

BURTON WATERS BOAT CLUB

AGM 17TH NOVEMBER 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Crutchfield
Bridget Crutchfield
Brenda Wilks
Peter Wilks
Brian Carmichael
Viv Carmichael
Keith Gerrish
Barry Jopson
Ann Jopson

Mike George
Steve Haggard
Keith Laver
Michelle Crump
Stephen Hayes
Terry Jarvis
David Stott
Geoff Hallam
Angela Goldsmith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Keith & Barb Bellamy
Mike & Tricia Taggart
Sue Aitken

Andy & Yvonne Askham
Patsy Slight
Susan Hayes

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

Minutes of the last AGM were read and passed. (Proposed by Barry Jopson Seconded by Angela Goldsmith). There were no matters arising so the minutes were signed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at bank of £3,640.25, petty cash of £122.12 giving a total of £3,762.37.

Total income for year is £2,081.00 expenditure of £1,504.04 giving a net increase of £576.96.

Angela is aiming to get on line banking this year with dual authorisation which will be much easier for collection of subscriptions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Keith reported that we have 95 members which is an increase of over 10% on last year. He said it would be preferable if members could pay their subscriptions by standing order wherever possible. The bank details are shown on the website.

Peter reported that we are now the largest inland waterways boat club in the area.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Peter thanked all the committee members and non-committee members for their support through the year without their support the Club would not survive. In particular he thanked Keith Gerrish who is standing down this year as Membership Secretary after many years of fulfilling this role but is pleased that he has agreed to remain on the committee.

As we have heard we are in great shape re our finances and our membership continues to grow, so hopefully we are doing something right.

We have had a full programme of social events and guest speakers which we have all enjoyed. Once again thanks to all who organised them.

Disappointingly we haven't had many cruises this year, feedback from you as members is that you want to cruise in company, but often when organised, participation is low. I am sure the new Commodore will look to both have more cruises on the programme and how we can ensure as many members as possible are able to attend.

We have been active in campaigning on local and national issues which affect our members through our membership of CRT forums and the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs. For example we have recently made submissions on the CRT Boat Licensing Proposals and the operation of the tidal locks.

We have secured repairs to the waterways and I should commend CRT on how quickly they have responded to issues we have highlighted.

You will be pleased to know the guillotine gate at Stamp End Lock is to be completely refurbished to make it more reliable.

Having thought we had won the battle to prevent another over water restaurant on the Brayford we find that the Secretary of State has overturned the decision of the City Council to block the development. The irony is that the development is proposed by the Brayford Trust, a charity whose objective is to protect the Pool. We are working with the Civic Society, communicating with the City Council, as well as trying to engage with the Brayford Trust directly.

A small but significant action, we persuaded the Burton Waters Management Company to let us re-rope the flagpole and fly some proper flags(if a little smaller than we would have wished). Thanks to the members who helped with this.

We have continued our focus on training; you can't really enjoy boating unless you can do it safely and with confidence. With members completing Engine Maintenance, Powerboat and VHF courses.

Before we move on to elections I have one final task which is to award the Commodore's prize. As I have said I have had so much support this year I wish I had a dozen prizes to give out. This year's recipient of the Commodore's prize, has supported me in our meetings, organised both the Fitting- Out and Laying-Up suppers and assisted in most everything the Club has done and is of course Ann Jopson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018

We have nominations for the majority of the committee positions with the exception of Liaison Officer, who is responsible for the website and Facebook posts, and general communications with the membership and other organisations.

| Position | Name of Nominee | Proposer | Seconder |
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| Commodore | Barry Jopson | Keith Gerrish | Terry Jarvis |
| Rear Commodore | Peter Crutchfield | (Immediate past Commodore.) | |
| Vice Commodore | Keith Laver | Barry Jopson | Peter Crutchfield |
| Treasurer | Angela Goldsmith | Viv Carmichael | Ann Jopson |
| Secretary | Ann Jopson | Angela Goldsmith | Brenda Wilks |
| Membership Sec. | Patsy Slight | Viv Carmichael | Stephen Hayes |
| Liaison Officer | Stephen Hayes | Keith Gerrish | Angela Goldsmith |
| Website Designer | Susan Aitken | David Stott | Ann Jopson |
| Committee Member | David Stott | Keith Gerrish | Angela Goldsmith |
| Committee Member | Keith Gerrish | Barry Jopson | Stephen Hayes |
| Committee Member | Duncan Roberts | Keith Gerrish | Brian Carmichael |
| Committee Member | Joanne Rogers | Ann Jopson | Angela Goldsmith |

INCOMING COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

Barry thanked Peter for all his work over the past 12 months he has done a great job and it was good to see that membership had increased and hopefully we would hit the 100 mark during the coming year. He would be taking over as Commodore on the 1st January 2018. He asked that any members who had any ideas for the new website to pass these on to members of the new committee.

At the meeting in October members were asked what they wanted from the Club. So the new committee will be looking at short one day cruises, long cruises, more and varied social events, continue to look for opportunities for a Club House although we have been informed that we will still have the use of the function Room at Woodcocks, we will be looking at improvements in communications and finally be working on increasing the membership.

He looked forward to guiding the Club in 2018.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The AGM was closed at 9.00pm.

