

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOAT OWNERS

Held at the Waggon and Horses, Oldbury on Sat 23rd November 2013

Present: Peter Fellows, David Fletcher, Stephen Peters, Mike Rodd, Geoffrey Rogerson, Mark Tizard.

1. Apologies: Jane Taylor

2. Election of officers.

Chairman:

Mike Rodd: nominated by David Fletcher, seconded by Stephen Peters. Unanimously agreed.

Treasurer: Stephen Peters, nominated by Peter Fellows, seconded by Mark Tizard. Unanimously agreed.

General Secretary: Richard Carpenter. nominated by David Fletcher, seconded by Geoffrey Rogerson. Unanimously agreed.

The officer of vice chairman was held over pending the new chairman's thoughts and wishes.

Mike Rodd offer thanks to the outgoing Chairman.

2. Minutes of 12th October 2013

- a) Approved unanimously
- b) Matters Arising

MR reported that he had spoken to Trevor Rogers at the AGM and he had expressed interest at rejoining Council.

MR reported on K&A Mooring Consultation response. This had been finalised and Council agreed submission to CRT and to go on web and NN. **Action MR, DF, PF**

Action on FOI for mooring prosecutions held over. Now to be actioned. **Action DF**

Various actions on legal issues held over as a consequence of the recent meeting with CRT CEO Richard Parry. Item below refers.

There is outstanding action on charging for moorings policy. Are we for it or against? Reasonable cost for service is agreed, and will be dependant on area and costs, organised with collection system (eg Llangollen). What is an unreasonable charge and method, cannot be a deterrent! DF to review in context of update on members handbook. Most likely no change to this text at this time **Action DF**

The issue of charitable status was raised, and what does this bring to CRT/boater relationship. Needs research. **Action GR**

Boaters safety item for NN was held over due to lack of space. Needs to be revisited in light of what is in the public domain. **Action PF**

Remaining minutes actions completed or discussed as part of the agenda for this meeting

Main Agenda

3. AGM review.

General view was that it was a good event well organised. Venue was suitable and staff welcoming and friendly. Food very good. Food cost was £200 and about £73 taken in collection. Speakers were informative and the style of group working gave a good atmosphere. Thanks have gone to them. CEO Parry there was a useful bonus. Number at around 30 were about as usual with many reliable friends, a bit disappointing in total. No extras after lunch from Club.

Favourable report in NBW. Thanks recorded to Richard for his efforts in organising. Three members attending who were new to us, two worth following up. **Action DF**

Inclined to book for next year, when date is fixed. **Action RC**

4. Licencing moorings Charging

a) K+A Moorings

Consultation response is complete and now to send to CRT. **Action MR**

Publicity is required. DF on web, PF in NN, RC to press. **Action DF PF RC**

CRT Sally Ash has recently published an update report on moorings. There is a lot in it, to respond to. Mark will extract main points for NN **Action MT**

b) South East Visitor Consultation - MT attended workshop in November. Change in position of CRT driven we believe by influence of Parry. Much more touchy feely meeting, with CRT slide pack almost irrelevant. Acknowledged that survey basis of decisions was unsound. SE Partnership now involved via a sub group, filled by advertising by CRT. Mark will attend in December with Catherine Donnington. Note that this group and NAG are the only groups being consulted at the moment. **Action MT**

Another Partnership is getting involved with mooring issues. Is this new policy? Ask Roger Hanbury. **Action DF**

c) GLA mooring submission –A good press release this week. Islington Council has confirmed via FOI that they have had '00s of complaints. Talking about short term mooring wardens and a quiet zone. Ask Simon to do a summary for NN **Action DF**

d) Legal – Plan for a meeting in new year with Parry and Jackie Lewis. MR, MT, and GR to attend. Consider at this time, not to take Mark Beasley, and not to give papers too far ahead. Use Geoffrey’s paper as basis. Set up meeting: **action MR**

5. CRT Matters

a) NUF –next meeting in January

Action MR

b) Navigation Advisory Group – next meeting in December. DF unlikely to attend because of a clash with BSSAC.

