

Burton Waters Boat Club

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18.11.2016

Members Present:

Barry Jopson

Ann Jopson

Tricia Taggart

Michael Taggart

Keith Gerrish

Peter Crutchfield

Bridget Crutchfield

Angela Goldsmith

Susan Hayes

Stephen Hayes

Paul Ventress

Jane Ventress

Sue Archer

David Stott

Gary Bardill

Linda Bardill

John Berry

Nicola Berry

John Walsh

Keith Bellamy

Apologies for absence:

Terry & Linda Jarvis

Wendy & Kevin Meehan

Andy & Yvonne Askham

Roger & Lynne Vickers

Brian & Viv Carmichael

Barb Bellamy

The meeting started at 8pm at Woodcocks

Minutes for the last AGM were read out and passed. (Proposed by Ann Jopson Seconded by Keith Gerrish) and signed.

Barry welcomed the members to the 7th AGM.

Matters Arising:

No matters arising

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at the Bank: 2.933.12 Balance to date: 3.092.41. Angela read out a note with reference to banking on line.

'Bank statements are received only when there has been movement on the account and only then, monthly. This can cause delays when members have queries about payments made to the club. Online banking would ease this situation, allowing us to check the bank daily, if necessary but because of the way the club set up signatories on the account (two officers) we cannot have online banking unless we change the signatories to a single officer. If the membership is happy for this to occur, we would suggest that the account (payments and receipts) is audited no less than once a month by another officer'. The membership decided to ask for a pre-authorized payment from the Committee prior to a cheque being raised. This was voted on unanimously. Barry encouraged members to pay their membership fees by Direct Debit.

Membership Report:

Keith reported that we have 81 members to date. We are in healthy position. He asked for members to please get involved with their club. Barry asked if all members had Membership Cards and welcome Booklets. Keith would check and send out where necessary. New members Paul & Jane Ventress were welcomed to the AGM. Keith will get them their Membership cards and Welcome Booklet. David Stott said is great to see the membership grow. He has thoroughly enjoyed being a member.

Barry outlined the proposed changes to our constitution with the following:

Country Membership – There are members who for a number of reasons, move their boat away from Burton Waters to new sailing grounds but remain living at Burton Waters. When they do we lose them as members of the boat club. It is therefore proposed that we create an additional form of membership.

“Country Membership. Any boat owner who is currently a full member of BWBC, who subsequently and temporarily moves their registered boat more than 50 miles away from Burton Waters, may apply for Country Membership at a reduced annual subscription of 50% of the full membership fee. The granting of this application shall be at the discretion of the BWBC Committee. Country Members can attend any social event organised by the club, and use any discounted products or training courses negotiated by BWBC. Country Members who return their boat to Burton Waters shall be required to pay the full annual fee”.

Barry then explained the other proposed change:

“A position of **Rear Commodore** to be introduced. If the Commodore were not available to host a meeting or function it would be the Rear Commodore who would stand in. We need this position as a back up for the Commodore as the Vice Commodore will be in his year of learning”.

Both items were unanimously approved.

Commodores Report:

2016 was a mixed year for BWBC. On the plus side we have increased our membership and there were some very well attended social events but on the minus side two cruises had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Although the number of cruise participants was diminished, the number of members participating in the one day increased and was significantly up on last year.

This is something the incoming committee will need to address when setting the event agenda for 2017.

The social scene within BWBC has been very well attended this year culminating in 49 participants at the laying-up Supper, a record.

It would be nice to see more members attending our first Friday Club Nights, but we have had on average 16 attendees for each meeting. It has been noted that the best attendances have been when we have laid on special event nights, so again your new committee will need to take notice of this and to put on some juicy events next year.

Your Committee has been very active this year and I would like to thank:

Peter Crutchfield (Vice Commodore) for his support to me, his amusing notices as our Liaison Officer and his work with the AWCC.

Tricia Taggart (Secretary for the past 5 years) who is standing down this year.

Angela Goldsmith (Treasurer) who I hope will continue next year.

Keith Gerrish (Membership Secretary) who I also hope will continue next year.

Patsy Slight, Mike Taggart & Ann my wife, who as committee members, have supported us all over the past year.
My wholehearted thanks to them all for the excellent support they have given me in 2016.

Election of Officers and Committee for 2016:

Position	Name of Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore	Peter Crutchfield	Barry Jopson	Keith Bellamy
Rear Commodore	Barry Jopson	Tricia Taggart	Ann Jopson
Vice Commodore	David Stott	Gary Bardill	Angela Goldsmith
Treasurer	Angela Goldsmith	Keith Gerrish	Keith Bellamy
Secretary	Ann Jopson	Gary Bardill	Sue Archer
Membership Sec.	Keith Gerrish	Ann Jopson	Peter Crutchfield
Liaison Officer	Sue Archer	Peter Crutchfield	Barry Jopson
Committee Member	Patsy Slight	?	?

Incoming Commodores Address:

First of all, let us all thank Barry for his many years service. I'm very pleased the Rear Commodore post is there for him to guide me on my way. In my year I am hoping to grow the membership and grow the social events and also perhaps try and get more boating content, particularly safety and fun boating to the wider community. Barry has done a lot but perhaps we can use some of Angela's bank balance for this. I would like to hear what you want from the club and tell me if I am doing it wrong.

AGM was closed at 8.50pm