

# Burton Waters Boat Club

## AGM Minutes

21.11.14

### Members Present:

Ann Jopson	Barbara Michaelides
Patricia Taggart	John Walsh
Peter Crutchfield	Terry Jarvis
Bridget Crutchfield	Patsy Slight
Wendy Meehan	Richard Slight
Kevin Meehan	David Thorpe
Gary Daniels	Ted Renfrew
Karen Daniels	Keith Gerrish
Mike Taggart	Barry Jopson

The meeting started by the Commodore, Barry, welcoming everyone to the fifth AGM.

### Apologies for absence:

Steve Michaelides	Angela Goldsmith
Andy & Yvonne Askham	Peter & Brenda Wilks
Brian & Penny White	

Barry mentioned the sad passing of Alan Goldsmith. He has spoken with Angela but she felt unable to attend this evening. He said the club would continue to support Angela through this difficult time and she hoped to join us during this coming year.

Minutes for BWBC 2013 were passed by Ann Jopson and seconded by Patsy Slight.

### Matters Arising:

**Club Toolbox** – Terry & Michael have been charged with this task. Terry mentioned people are not really inspired with this. He also said that he would allow any member to borrow his tools. Michael agreed to lend his too. Barry said he hoped that one day the toolbox would become a reality perhaps when we had a larger membership.

**Guest Speakers** – Are not easy to find, unless we pay for them. We do pay expenses, so if anyone has any suggestions for a speaker please let us know and we will try to book them. The next First Friday of the Month Meeting is on 06.02.15 when we do have a speaker.

**Training Courses:** - There is a VHF course in April 2015 and BWBC will sponsor this. The cost is £105 to £110, which includes the course and test. The full cost would normally be £150.

**Welcome Pack:** - The BWBC Welcome Pack. Barry and Keith have been working on this for the last six months. Shortly every member will receive a BWBC Handbook with information in. They decided to sell some advertising space to help with the printing cost of £120. They actually raised £380! The artwork has been sent to the printers. The finished handbooks should be ready by mid-January.

**Treasures Report:** - Michael read out the report in Penny's absence.

During the year we had income raised of £1018.52. This split between:

Membership	650.00
Income from events	112.52
Sale of merchandising	256.00
Outgoings - £612.80	
Stationary	47.21
Merchandising	150.00
Donations*	74.00
Events	175.27
Web site	105.00
Banking error	.56

That has produced betterment in the year of: 405.72

Opening balance of	<u>1283.31</u>
Closing Balance of	<u><b>1689.03</b></u>

\*Barry mentioned that the donations were made to the Vicar for her Church for the Boat Blessing Ceremony and the RNLI.

### **Membership Report: -**

Keith reported that the membership was basically flat at the moment, as we had lost a number of members. There are various reasons, members moving away or selling their boats etc.

Members that have left 12

Members that have joined 16

That brings our current total membership to 63.

Keith hoped that the new membership handbook with information about the waterways and good advertising within it, would help the membership to grow.

Barry mentioned that he thought we were becoming noticed as a club. The best form of advertising is seeing the club doing and enjoying events. The emphasis will be on having good events in the public eye and hopefully people will want to join us.

### **Commodores Report:**

Barry gave sincere thanks to his committee. They have all taken responsibility for an event over this year, which has spread the load. This was much appreciated.

We have had an active year with two very successful trips. The first one was to Boston and the second one to Newark and Gunthorpe. There were 7 boats on the second trip. The weather as always, was kind to us.

We also had a number of other events throughout the year;

- Boat Safety
- Blessing of the Boats
- Took part in the Back to Boating at Burton Waters
- Cocktails at Dusk in the Brayford in Lincoln – excellent evening with lots of different cocktails
- Treasure Hunt – as usual Mike & Tricia made this an interesting day.
- Fish and Chip Supper – once for the BWBC and again for the BWRA.
- Laying-Up Supper for 30 members at Mario's
- Fitting-Out Supper at Woodcocks
- 10 First Friday Club Nights with Speakers, Quiz and Practical Demonstrations.

Six members attended the RYA Power Boat Training course. All 6 passed Parts 1&2.