Action DF

6. EA Matters

DF reported in general on various correspondence relating to registration fees. TUGn doing a good job and need support on approach to EA at Board level. Louis has drafted a suggested text.

Action MR

7. BSS BSS was working in the main on a task to update BSS requirements for Hire Boats and Day Trip boats. MR and DRF have attended working parties. This will continue into next year.

TC meeting is next week, and AC the week after. MR will attend for Trevor who is away.

8. Planning for 2014

a) New Members Welcome Pack This need update to reflect new Council. Action is also need to review regional reps to align with CRT areas. **Action DF**

b) Administration. DF reported on the favoured approach to software to administer the website, finances and membership. DF will continue to gather intelligence on the matter and set up a demonstration web site. Melanie has been involved. **Action DF**

Specific advice on suitability for finance management is required

Action SP

c) Twitter. John Slee has recently volunteered to undertake management of the Twitter account. He is also prepared to be Continuous Cruiser rep. Council approved with thanks.

d) Facebook. RC has recently volunteered to undertake management of the Facebook account. He is also prepared to be General Secretary and undertake the office based activities including receiving the post. Council approved with thanks.

8. Finance

a) Balances - Stephen reported we are comfortably solvent with the position on accounts as follows :-

- Santander - £2802
- Barclays - £2975
- Barclays deposit - £12744
 - TOTAL £18521

b) Definition of Audit

Council were asked to approve the following definition of audit.

Council defines the work it expects to be carried out by the auditor appointed under paragraph 8.2 of the constitution to be: "an examination of the books and records of the Association, and verifying that the Association accounts are in accordance with them and the information and explanations provided, and are free of material misstatement"

Council approved

c) Loss of income due to payment at old rate. Noting that some members are paying the old rate, It was requested that we determine some estimate of the loss of income. **Action DF**

d) Bank account signatories; It was agreed that the existing bank mandates with Barclays Bank and Santander Bank be amended to remove William Simon Robbins as a signatory and replace him with Mark Tizard. Stephen Peters and Richard Carpenter would continue to be authorised signatories and cheques will be signed by any 2 of the 3 named persons.

Action SP

9. Web Matters

a) Management Joomla continues but requires update. Annual fees have just been paid. Cookie policy has been determined and implemented in accordance with EU Law.

b) Membership Database – Covered elsewhere but basically a complete review would be done with a view to have a new database/membership management/financial /web site package. For about 250 members we have no address.

c) Mail forwarding This has been implemented via Outlook for AOL users on Council and Council plus users.

d) E mail bulletin - A further Mail bulletin is required in December **Action MR and DF**

10. NABO Promotion and Marketing

a) Advertising – RC reported he had sent out renewals to our advertisers and hoped they would accept them. It was noted that RBOA have a good advertising coverage. It was suggested that Knox Johnson Insurance might be interested. **Action RC**

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11. NABO News

NABO News will be prepared in the coming week. Item suggested are:

Be secure on board (Darrel Walters)

Bollards (Mike)

K&A report (Mike)

HS2 update (George Ballinger)
Meeting with CRT (Mark)
SE moorings (Mark)
Article in response to Sally Ash press release (Mark)
Accident report (Mike)
Chair's AGM report from website
Article from Richard Parry

Held over - will include if space permits
Trouble on Thames
Accidents afloat
Barge traffic in the NE

12. AOB

a) Consultation on CRT Council Elections. There is a new consultation for response by Feb 14. All to look at it, and SP to lead and prepare papers. **Action SP**

b) Additional Visitor mooring. Noted that there is common ground for us and APCO / BMF on initiating additional VMs, there having been none for 8 years. Need to identify some opportunities. **Action MT**


c) Location of next meeting. It was agreed that we should try and go to a boat club at the next meeting. **Action MR, RC**

d) AGM date: It was agreed that we would try to pull the AGM forward by 2 weeks.

Action RC

Meeting closed at 15.00

Next Council Meeting will be at ?????????????? on Saturday 23rd January 2014 commencing at 10.45am.


George Ballinger
18/1/2014