

Burton Waters Boat Club
AGM Minutes
07.06.13

Members Present:

David Stott
Keith Gerrish
Henry Pears
Gwen Pears
Angela Goldsmith
Alan Goldsmith
Barry Jopson
Ann Jopson
Tricia Taggart
Michael Taggart
Kevin Meehan
Wendy Meehan
Terry Jarvis
Linda Jarvis
Barbara Michaelides
Brian White
Penny White
David Thorpe
Richard Blaydes
Charlotte Blaydes

The meeting started by the Commodore, Barry, welcoming everyone.

Apologies for absence:

Graham & Julie Drury
Claire Douglas
Craig Dolby
Steve Michaelides

Minutes for BWBC 2012 were passed by Ann Jopson and seconded by Wendy Meehan.

Treasurer Report:

£952.75 opening balance 25/06/2012

Income

£682.60 Memberships received
£100.20 Fundraising
£782.80 **Total income**

Expenses

£157.00 Equipment
£33.24 Stationary
£50.00 Website
£25.00 Miscellaneous
£265.24 **Total expenses**

£1,470.31 **Closing balance**

£517.56 A/C increase

Members were asked if they had any suggestion as to how or any of these funds should be spent. Barbara Michaelides asked if some of the funds could be put towards extending the membership perhaps through advertising or a link with our web site. Michael Taggart supported this and hoped we could find ways of

reaching more people to join the club. The Commodore was asked if we had a link to the web site and he noted it was something he would look into doing.

Terry Jarvis asked if we could consider a Communal Tools Box so that members could borrow them. Terry kindly agreed to set up a register of tools that maybe donated or said to be available by members. Wendy Meehan suggested some of the funds should be used to purchase a safe storage box to keep the tools in. This was agreed by all present.

Membership Report:

Tricia reported although we had lost a number of members early in the year we were working towards and welcoming new members. Presently we have in 2012-2013 - 66 members with 29 boats. We are aware we need to find ways to encourage new members

A new member – David Stott who had found out about the BWBC on line thought our web site worked well for him. However he did suggest that photos of members and committee members with their names would be helpful to get to know people. Barry mentioned he would have to check on the data protection act details as to whether we could do this. New notice boards are going up on Gates 2 & 3. Brian is going to keep these up to date.

Richard asked if we were sending out distance tables to new members. Barry was going to look in this. He also suggested we may like to put photos of members boats on the web site. Again we would have to check with members if they would allow photos to be made public. Another suggestion was put forward by Richard to have a register of members who would be prepared to help other members they could be called Pontoon Angels. He had come across this idea at a previous marina. Barbara asked if we could come up with more ideas to get new members. Kevin (Liaison) explained that we have been doing something on most of our first Friday of the month meetings at Woodcocks but even current members still poorly attend them.

Liaison Officer Report:

BWBC has been in consultation with Brayford Trust. Barry has attended meeting with favourable results. Barry will give us more details in his report.

BWBC has also had regular meeting with the Moorings Company. There has been a forum to pass on messages from members. The results have been non-slip surface strips to entrance walkways. Notice boards going up at the entrance gates to the marina. There are also other matters on going.

BWBC 2013 events calendar – some have already taken place the rest are ongoing. We started the year with the Fitting Up Supper. Then moved on to the York Cruise, which Barry will report on. The Boat Jumble in May, which has been altered to June. First Friday in the month meetings at Woodcocks have had a quiz, a demonstration on Knots and Splicing and boat safety from Peter at Morton Boats.

Kevin asked for support for forthcoming events from all members.

Commodores Report:

The year July 2012 got off to a poor start because we lost a number of members who did not renew their membership and we had very poor weather, which affected our final cruise to Muskhams Ferry. Add to this the cancellation of the Boat Handling & BBQ Event due to a lack of entries, things did not bode well. However the laying Up Supper and Christmas Party were well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.

In putting together the club programme for 2013, the new committee took cognisance of what had gone before and looked to organizing more social events and fewer organised cruises. We also looked to ways in which the club could benefit our members by getting involved with the Moorings Company and the Brayford Trust. We also looked to ways of improving communications with our members.

