

**MINUTES of a COUNCIL MEETING of the  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of BOAT OWNERS**

Held at the Waggon and Horses, Oldbury on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Present: David Fletcher (Chair)

Simon Robbins            John Slee

Stephen Peters            Geoffrey Rogerson

Richard Carpenter      Belinda (Guest)

Sue Burchett            Panda Rainbow (Guest)

1. APOLOGIES

Council members Howard Anguish and Andy Colyer.

**Minutes of Huddle at Agm**

Chairman David Fletcher proposed by Howard Anguish seconded by Stephen Peters

Vice chairman Howard Anguish proposed by Richard Carpenter seconded by David Fletcher

Gen Sec Richard Carpenter proposed by Stephen Peters seconded by Geoff. Rogerson

Treasurer Stephen Peters proposed by David Fletcher seconded by Sue Burchett.

**Planning for 2010/2011**

a) Council Roles as above.

Howard agreed to continue to represent Nabo at WUSIG and NAVCOM

All agreed to continue in their present roles for the following year.

## b) Marketing & Membership

Road shows were mentioned -see 11

We will attend Crick, which costs about £500. National will be considered later.

### 1. MINUTES of 4<sup>th</sup> September Council Meeting

a) **Approval.** With all those who had been present in agreement, the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> September meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters arising if not on this agenda elsewhere

The list of moorings removed to go on the website. **Action JS**

Wilts won't pay for enforcement on K&A. Banes council are not paying for a boat checker.

The Equalities Policy was unknown to Sally Ash when asked.

### 1. **Licensing, Moorings and Charging**

#### **Moorings**

John Slee reported on a meeting with Damian Kemp and said that BW had agreed to some minor changes. BW are to call the canals THE waterways rather than their waterways.

BW won't move on getting rid of 1 in 10 on line moorings even if it means evictions in some cases. They will give 12 months notice to the moorers.

There was a discussion on overstaying charges. BW are proposing these can be paid in advance by phone and the charge would then reduce from £25 to £15. The case for overstaying charges was withdrawn by both sides from Paul Biddy's case so still no ruling.

There was much discussion on the Local Mooring Policy with the consensus being that National Policy should drive Local Policy.

Simon suggested that a letter should be written to DEFRA requesting a meeting **Action David ?**

Panda is proposing present rules are applied; RBOA is looking into costs and BW's budget.

Panda has asked for the mooring strategy budget under the FOI. Sally has promised but not yet delivered.

Geoff suggested that BW might agree to XYZ rather than a progressive journey.

The next meeting of the K&A Mooring strategy group is 10<sup>th</sup> December.

We need an amendment to the Act and should be lobbying for change to come with the new Charity. The legislation is well out of date.

## **Licensing**

The licensing consultation is now open. Panda is to object privately to the short consultation time. The price for the short term licence is prohibitive. Prompt payment is being brought forward by two weeks, which if it takes place will catch a lot of people out. The new system was only set up a year ago and seems unnecessary to change this quickly.

### **Please send comments to Howard.**

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## **6 Consultations and reports from meetings**

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## **7 Legal**

It was agreed unanimously that a point by point article to go in Nabo News

Geoffrey to write to Simon Salem re awaiting reply to correspondence.

Geoffrey to provide press release.

Paul Biddy's case, judgement due by 24<sup>th</sup> December. Simon suggested writing to the Court to express interest in receiving a transcript. **Action all Geoffrey**

## **8 Finance**

Stephen reported that the bank balances to date are :- Alliance and Leicester £4782; Barclays current a/c £5253 and deposit £20,724 giving a total of £30,759.

We hope membership will increase. Newsletter costs have risen from £500 - £900 last month. The total costs are £8000 a year out of membership fees of £18000 compared to just under £7000 the year before. It was generally agreed that the impact of the new issues of NN was worth it but that some new revenue from advertising would redress costs.

## **9 Condition Survey**

No comments

## **10 Web Matters**

Richard is looking for articles for the web site. It was agreed that articles don't need approval but may be removed if thought inappropriate.

John had to deal with a serious breach on our Web Site. This was phishing for bank details. The site has been updated.

John has a winter project to look into Pay-pal **Action John.**

## **11 Nabo promotion and 'marketing'**

a) Road Shows- where, when, who?

The venues that Richard has contacted have replied favourably. A budget of £1000 to cover the initial venues was agreed and the number of new members is to be monitored.

Boat clubs to be asked if they would like more copies of Nabo News. **Action Richard**

## **12 NABO News articles and deadlines.**

Peter Fellows K&A survey needs publishing

Peter Fellows editorial

A member's article on the BSS

David annual report and Chairman's piece

Simon on Houseboats

Stuart has article

Sue Pseudonym

**Deadline Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**13 AOB**

Question for the BW AGM. Simon suggested a question **Action Richard**.

There were comments about the Local Boards Workshop questionnaire with some of the questions thought to be inappropriate.

Simon reported on Boris Johnson's comments on taking over the Thames.

Meeting dates are as follows 22nd January

12<sup>th</sup> March

16<sup>th</sup> April

11<sup>th</sup> June

3<sup>th</sup> September

15<sup>th</sup> October

12<sup>th</sup> November AGM

26<sup>th</sup> November

Meeting Ended at 3.20pm

Approved  
Qu. - 22/1/11