



Burton Waters Boat Club Meeting Minutes



Annual General Meeting – Friday 15th June 2012

Welcome and Agenda

The meeting opened at 8.00pm.

Richard Blaydes gave the welcome address and reviewed the agenda for the meeting:

- Treasurer's report
- Secretary's report
- Liaison Officer's report
- Commodore's report
- Nominations for Officers and Committee Members
- Final address by the Commodore
- AOB and open session for members to discuss suggestions for the coming year.

He read out the apologies from Alan and Angela Goldsmith, John and Margaret Maynard, Peter and Margaret Sturmeay, Peter and Brenda Wilks and Mike and Trish Taggart.

He went on to thank Barry and Ann Jopson for providing the club's new bell, which he duly rang to start the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Tony Shepherd provided the report on the club's bank account (see attached):



**BWBC Income and
Expenditure Account:**

Tony commented that the club has £932.75 in the bank account, which feels like a good place to be considering that the club is only a year old. He said that we need to consider what we do with the money and looked to club members to come up with some ideas as the next year progresses.

It was later discussed how a club house would be desirable. Discussions will need to take place on how to raise the money required. Maybe some of the club funds could be used to facilitate this fund-raising.

Secretary's Report

Clair Douglas provided details of the number of members (88) and number of boats (42) currently registered with the club. It was agreed that this was a good number considering the age of the club. She described how joining all the boats together end to end would stretch nearly ¼ of mile, so still some way to go to reach the Pyewipe.

Liaison Officer's Report

Barry Jopson followed the introduction by Richard and talked about us joining together as a club last year, the ongoing organisation and the speaker series nights. He focussed on the role of the club both for members and in the wider boating community, referencing some of the things we've achieved so far (for example the safety ladders in the resident's area of the marina) and some of the things that are still ongoing (for example the engagement with the Brayford Trust and the request for temporary moorings in Brayford Pool).

He went on to mention the talks by Peter Benard and Peter Harold and the postponed sessions with David Bell and the Red Arrows. He also mentioned the club's appearance as 'Club of the Month' in the Motorboats Monthly magazine.

Commodore's Report

Richard Blaydes reflected on his view of the club's last year and agreed with Clair that the number of members was good given the age of the club. He also commented that although we weren't set up as a 'discounts club' we have more sponsors than many of the other clubs.

He moved on to talk about the cruises we had planned and how the weather had affected many of the plans. The cruise planned for Newark had included 7 boats, but was reduced to two boats travelling to Torksey because of the bad weather. The cruise to West Stockwith was a success however, with 7 boats making the trip and sampling the West Stockwith hospitality. Other cruises planned for the year were called off due to bad weather. Unfortunately this pattern has continued into 2012. The plan going forward will be to look for a window of opportunity in the weather and then use the club's website to invite members to form a cruise.

Richard continued by covering the socials, especially the End of Season dinner which was a great night and was attended by 39 members. However the Spring Dinner planned for March had to be cancelled due to low numbers. The focus for this year should be on how to increase the attendance at the socials.

Richard then talked about the club's ongoing engagement with Burton Waters Moorings Ltd and Rick Costall, who has now handed over the day to day running of the business to his two daughters. They're keen to increase their involvement and have requested regular meetings.

Afterwards, the subject of Clair and Craig moving their boat to Port Solent was mentioned and the decision of the Committee to grant them Honorary Membership for life (or until they return to Burton Waters). Clair and Craig accepted their new membership cards and were thanked by the club for their efforts over the last year.

Finally Richard advised that he was not standing for re-election as the club's Commodore as he wanted to spend more time offering advice and helping with mooring and splicing. As such, he was handing over the leadership of the club after fulfilling his commitment to get the club up and running for the first year.

Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

Richard started the nominations and votes process for the five Officers and Committee Members.

Commodore

Nomination: Barry Jopson

Proposer: Clair Douglas

Secunder: Craig Dolby

Votes for: unanimous

Barry Jopson was elected to the position of Commodore.

Once Barry was elected as the new Commodore, he took over the proceedings.

Vice Commodore

Nomination: Richard Blaydes

Proposer: Barry Jopson

Secunder: Terry Jarvis

Votes for: unanimous

Richard Blaydes was elected to the position of Vice Commodore.

Honorary Secretary

Nomination: Heather Blacklock

Proposer: Barry Jopson

Secunder: Annette Young

Votes for: unanimous

Heather Blacklock was elected to the position of Honorary Secretary.

Treasurer

Nomination: Tony Shepherd

Proposer: Mike Taggart

Secunder: Barry Jopson

Votes for: unanimous

Tony Shepherd was elected to the position of Treasurer (until a replacement can be found).

Liaison Officer

Nomination: Andrew Blacklock

Proposer: Richard Blaydes

Secunder: Kevin Meehan

Votes for: unanimous

Andrew Blacklock was elected to the position of Liaison Officer.

Committee Members

Nominations: David Young, Kevin Meehan and Trish Taggart

Proposer: Ann Jopson, Barry Jopson and Richard Blaydes

Secunder: Linda Jarvis, Ann Jopson and Barry Jopson

Votes for: unanimous

David Young, Kevin Meehan and Trish Taggart were elected to the positions of Committee Members.

A fourth position exists; this can be filled by co-opting someone on to the Committee at a later date.

At the end of the nominations, Richard formally handed over the reigns to Barry.

(New) Commodore's Address

Barry thanked Richard and the outgoing Committee for their efforts over the last year. He discussed how the club membership had increased by 25% over the year and that if this rate continued we'd be closer to the Pyewipe by the end of this year. He then opened up the discussion on the suggestion of having a club house, where we could meet and exchange ideas, not just on the club nights but more frequently and informally.

He moved on to talk about the need to continue with the club nights, social events and cruises and said he'd be asking his new Committee for opportunities and ideas on how to get together more. He finished by urging the members to make every effort to keep the club a success.

Open Forum

Barry then opened up the meeting for any comments or questions by members.

He asked whether people were aware of the website and whether people were using it, as usage of the blog seems quite low. Awareness was low among the members attending the meeting. David Young commented on the museum in Newark that was held on a barge on the Trent and wondered whether we could do something similar for a meeting place.

In relation to the website, Barry also asked whether there was interest in posting details of the decisions taken at the Committee Meetings which happen during the year. There was support for this suggestion.

He then mentioned Terry Jarvis' idea about having a 'connoisseur' section on the blog where people could comment on and recommend pubs and restaurants they'd found while out boating.

With no further comments, the club's bell was rung and the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Registration and Club Membership

After the meeting Clair organised the payment of the renewal membership fees and handed out new membership cards.