

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING of the NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION of BOAT OWNERS, held at The Waggon &  
Horses, Oldbury on SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2003**

*Please note that the General Secretary was not present at this meeting to take these minutes. These are compiled from notes taken by Celia Kennedy*

**Present:** Stephen Peters (SP), in the chair  
Sue Burchett (SB), NABO chairman, Geoff Rogerson (GRo)  
Stuart Sampson (SS) Gordon Reece (GR)  
Celia Kennedy (CK) Peter Lea (PL)

**Apologies for Absence:** received from Trevor Rogers, Peter Foster, Carole Sampson (CS), Peter White, Paul Herbert, Aileen Butler and Adrian Stott

**3. ACCURACY of PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES**

With an amendment to Item 7 that the word 'Act' should be replaced by 'Order', the minutes of the July 2003 meeting were accepted as a true record. The chairman (SB) signed the minutes.

**4 ACTION REPORTS from the previous minutes.**

CS 1. Done  
2. Done  
3. Awaiting FMD doc from GRo  
4. Done  
GRo All done except sending CS FMD Doc, which he didn't have (SB looking for it)  
SS All done  
SB All done  
TR Not done

**5. COUNCIL PROCEDURES**

PL explained thinking behind his original proposals and Council agreed new wording, included amended versions of clauses that were rejected at the July Council meeting. SP has revised wording.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT**

Due to computer problems, the new treasurer, GR, had not received the draft accounts for 2002/2003, so couldn't report. CK provided hard copy for his information. Draft accounts to be circulated to all Council.

Treasurer to be made signatory to NABO bank accounts ASAP

**7. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

PL's new wording was discussed and in the most part accepted as the Council recommended version to be distributed to the membership in advance of the AGM. A vote was taken on the amendment reducing the maximum number of Council members from 16 to 12. It was decided

to include this as a recommendation for the members to debate at the AGM.

This version is to be distributed along with the original version for comparison and other AGM notices as a special mail-out to members. PL to type up, SS to distribute PL, SS

## **8 AGM ARRANGEMENTS**

Charging for the Buffet was again considered in the light of Carole Sampson's objections to the fact that by charging members full price it was they rather than NABO who would be paying for the hire of the venue. It was agreed to charge members a reduced rate.

## **9 MOORING CODE UPDATE**

GRo read to Council the communication he had sent to BW challenging the legal standing of the Code, stating that the time limit for a response would expire within three days and that no response had been received. GRo to circulate it to all Council for information. No proposals were forthcoming from the meeting as to what positive alternatives NABO could propose to the Code apart from requesting BW to make more use of their existing powers. GRo

## **10 EA TRANSPORT & WORKS ORDER**

SP reported on discussions that had taken place with EA. A further revised version of the Order was awaited for NABO comments.

## **11 Waterways Regulator / BW Counter Proposal Consultation Document "Improving Openness & Accountability" / Defra Policy Review of IWAAC**

SP's draft responses were received and all Council members would let him have their specific comments for incorporation into the final drafts for approval by the next meeting.

All

## **12 VISITOR MOORING POLICY**

Proposals put forward by SS were accepted and SS would formulate them into a letter to BW, to also include NABO's agreed policy that the use of time limited Visitor Moorings as Winter Moorings should be limited to 75% of the available space. SS

## **13 MEETING PROGRAMME PROPOSAL**

It was decided to postpone discussion of this proposal by Carole Sampson until its value could be assessed in the light of the revised Council Procedures.

**Meeting ended at 1520 hours**

Signed: Stephan Peter

Date: 4/10/03