

**NABO Council Meeting – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
**held at Wolverhampton Boat Club at 1.30pm**

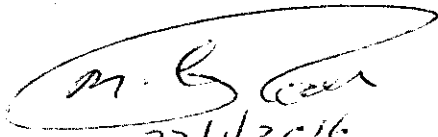
**MINUTES**

	<b>Present</b>	
	Mike Rodd (chair), Mark Tizard, Paul Howland, Phil Goulding, Richard Carpenter, Geoffrey Rogerson, Trevor Rogers, Stephen Peters, Helen Hutt, Peter Fellows, Stella Ridgway (As this meeting followed on from the AGM, several Members stayed on as observers.	
<b>1)</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Received from David Fletcher	
<b>2)</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting, October 2015</b>	
i.	Approved. Proposed by S Peters, seconded by P Howland	
ii.	Matters arising and actions	
a	Dredging. Still no action; no mechanism to co-ordinate this centrally. In the meantime, report individual problems to CRT (Vicky Taylor).	
b	Ombudsman committee: MGR has arranged a meeting early January in London and asked if anyone else would like to attend?	MGR
c	RCR: no result yet	
d	G&S bridge automation: nothing further to report	
e	CRT Council elections: email had just gone out but no communication with licence holders whose email address was not held by CRT	
f	Individual meetings with CRT: MT reported that he took Mike Grimes (new head of boating/enforcement/business), MGR and Matthew Symonds for a boat trip, and that MG was still positive, approachable and open to ideas.	
g	Input from regional reps: SR agreed to take on the role of co-ordinator	SR
h	Group insurance scheme: HH reported that about a dozen members had provided their current policy details for analysis by the broker and that there would be a further appeal in NABO News; aim was to launch scheme in Spring 2016.	
i	NABO News advertising: awaiting report from RC	RC
j	CRT T&C: agreed that an impasse had been reached and NABO had no option but to adopt a "wait and see" position.	
k	Illegal mooring signage: GR still waiting for photos from Council/members.	
l	Community Law Partnership: GR had been in touch but there was little enthusiasm for a meeting. GR to offer NABO's legal advice only in exchange for a meeting.	
m	EA/H&S issues at locks: MGR had received the same response to his second letter as to the first, ie that the EA Chair was in favour of the cuts. This was probably partially as a result of EA's government funding being reduced by 30%.	
n	BSS, risk assessment methodology: still no progress but put on agenda for next meeting.	RC
o	Finances: suggestions for new cost centres attached to these minutes,	

	for discussion/approval at next Council meeting.	
p	Letter requesting switch of standing order to Barclays had gone to 13 members; 2 had so far responded. Another 7 members still to be contacted.	DF
q	Hungerford Marina: problems had arisen with pollution risk as there was no sewerage connection. EA and Natural England had raised their requirement of about 6 years ago that there should be no new boats allowed for the time being. MGR to monitor situation.	MGR
r	Boat security: PG to find out more about phone app for reporting incidents to police.	PG
s	Facebook: MT reiterated request for comments and photos to stimulate debate.	ALL
<b>3)</b>	<b>Election of Officers and Roles following AGM approval</b>	
i	<b>Council</b>	
	The block proposal having been accepted at the AGM, roles were designated as follows: Chair: Mike Rodd, proposed by M Tizard seconded by P Howland (MGR agreed to stand for one more year only) Vice-Chair: Mark Tizard, proposed by P Howland seconded by S Peters (MT also agreed to stand for one more year only) Treasurer: Helen Hutt, proposed by S Peters seconded by S Ridgway General Secretary: Richard Carpenter, proposed by P Goulding seconded by M Tizard.	
ii.	<b>Other roles</b>	
	Legal representative: Geoffrey Rogerson NABO News Editor: Peter Fellows Webmaster: David Fletcher BSS Technical representative: Trevor Rogers Continuous cruiser representative: Phil Goulding Trader representative: Paul Howland Regional reps co-ordinator: Stella Ridgway	
<b>4)</b>	<b>Reports on key issues</b>	
i.	<b>NAG meetings</b>	
	MT and Alison Tuck had been to the first meeting, which was not well presented (too many PowerPoints!). They hoped future meetings (to be held every 3 or 4 months) would be better and would achieve something useful rather than just rubber stamping. MGR mentioned that he had been to S Wales Users meeting and it seemed that CRT were starting to agree that 2-way discussion was needed rather than one-way presentations. No update from DF.	
ii.	<b>CRT Council elections</b>	
	Votes to be cast online only. SR questioned the fairness of voting especially where a boat had two or more owners – they would only get one vote.	
iii.	<b>Health and Safety on the Thames</b>	
	MGR had provided a full update during the AGM and emphasised that EA was having to find 30% savings; this would probably come from the boating budget and not flood control.	

iv.	<b>Update on Terms and Conditions</b>	
	Agreed that nothing further could be done at the moment. SR commented that CRT needed a court case to test the strength of the legislation. GR would prepare a piece for NABO News, passing on recommendation of legal advisors: licence holders can add a phrase to their documentation when renewing to the effect that they accept the T&Cs so long as they are legal. PH suggested keeping the pressure up on Ministers. Agreed that, on the issue of home moorings v continuous cruisers, the main bone of contention was cruising distance/range and this is where NABO should concentrate effort. MGR would follow up again with Richard Benyon via the Waterways APPG and the CRT Trustees.	MGR
<b>5)</b>	<b>Actions to be taken following AGM Forum discussions</b>	
	RC would produce notes for further discussion, the main points arising being about infrastructure maintenance and lack of facilities.	RC
<b>6)</b>	<b>Council meetings 2016 dates and venues</b>	
	Agreed to select dates on the same pattern as 2015, with first meeting in January 2016. Agreed to consider alternative venues including other boat clubs. Suggestions welcome from all. Regional reps to be involved in this.	RC ALL SR
<b>7)</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
i.	Agreed to add HH as signatory to both bank accounts (in addition to existing, SP/MT/RC). Proposed by S Peters, seconded by P Goulding.	
ii.	Bank mandates handed to HH for completion and submission. Santander requires a copy of these minutes signed by two Council members.	HH
ii.	Auditor's remit attached to these minutes.	
iv.	Bank balances at 13 November 2015: Barclays current a/c     £7,904.17 Barclays deposit a/c     £8,756.37 Santander current a/c    £ 509.73 Paypal a/c                 £ 285.92	
<b>8)</b>	<b>NABO News: Articles/deadline</b>	
i.	Next issue to include: What CRT priorities should be Traders report (PH) EA situation BW history (SP) London boating experience (HH) Group insurance scheme (HH)	
ii.	Deadline: Saturday 21 November	
<b>9)</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
i.	Joan Jamieson (E Midlands regional rep) requested an up to date list of members in her area.	DF
ii.	PH reported that the signs RCTA had produced encouraging cyclists to slow down during their markets would now be produced for them by	

	CRT.	
10)	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	January 2016, exact date TBA	RC

  
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