

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

Held at the Waggon and Horses, Oldbury on Saturday 22nd January

Present: David Fletcher (Chair)

Stephen Peters

Geoffrey Rogerson

Richard Carpenter

Howard Anguish

Sue Burchett

Mrs Anguish (guest)

Andy Colyer

1. Apologies

Council members Simon Robbins: John Slee and editor Peter Fellows

2 Minutes 27th November 2010

a) The minutes were approved

b) Matters arising & actions:

1b) The list of moorings removed to go on website

Action JS pending

10 John's winter project re pay pal

pending

13 Richard was unable to attend the BW AGM due to bad weather.

3 Licensing, Moorings & Charging

a) Licensing Consultation Response

Howard circulated the final draft response, which council went through and approved.

C12 to have a change of wording, David to provide text.

Action David

b) National Mooring Policy

There is nothing new and we are awaiting revised policy. Sally to be emailed for update.

Action John

4. Reports from Meetings

a) K&A Meetings

4 meetings have been held with little progress. The enforcement is supposed to be self financing; this will require 100 boaters to pay every week to break even. What is needed is workable enforcement but the group is finding it difficult to get this discussed. The roving permit is considered unworkable. NABO needs to assist in seeking a solution. NABO will pay expenses for NABO council members.

b) Alrewas

Will Chapman has become a local Parish councilor to try and influence locally.

5. Legal- Bristol Case.

Paul Biddy's case has been further deferred and now is expected in February. A meeting is wanted with BW on CC. The issues are to be listed and published in NABO News.

Action Geoffrey

6. Finance

Stephen reported that the bank balances to date are: - Santander (was Alliance & Leicester) £1384; Barclays current a/c £5795 and deposit a/c £20726 giving a total of £27905

The last NABO News printing charge was less. Ninf membership not paid for two years as Ninf couldn't handle a cheque.

7 BW budget cuts, Simon Greer and NABO policy.

Watford and Paddington offices are to close, and move to Milton Keynes, if BW can get out of leases. The chairman's piece is to be held back from NABO News until after David's meeting with BW.

Action David

There is concern over inflation with the grant. Politically it will work as it is an example of the 'Big Society'

Simon Greer's email correspondence was shown and it was agreed to publish in NABO News. Responses to be circulated to Council before publishing.

Action Richard

8 Web Matters

Web matters are ongoing. Should we start a members forum? Howard to take up with John.

Action Howard

9. NABO promotion and 'marketing'

a) Road shows – where, when, who?

Dates are 26th March Byfleet Cruising Club; 27th March Pewsey Vale CC; with Thorne CC; Scarisbrick Marina and Overwater Marina in the pipe line. The maximum budget is £1070

Richard to provide David with a paragraph on the aim of the Road Shows

Action Richard

b) Crick

Crick has been booked and the event is being run by Waterways World. We have a larger stand for the same price. The dates are 28th – 30th May. It was suggested that we have a Roadshow at Crick. We shall also attend the Liverpool Boat Festival. **Action Richard**

10. Nabo News: Articles/deadlines

Peter Fellows is to be congratulated on Nabo News. Thank You

Chris Pink has done costings on producing a colour A4 version and it could be cheaper.

Copies of RBOA and DBA magazines to be brought in for comparison.

Action Sue & Andy

The content needs looking at with maps updating; BW web addresses to be added.

Removing photos of Council members. It was suggested that the 7th issue becomes a directory of useful information.

Richard stated what was already available for the next issue. Deadline **Sat 29th Jan**

To be done :-

Legal

Geoffrey

Simon Greer Richard
Allan Holden's memories Richard
Steering group Andy
Pseudonym, Chairman's piece & Peter's survey on K&A

11. A.O.B.

Bristol Harbour wants grey water tanks.

Aylesbury Basin is having new buildings David to attend meeting **Action David**

BSS quiet at present. Trevor has been asked to go on the Management Committee which leaves a vacancy on the Advisory Committee.

CSS committee Stuart is rep in his own right. David to speak to Geof Whyatt

Action David

Meeting concluded at 3.20pm

Approved



12/3/11