

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY NABO COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE WAGGON & HORSES OLDBURY – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2002

Present:

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| James Mason | Chairman | Sue Burchett | Vice Chairman |
| Graham Freeman | General Secretary | Andrew Sherry | Treasurer |
| Carole Sampson | NE Secretary | Stephen Peters | Rivers Secretary (Sth) |
| Mark Northing | Midlands Secretary | Paul Herbert | South Secretary |
| Caie Graham | London Secretary | Gordon Reece | NW Secretary |
| Stuart Sampson | Publications Editor | Trevor Rogers | Technical Committee |

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies were received from Roger Davis, Paul White, Geoff Rogerson and Aileen Butler.

ITEM 2 - CORRESPONDENCE

2. **Chairman.** The Chairman had received correspondence regarding mooring fee increase for Battle-Bridge Basin residents. While RBOA have a primary interest in this subject, some of the affected boaters are NABO members and therefore deserve our involvement in the debate. The (ongoing) mooring fees issue is to be the subject of urgent attention by the **new Council**.
3. **General Secretary:** The General Secretary had received advance notification of the 2002 IWA Festival. Participation in this show is to be addressed by the **new Council**.

ITEM 3 – PRE-AGM ISSUES

4. **Constitutional Requirements.** Council discussed at length the Constitutional requirements regarding the process that governs the nomination and election of Council Members. While there was confidence that that the likelihood of an election was low (due to the standing down of Roger and Andrew), the meeting fully explored the surrounding issues and concluded that the possibility of a postal vote was also equally unlikely.
5. **Statutory Timescales.** As the August issue of NN did not contain a copy of the Council proposal form, Council agreed to extend the nomination deadline to 31 Oct. To notify the membership of this extension, it was decided that an addendum would be included in the (about to be issued) copy of NABO news – the agreed words were:

“Due to an oversight, nomination papers for Council Elections were not included in the previous copy of NN. To redress this issue, Council have agreed to accept nominations by post, email or telephone (01604 761646) by no later than 31 Oct 02.”

It was decided that:

Graham would deliver the NN addendum to Ruth NLT pm 13 Oct 02.

Secs Note: No additional nominations received during period 12 Oct – 31 Oct 02. Nominations are:

1. James Mason
2. Sue Burchett
3. Graham Freeman
4. Geoff Rogerson
5. Stuart Sampson
6. Trevor Rogers
7. Michelle Harris
8. Gordon Reece
9. Carole Sampson
10. Peter Foster
11. Peter White
12. Caie Graham
13. Paul Herbert
14. Stephen Peters
15. Mark Northing
16. Adrian Stott

ITEM 4 – AOB

6. **Penton Hook Show**. James informed Council that the organisers of the Penton Hook Show (May 03) had requested NABO to organise a boat rally. Council discussed the matter and, whilst agreeing in principle, were of the opinion that the decision to commit should be left to the newly formed Council following the AGM.

7. **London Boat Show**. James informed the meeting that NABO had been granted a 10 m² stand (in a prime position) at £12.40 / m². Further details will be made available from the show organisers in due course.

8. **Congratulatory Letter to new Waterways Minister**. Following the announcement of Alun Michael's appointment as Waterways Minister (Vice Lord Whitty) it was decided that:

James would write to both incoming and outgoing Ministers expressing NABO's congratulations and appreciations respectively.

9. **EU - Fuel Taxation Proposal**. Trevor circulated a paper on EU Fuel Taxation regarding proposals to outlaw the use of Red Diesel by pleasure boating.

ACTION POINTS – 12 Oct 02

James:

1. Write to outgoing and incoming Waterways Ministers.

Graham:

1. Arrange for NN addendum to be delivered to Ruth.

New Council:

1. Moorings Issue (Battle Bridge Basin residents).
2. Arrangements for participation in the 2003 IWA festival.