

Burton Waters Boat Club
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27.11.2015

Members Present:

Barry Jopson

Ann Jopson

Tricia Taggart

Michael Taggart

Keith Gerrish

Peter Crutchfield

Bridget Crutchfield

Angela Goldsmith

Wendy Meehan

Kevin Meehan

Peter Wilks

Brenda Wilks

Vivien Carmichael

Brian Carmichael

Steve Michaelides

Patsy Slight

Penny White

Brian White

Apologies for absence:

Terry & Linda Jarvis

Barbara Michaelides

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 6th AGM.

Matters Arising:

No matters arising

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: 1689.03 Balance to date: 2159.30

Annual Balance increase: 470.27

Membership Report:

Keith reported that we have 68 members to date. We lost 10 members for various reasons. We also have another new member in January. Keith asked if a handbook had been delivered to all members. Barry reported that the 'Handbook' had been taken to a recent AWCC meeting. They were impressed with it and hoped to do something similar. Fees are due on 01.01.16. Barry mentioned that there is no increase in fees and you can now pay by standing order. Please get a reference from Keith.

Commodores Report:

Barry reported it had been a very good year and we have achieved a lot.

It has, however, been a very sad year in that we have lost one of our most enthusiastic members, namely Richard Slight who died a couple of months ago.

On the cruising front we had 2 short day cruises and 2 longer cruises to Boston and Farndon.

In addition we had 2 evening cruises for supper and cocktails (the least said about the cocktail cruise the better) anyway I cant remember too much about the evening.

Finally on the cruising front we had our annual Treasure Hunt for which we have Mike and Tricia (ably assisted by Angela) to thank.

Training is becoming an important part of our club activities and I am delighted to report that another 4 members have become exclusive holders of the RYA National Power Boat certificates. That means that 10 of our members have become qualified in the last 2 years. A significant achievement.

In addition to this 6 club members are now qualified Radio Operators.

Finally, we arranged a First Aid Appreciation Course for members and 15 of us are now better prepared for emergencies.

The Social events laid on by the club have been well attended this year, which is really encouraging and important. As yet we do not have a clubhouse where we can regularly to meet up, so the social events are there to bring members together for enjoyment and getting to know one another.

This year the club has been more involved in activities outside of our immediate sphere of influence. For instance, we have become members of the wide world of boating by joining the Association of Waterways Cruising clubs. This has not only considerably raised our profile in the boating world, but also provided all our members with opportunities to cruise further afield.

We have also not been afraid to lead the fight for improved facilities in the Brayford Pool.

Your committee has worked really hard this year. It is not easy running a boat Club such as ours, where we have no central clubhouse for keeping everything and everyone together. It does require some effort and no small amount of time to keep everything moving along smoothly. So I would like to record a special thanks to all my fellow committee members for all their hard work and support.

However, the successes of 2015 would not have been achieved without the support of our members. So my thanks to all of you who attended so many of our events.

Election of Officers and Committee for 2016:

Position	Name of Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore	Barry Jopson	Angela Goldsmith	Penny White
Vice Commodore	Peter Crutchfield	Barry Jopson	Ann Jopson
Treasurer	Angela Goldsmith	Ann Jopson	Viv Carmichael
Secretary	Tricia Taggart	Barry Jopson	Ann Jopson
Membership Sec.	Keith Gerrish	Ann Jopson	Michael Taggart
Committee Member	Michael Taggart	Barry Jopson	Keith Gerrish
Committee Member	Ann Jopson	Tricia Taggart	Wendy Meehan
Committee Member	Patsy Slight	Ann Jopson	Angela Goldsmith

Incoming Commodores Address:

First of all, thank you for voting me to be your Commodore for 2016.

Last year I did say that 2015 would be my last year as Commodore, and I still feel that we should have some fresh blood to take BWBC forward, but in the absence of other candidates I am happy to do this for another year. I would however ask you to look for suitable candidates to stand for election in 2017. This could be a woman too!

Although we had our most active year in 2015, I hope that we will build on this in 2016.

- On the cruising front, I would like us to add York to our list of successful cruises, and I would like to see some of us make it out onto the Wash. Maybe wishful thinking but we should try to extend our cruising area year on year as we all become more experienced.
- As you are aware training is an important area for most of us and I would like to see more members qualify for the National Powerboat certificate. We will also endeavor to lay on First Aid training because when you are on a boat and have an accident, there is no one else to turn to for help.
- Socially, we hope to run a number of events all of which will be designed to bring us together.
- We shall continue to develop our membership numbers, but to do it via special events, which will be open to non BWBC members. An example of this could be a Boat Handling Competition.
- Our ambition to have our own clubhouse remains unabated but we will need double our membership to make this a viable proposition. However, we shall continue to look for opportunities to move forward with this.
- The continued success of our club relies upon the support of our members, and we therefore look forward to good turnouts at all our future events.

It just remains for me, on behalf of your new committee, to wish you a Happy Christmas & New Year, and let us look forward to a great 2016.

A.O.B: Keith put forward a motion for Barry and Ann to become Life Members. It was seconded by Patsy and voted on unanimously. Keith apologised for not being able to present the Photographic Trophy as the web site was down and he could not look at the photos taken. Michael presented the Treasure Hunt Trophy to Tilly 11. Kevin & Wendy and Brian & Viv accepted the Trophy. Barry mentioned the first Friday meeting at Woodcocks would be 05.02.2016

Meeting was closed at 8.55pm