival

Mike Smith to arrange for NABO logo to be included in EA/TWA display. **(O1e/12)**

London Boat Show

Invitation received 9 sq metres £1,281 + Vat, shell £2441 + Vat

11. Overstaying time on moorings

Geoffrey reported that following a meeting with the solicitors a letter had been sent to the BW Board advising that the proposal was beyond their statutory right. A reply had not been received to date. Council agreed **(O1e/14)** a budget of £5,000, if it became necessary to seek Legal Council.

John Stephens requested that the membership were fully briefed on the issued. He was concerned that we could be seen as supporting the Bridge Hoppers.

12. Safety on rivers the EA/BW navigation responses.

No discussion.

13. Vandalism Campaign

Stephen advised that he had started to draft a vandalism paper. (O1e/15)

14. Technical

Trevor reported that Graham and James had met with Bill Schlegel and Tony Plews to discuss the BSS Review Final Report. It appeared that Tony Plews was now fronting the reorganisation. The meeting addressed the reorganisation of the BSS Management and Advisory structure. Trevor expressed concern that their proposals had not been well thought out and their milestones were vague. Tony Plews had agreed to provide a response on their Duty Holders level of care within a week. (O1e/16)

Trevor further advised that at the BSS Advisory meeting the body representing the Examiners reported that their members were finding it difficult to conduct examinations and some were refusing because of the present situation.

BW/EA were looking for guidance on the way ward to produce a revised scheme for the January 2002 Boat Show. To achieve that aim, a meaningful consultation with the User Groups and boat owners would be necessary and in Trevor opinion a simple, fair, consistent and non-retrospective scheme was required. However, he believed that the eventual proposal would end up being a far more complexed scheme. In order to meet the consultation requirement the revised proposal would have to be drafted by September.

15. AOB

Council Responsibilities

Graham agreed (O1e/17) to draft a list of Council Members duties.

Complaints Procedure

Agreed that Peter Lea would provide assistance to Geoffrey to ensure that BW provided replies to letters and action any referral to the Ombudsman.

Railtrack

Railtrack have withdrawn planning applications for transformer sites.

Waterfront

The current issue of Waterfront carries an article on AWCC. When NABO? *Sue who is going to action?*

Topics for Action

Topics dealt with are removed from the list others ongoing are retained.

O1e/1 **Graham** to procure laptops and accessories.

O1e/2 **Helen** to investigate Willow Tree evictions.

- 01e/3 River Dee Conservancy Paper. **James, Stephen & Gordon.** _____
- 01e/4 Medway revised Byelaws. **Stephen.** _____
- 01e/5 Brent Creek moorings. **James.** _____
- 01e/6 Navigation BW/EA. **James.** _____
- 01e/7 Moorings Oxford. **Geoffrey.** _____
- 01e/8 Water grid. **Chris, Graham & Sue.** _____
- 01e/9 EA/BW Negligence claim. _____
- 01e/10 Members letter NABO News. **Roger** _____
- 01e/11 Invoice Mark Dix's. **Andrew** _____
- 01e/12 Basic Boat Liability Web advert. **Stuart** _____
- 01e/13 NABO Logo EA/IWA Stand National. **Mike Smith.** _____
- 01e/14 Legal Council budget. **Geoffrey** _____
- 01e/15 Draft paper vandalism. **Stephen.** _____
- 01e/16 Tony Plews Duty to Care response. **James & Graham** _____
- 01e/17 Council responsibilities list. **Graham.** _____

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Ongoing Actions

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Footlight

It was suggested that we enter a boat for the illuminated boats and the technical members create a prize winning dazzling entry that contains a NABO message:
Suggestion: We need a Minutes Secretary!!!!