

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

Held at the Wolverhampton Boat Club on Sat 18 January 2014

Present: Mike Rodd (Chair), David Fletcher, Stephen Peters, Mark Tizard, Peter Fellows, Jane Taylor, Trevor Rogers

1. Apologies:, Geoffrey Rogerson

2. Minutes of 23 November 2013

- a) Approved unanimously
- b) Matters Arising:
 - i. Charitable status - **GR to review**
 - ii. All minutes actions completed or discussed as part of the agenda for this meeting

3. Proposal to co-opt Trevor Rogers onto NABO Council

- a) Proposed Stephen Peters, seconded David Fletcher.
- b) Trevor Rogers duly co-opted and welcomed.

Main Agenda

4. Licencing moorings Charging (Default)

a) K+A Moorings

Awaiting outcome of consultation (CRT released report on day of meeting) MR/MT to put a summary of NABO's thoughts on website. **Action MR/MT**

b) Houseboats – No Action

c) Enforcement cases –

Recent section 8 removal case of Maggie discussed - MT had email exchange with Richard Parry and article published in Narrowboatworld regarding the need for Welfare Manager/Boater Liaison Manager. Added to NABO website, and article to be prepared for NN and sent to press

Action MT

d) South Each Visitor Consultation and Mooring Topics related

MT presented a briefing paper comparing Sally Ash's discussion paper, NAG's recent mooring discussions and NABO's views. Comments requested. NABO views to be submitted to CRT and put on website, sent to press **Action MT**

e) Legal

MR/GR/MT attended a meeting with Richard Parry (CEO) and Jackie Lewis (Legal Council) on 14 January. Notes from the meeting were circulated for review. Notes sent to Parry for comment. General view was that the meeting was constructive and a definite step forward. Holding Comment to be put on website and NN pending a larger piece once CRT comment received **Action MT**

f) Incident reporting

Unreported incidents – still to be developed and discussion needed on how to define and put on website **Action MR/DF/TR**

5. CRT Matters

a) NUF – no action

b) Navigation Advisory Group

Joint meeting 29 Jan DF attending. MT to comment on recent NAG meeting re moorings and discuss with Mike Annan **Action MT**

c) Partnerships

Clearly some confusion still to their role and agreed maintain a watching brief for the present time.

d) CEO Open Boater Meetings

Agreed that we should contact our regional reps and encourage them to attend and report (first meeting in Birmingham already full 200 down to attend) **Action MR**

e) CEO meeting with Boating Associations

Scheduled for 3 February. MT/MR to attend **Action MR/MT**

f) CRT boater elections.

SP circulated a draft response. Following discussions, final draft to be circulated and then submitted **Action SP**

6. EA Matters

MR attended - very open and honest. EA is facing some stringent cuts that are bound to effect service delivery . Watching brief required **Action MR**

7. BSS

Nothing to report. Hire boat recommendations out for consultation. TR mentioned BSI are looking at diesel stoves (like bubble) which may have an impact on BSS. TR asked to give a briefing at next meeting **Action TR**

8. Finance

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

- Santander - £2573

- Barclays - £1002
- Barclays deposit - £12750
- TOTAL £16325

Why are figures down when the membership fee has gone up substantially , some analysis is needed

Action SP

9. Web Matters

1. DF submitted a paper on the system Club Buzz that he had been investigating, it was cheap but after discussion it was felt that it did not meet NABO's need, specifically in that it required a common renewal date. Introducing this would be very risky in terms of present members. It was recognised that DF had put a lot of work into this and that he should share tasks around Council as needed to handle all aspects of membership administration post Melanie. **Action ALL**

2. We should investigate other sites like "myclubhouse.co.uk" **Action ALL**

3. We need to understand how to collate the financial information we require and it was felt that this possible could be held on a spreadsheet maintained by the Treasurer **Action SP**

11. NABO Promotion and Marketing

a) **Advertising** – need to understand whether existing advertisers have renewed and to contact companies like Boat Insurers for additional revenue **Action RC**

12. NABO News

Articles needed for NN:

CRT K&A report	MT/MR
Mooring summary	MT
Legal Summary	MT/MR
Recent Section 8	MT
Chairman's usual piece	MR

13 Promotion

Insufficient time but at the next meeting we need a discussion on how best to attract new members

Action ALL

14 Future meeting dates

It was agreed that these would be:

- 8th March
- 3rd May
- 14th June
- 26th July (if needed)
- 6th September
- 18th October
- 15th November - AGM – (DF suggested venue)
- 22nd November - post AGM meeting

Agreed that we were very happy with Wolverhampton but would be happy/like to go elsewhere to spread the message and even out travel.

Meeting closed at 15.35 next meeting to be held at Wolverhampton Boat Club March 8th.

M. G. [Signature]
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