We have had meetings with the Moorings Company which have so far resulted in Disabled Parking places being designated next to gate 1, new non slip surfaces being applied to pontoon access points, consultation and improved collaboration on Burton Waters Events, and ongoing negotiations in respect of reduced mooring fees for BWBC members.

With the Brayford Trust, we have had 3 meetings with the Company Secretary, John Davidson and the Harbour Master Keith van Bergen, which has resulted in the Trust offering us 4/8 day moorings in front of the Marina Office. We have now been offered these mooring for free between the hours of 10:00 to 16:00. £10 for an overnight mooring.

This year 2013 has started with a number of changes of personnel on the club officer positions. Tricia Taggart has come in as Club Secretary, and Penny White as Club Treasurer.

We have already had our Fitting Out Supper at Woodcocks and completed our first club Cruise in Company to York. However, due to a navigation error on the part of myself and adverse weather conditions around Trent Falls we fell 2 hours behind schedule and were unable to reach Naburn Lock in York. We therefore decided on plan 2 which was to go into Selby Lock for the night and reconsider our options. This was just as well, as we had 3 dogs between the 4 boats (would have been 5 boats but one had to turn back at Saxilby due to a family emergency). We now know that dogs on boats for 9 hours with no tree in sight is as close to an emergency as you would wish to get. We consulted the Lock Keeper at Selby who informed us that no boat would be allowed through the lock until 15.30 the following day, which rather scuppered our plans for York, as we would no sooner have got there when we would have had to leave early in the morning for a non-stop cruise home. (The dogs were really going to enjoy that).

We therefore made the decision to cruise the canals and rivers down to Keadby Lock to pick up the tide on Monday afternoon that we had planned to come back on had we have got to York.

We made it home by 20:30. It was a long but enjoyable trip with, for the first time, superb weather all the way.

We have deliberately not organised any further cruises this year but hope that by using the new club notice board in gate 1 (there are more boards going up in gates 2 & 3), and the club website, Members will post their own notice of cruises they intend to make and to invite other club members to join them.

We intended to start the debate about a Clubhouse for the boat club, but after receiving Peter Richardson's preliminary report and looking at our current levels of membership we have decided to wait until the club is in a stronger position before taking this matter any further.

As a Boat Club we have a long way to go before we are firmly established but we believe that we are on the right course. We do need committed members who will help us organise and run events, so please be an active part of the club and join in as many events as you can

Proposed Changes to BWBC Constitution:

Rule 1. Members

It is proposed that we add an additional form of membership and add the following paragraph:-

“The club will be open to Junior Membership for anyone between the ages of 16-18. The membership fee shall be half that of Ordinary Membership”

The vote was: 12 for

7 against

The motion was passed but Barry said he would check with insurances and the constitution and the wording before allowing this to pass through.

Rule 11. Annual Membership Subscriptions

In line with Rule 5 Annual General Meeting, this should be held in November to allow the incoming Commodore and his/her committee to set the programme for the following year. It would therefore be more appropriate that the Annual Subscriptions be payable around the same time.

It is proposed that Rule 11 be changed to read:-

“Are due on 1st January each year and payable within one month. Any change to subscriptions will be decided at the AGM”

This was passed unanimously

Rule 11. Annual Membership Subscriptions

If rule 11 is amended in accordance with the above, the subscriptions due on 1st July 2013, shall be halved, and the full year subscription will become payable on 1st January 2014.

This amendment to run for the year 2013 only.

This was passed unanimously

Election of Officers:

Members of the Committee were re-elected to stay in their positions but Barry asked if any Member would join the Committee. Richard Blaydes offered and was accepted.

Open Forum;

Terry asked if residents could be given prior notice when they were going to dredge the weeds as they could then move their boats to allow their mooring to be cleared. Barry would look into this and report back.

Allan asked whether the Boat Jumble was going ahead. It is going ahead. The yard want to participate. Tricia had communication from members who wanted to sell items. We proposed to invite Lincoln and Torksey Boat Club and also Morton Boats. Barry will try and get things organised and let members know.

Any Other Business:

Barry mentioned items on the club shop. If you want to order anything please send the details of your order to Tricia you're your payment. We have a few members wishing to order and as we need to get a bulk order together it would be helpful if you could do this sooner rather than later.

Barry closed the meeting at 8.40pm