MINUTES of a COUNCIL MEETING of the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of BOAT OWNERS,

Held at the Waggon and Horses, Oldbury on Saturday 17th April 2010

Present

David Fletcher

(Chair)

Geoffrey Rogerson

Stephen Peters

John Slee

Howard Anguish

Sue Burchett

Richard Carpenter

1. APOLOGIES

Council member Andrew Colyer; Simon Robbins

2 MINUTES

- a) **Approval.** With all those who had been present in agreement, the minutes of the 6th March meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman
- b) Matters arising if not on this agenda elsewhere
- +Tidal Lock David is in continuing dialogue with TBA
- +AGM awaiting confirmation from Wolverhampton Boat Club.
- + Legal challenge a meeting has been arranged with Mark Beasley Geoff and David to attend. Article in Nabo News offering our legal advice to members that are being taken to court.

 Action Geoffrey
- + David contacted BBC/ITV re programmes showing irresponsible use of the canals. Unsatisfactory reply received so ongoing

 Action David
- + FOI. Simon to write article for web site and Nabo News. David to pursue.

 Action Simon & David
- 11 AOB There was a reminder to use <u>councilplus@nabo.org.uk</u> for non controversial emails

N/West & Borders Northwich	.???
North West Wigan	Richard Carpenter
South East & Milton Keynes	
South Wales & Gloucester	
West Midlands Fazeley	

3 MOORINGS AND LICENCE ISSUES (default)

Houseboat licences are to be followed up taking into account RBOA's views

Action Simon

Sally Ash has produced maps on moorings in consultation with residents on the K& A.

The South East Visitor mooring review clashes with the National Review consultation. We are to request proper start and finish dates for consultations. David to write to Sally.

Action David

John has had a positive response from Sally re notice boards.

It was reported that Boaters are staying over on Winter Moorings

Waterway Wanderers Fishing Scheme We are to complain about the 'boating'.
season' and that fishermen have the right to fish on moorings. Howard to take to

WUSIG and Dan to be informed so that he can raise the matter. Action Howard

A query was raised on how BW is going to enforce.

The matter of illegal mooring signs is to be brought up at consultation meetings

Licence issues.

David proposed dividing up Nigel's letter and David is dealing with points 2&3 with Sally.

Points 1 & 4 are to be dealt with in conjunction with Mark Beasley; BW;

Geoffrey and David.

Action David & Geoffrey

The malpractice accusations are not helpful.

A discussion took place on the number of boats on the system and how many were too many. Geoffrey to resurrect his article on boat numbers and to liaise with Howard re article for Nabo News

Action Geoffrey & Howard

4 NABO VIEW ON 2020

Both Tory and Labour are in favour of 2020 but there is a gap in the financing. There could be a problem finding trustees as they will be financially liable. There was a discussion on the structure. Is it manageable? David stated that Nabo should be represented on all the committees to exert influence. Is this doable? BW will walk away if it is unsustainable. IWA's Chelmer & Blackwater is being held up as an example.

Stephen made the suggestion that BW could raise money from its members and pay back with interest. An article is to be written for Nabo News. <u>Action Stephen</u>

5 IWA CONSERVANCY

David attended the IWA meeting at Chesham organised by NINF to enlist support for this proposal. Roger Squires wants our comments. The consensus was that it was harking back to Victorian values and that it was more bureaucracy. David to take this forward.

Action David

6 WEB SITE MATTERS

The boating survey is now on the web site

John proposed writing to Vince & Caroline in response to BW's request for us to do another Waterway Condition Survey. John explained how the survey would be set up and all boaters would be asked to take part, not just Nabo members.

Action John

John has enabled a facility to see who is on line so you can make contact by email.

The Council forum is up but not complete.

The Bulletin circulation is growing.

Council was reminded to tick box to get rid of styles in Word to remove extra formatting.

7 FINANCE

Stephen reported that the bank balances to date are Alliance and Leicester £5515 Barclays' current a/c £5310 and deposit a/c £23717 giving a total of £34542 Stephen has received a reply from HMRC about our tax liability which is £638 plus interest. There is to be no further action on tax due before 2003. Council wished to thank Stephen and John Darlington.

8 MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP

a) Crick. This is in hand with David there all the weekend and Richard and John also attending. Richard is to get proper name badges and it was agreed that he could buy a laser printer.

Richard and John to sort handouts David to make copies of Consultations Spare copies of Nabo News are needed Action Richard & John Action David

b) Other Festivals/Gatherings.

Mercia Marina open day was mentioned as were 17th & 18th July Leeds, and Braunston 26th & 27th June

We were shown new window stickers and it was agreed to send each member 2.

Richard has found a source of t/shirts for £7.50; sweat shirts £12; Polo shirts £10; and Fleeces £18 with the supplier dealing directly with the orders by internet.

Richard is to order a supply for Council.

Action Richard

Membership is 17 affiliated; 13 associate; 905 single and 1368 family. Total 2303.

23 have joined in the last 3 months.

9. NABO NEWS: ARTICLES/DEADLINES

Articles to be sent to nabonews@nabo.org.uk by Saturday 24th

2 articles – updating the legal situation and a reprise of the number of boats

3 articles – on tax position; disposal of flares; and mutual/cooperatives

2 articles - cost of boating survey & stoppage consultation

1 article - membership details update & fill in

Pseudonym

2 articles - Politics and 2020

David

3 articles already received.

Chris is expected to put his stamp on the magazine but not to do editorials until he has attended a Nabo council meeting.

10. A.O.B.

Simon Salem is to be asked to be the speaker at the next AGM
Howard gave a WUSIG report.

Nabo to co-ordinate grid references for the emergency services. Action David Sally is writing a Boating Users Handbook. To ask for a Nabo review Action John

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