



Burton Waters Boat Club Meeting Minutes



First Annual General Meeting – Friday 13th May 2011

Welcome and Agenda

The meeting opened at 6.30pm.

Barry Jopson gave the welcome address before talking about how the boat club was an idea almost 12 months ago. The first 'boat night' was held in Yots back in November 2010, where Richard and Barry decided to join forces to form a club.

Barry reviewed the agenda for the meeting:

- Vote for and pass the Constitution
- Register club members, payment of fees and issuance of membership cards
- Election of club officers and committee members
- The newly elected Commodore to take over proceedings and provide a summary of the club, the planned events and the discounts agreed for club members
- Open forum where members can have their say
- Meeting due to end between 8.00pm and 8.30pm

Barry gave a summary of the progress made by the Working Committee over the last few months. This focussed on the discussions around the Constitution and the agreements with suppliers for discounts on diesel, training courses, moorings and chandlery (with more still to come).

Acceptance of the Constitution

Barry then moved on to the first agenda item, the acceptance of the club's Constitution. He commented that the aim of the Constitution was that it covered all the rules required to run a boat club, but that it was also simple to read. He offered the room an opportunity to question any points that were not fully understood or needed further discussion. No comments or questions were raised.

The vote was offered to all people intending to join the boat club. The vote of acceptance was unanimous.

Barry announced that we now have a boat club!

Registration and Club Membership

Clair Douglas and Craig Dolby organised the payment of the membership and registration fees and handed out the membership cards and distance tables sheets.

Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

Barry led the nominations and votes process for the five officers and four committee members.

Commodore

Nomination: Richard Blaydes

Proposer: Neale Johnston

Seconder: John Parry

Votes for: 32

Votes against: 0

Richard Blaydes was elected to the position of Commodore.

Vice Commodore

Nomination: Roger Vickers

Proposer: Derek MacMillian
Seconder: Kevin Vickers
Votes for: 31
Votes against: 0
Roger Vickers was elected to the position of Vice Commodore.

Honorary Secretary

Nomination: Clair Douglas
Proposer: John Gray
Seconder: Terry Jarvis
Votes for: 30
Votes against: 0
Clair Douglas was elected to the position of Honorary Secretary.

Treasurer

Nomination: Tony Shepherd
Proposer: Andy Askham
Seconder: Charlotte Blaydes
Votes for: 29
Votes against: 0
Tony Shepherd was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Liaison Officer

Nomination: Barry Jopson
Proposer: Craig Dolby
Seconder: John Parry
Votes for: 32 Votes against: 0
Barry Jopson was elected to the position of Liaison Officer.

Committee Members

Nominations: Terry Jarvis, Craig Dolby, Lynn Vickers and John Parry
Proposer: Derek MacMillian
Seconder: Kevin Meehan
Votes for: 33
Votes against: 0
Terry Jarvis, Craig Dolby, Lynn Vickers and John Parry were elected to the positions of Committee Members.

Barry handed the meeting over to the new Commodore Richard Blaydes.

Commodore's Address

Richard thanked everyone for coming to inaugurate Burton Waters Boat Club. He talked about his hopes for the future of the club, provided a summary of the discounts agreed and described the purpose of the distance tables.

He went on to discuss the planned events which included a BBQ with the residents, monthly informal socials on the first Friday of the month and guest speakers including the Red Arrows, the RNLI and one of the Humber pilots. As well as more formal occasions such as the Lay Up dinner in October or November, a Christmas black tie event and a pre-season dinner probably in March or April next year.

Richard also discussed the Southampton Boast Show (15th to 26th September 2011). He talked about arrangements for travelling down on one day and staying overnight, attending the show the next day and then travelling back on the third day. He advised that he'd registered the club with the Boat Show and discussed the possibility of discounted tickets.

Richard then moved on to the subject of cruises. He commented that Roger Vickers had received two invitations for club members to the Glanford Boat Club regatta in Brigg and The Boating Association rally in Nottingham, both being held during the Spring Bank holiday weekend. An overview of the tides and Torksey Lock working hours will be circulated to club members. He also mentioned the Farndon boat rally in September and recommended booking early.

The first cruise for the club is proposed to be a trip to West Stockwith. Leaving Friday, spending Saturday overnight at West Stockwith and then returning Sunday. Richard offered to circulate details of other cruises people were organising to members of the club.

Richard finished his address by talking about the trip John and Liz Parry made to Shetland, adding that he would circulate the full report.

Open Forum

Richard opened up the meeting for any comments or questions.

Barry Sharland proposed a vote of thanks for the Working Committee and wished the club well for the future.

Barry Jopson enquired about the level of interest in organising some sea work, several people were in favour.

The question was raised about the website. It was reported that it was under development and that regular news letters would be used in the meantime.

Barry Sharland asked whether anyone in the club had any experience in all things mechanical and asked whether the club could organise an opportunity where more experienced people could share their knowledge. Liz Parry suggested a cup of coffee with Rob from Burton Waters marina often worked well. Barry Jopson commented that Peter King from the marina had offered to help the club so maybe there was an opportunity there.

Richard mentioned the purchase of burgees, advising that the club could sell them for £20.00 each.

Finally it was suggested that the club arranges for one of the resident members, for example Barry Jopson, to have a fob to gain entry to the marina to have a look at a boat if requested i.e. during bad weather. John Gray suggested also keeping an eye on the electricity bollards.

With no further comments, the meeting was closed at 7.45pm.