Barry said people often ask him 'What is the purpose of the Club?' We are here to help other boaters with sharing knowledge within the club and enjoying ourselves while doing it. The more training you do the less your boat insurance will cost.

We are slowly increasing our membership. We lose members every year for various reasons as Keith stated earlier. As long as we are increasing that is good. We have remained fairly constant with our boat numbers, which are around 30. Keith mentioned that the best way to get new members would be to invite new people along to see what we do.

Barry said we are no longer seen as the new upstarts after four years. People do know us, they are aware of us as an organised and serious Boat Club.

### **Election of Officers:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Commodore	Barry Jopson	Terry Jarvis	Barbara Michaelides
Vice Commodore	Keith Gerrish	Gary Daniels	Kevin Meehan
Hon Treasurer	Penny White	Ann Jopson	Richard Slight
Hon Secretary	Tricia Taggart	Ann Jopson	Patsy Slight
Hon Membership Sec.	Keith Gerrish	Richard Slight	John Walsh
Liaison Officer	Vacant		
Committee Member	Richard Slight	Barry Jopson	Terry Jarvis
Committee Member	Ann Jopson	Barbara Michaelides	Wendy Meehan
Committee Member	Michael Taggart	Barry Jopson	Terry Jarvis

Barry offered a vote of thanks to Kevin for being on the Committee for three years. Kevin agreed to continue to run the quiz nights.

Barry took a block vote to confirm the new Officers and Committee for 2015. This was passed unanimously.

**Incoming Commodore's Address:**

Barry said we as a committee will do our best for 2015. Please give us any ideas you may have for the Club. It is for all of us. Please feel to come forward and discuss your ideas. Or join us on the First Friday Club Night for a chat.

We are going to do more this year than last. We would like to try and get another cruise in the diary. Particularly the ones that take us out into tidal waters when we can get in and out of locks. The cruises are for all the club members so at the moment we do them just at the weekends but there is no reason why we should not consider a mid-week cruise or even an extended weekend cruise.

**Any Other Business:**

- Michael stood and offered a Vote of Thanks to Barry. The club really is only as good as the events and things that are done throughout the year which we all enjoy. Barry is right in saying the committee all get behind him. We all do something. At the end of the day Barry is there chivvying us along to make sure we do it, which is absolutely necessary. I believe he enjoys it! At the end of the day we have had a great year and we are ready for another one. Financially we are sound and a lot of that goes to Barry's hard work. Thank you Barry and long may it continue!
- Barry mentioned he would like to get the third Cruise in this year & would like to get to York this time. We only got to Selby last time! Above Naburn is delightful cruising and it would be lovely to go and moor in the centre of York.
- Barbara asked if we could do a Day Trips.
- Day Cruise with a Picnic on the bank, there is a lovely mooring at Washingborough & an area for a BBQ.
- Training Courses to be organised. The Power Boat parts 1 & 2. We have Keith and David wanting to do the course but we need a few more to get the discounted rate.
- Michael asked if members would be interested in knowing how their life jackets work. Some of your life jackets may need the cylinders replacing. Why not use them? Let's find a volunteer to jump into the Marina so we can all know what happens when you are in the water and what happens to your life jacket.
- Barry said he had mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that Alan Goldsmith passed away. He had a Massive Heart Attack and Angela; his wife has requested that it would be a great idea if we had a defibrillator here at Burton Waters. It is hoped that many people will contribute towards it. Everyone should have access to it including Woodcocks, all the moorers and anyone that works here or lives here. The Management Company here at Burton Waters have agreed that this is a good idea and are in the process of organising this to happen. Angela has worked with an organisation called 'Lives'. They will come to Burton Waters and give a talk about the machine. You do not need to be trained to use it but you can receive training. It looks like the location for it will be on the toilet block by gate No1 so everybody has access. It will be in a locked box but we will have 24hr access. The cost including the secure box will be around £2,000. It is hoped that the money will come from all sorts of sources.  
Although we have not had a Committee Meeting yet, the club would like to consider a donation of £100, in memory of Allan.
- Wendy asked if we had a First Aider in the Club. Michael said he had a current Certificate. Barry said he would organise a First Aid evening.

Next Club Night will be Friday 06.02.2015

The Commodore and officers wished all members the Compliments of the Season.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm