

# BURTON WATERS BOAT CLUB

**AGM 15 November 2019**

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barry Jopson	Keith Laver	Andrew Baker
Ann Jopson	Laura Montgomery	Ian Cottam
Peter Crutchfield	Elaine Williams	Graham Montgomery
Bridget Crutchfield	Paul Williams	Angela Goldsmith
John Walsh	Robin Lassiter	Keith Gerrish
Mike Waldron	Karoline Lassiter	
Stephen Hayes		

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

David Danks, David Stott, Patsy Slight, Keith & Barb Bellamy, Mike & Tricia Taggart, Brian & Viv Carmichael, Andrew & Yvonne Askem

The meeting opened at 20:00

Minutes of the last AGM 16 November 2018 were read & passed.

There were no matters arising so the minutes were signed.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

As read by Keith Laver on behalf of David Danks.

David sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but reported the following;

“Firstly, I would like to thank Angela for all the work she put in during the preceding years as treasurer, also to Barry Jopson and Paul Williams who have helped with the collection of funds and being an onsite focal point – as Barry just realised the other day, I live about an hour away .

Nearly a year has passed since I became treasurer- but in reality it took nearly 6 months to get Barclays to accept that Angela wished to stop being Treasurer.

It has been a fairly quiet year – funds have, however, increased and there is still £60 to be collected for the Laying up supper.

Other than that, all have been collected and the club has a healthy balance – increased by just short of £1 400 over the year.

Thank you for your continuing support of the club and I am sure it wont be long before Paul is chasing you for next year’s subs.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy festive period and hope to see you at the Glühwein/Christmas Celebration function.

**See attached financial report.**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Paul Williams reported the following:

Responsible for the growth and retention of membership within the Club.

- Lead in developing club membership.
- Hold, maintain and update the Master Spreadsheet of Members.
- Collect registration and subscription fees from existing and new members. (passing all monies to the Hon. Treasurer).
- Send out Welcome packs to all new members.
- Distribute Club Membership Cards.

### **Total Members 2018 - 120**

- **Members left 2019** - 22

- Emails were sent to members who did not renew their 2019 membership for feedback. The main reason for leaving for members that replied was that they have moved on from boating and had other interests.

### **New Members for 2019- 22**

- Of the 22 new members for 2019, 5 joined at the Burton Waters Boat Festival

### **Total members as of 26th Oct 2019- 120**

### **Plans for 2020**

- Maintain and update the new master spreadsheet for all members.
- Promote the club to gain more members through events eg Burton Waters Boating Festival.

Paul further confirmed that emails have been sent to all members regarding the renewal of their subscription (£20 per couple & for boats moored more than 50km away, a country membership of £10 per couple). These fees are due before 31 January 2020.

### **Liaison Officer's Report:**

There are currently 113 members subscribed.

Stats on the last 10 posts have revealed the following:

Opened the mail: 63,31 %

Clicked through to website: 20,37%

### **COMMODORES REPORT**

Keith Laver thanked the committee for their support during this busy year – with both cruising and social activities.

Thanks were expressed to Matt and Claire for the free use of Woodcocks for both the meetings and social events

He reported that we have had a very successful year with cruises to Nottingham, Boston, Washingborough, Woodhall Spa, Weststockwith and finally the Caledonian Canal. In addition there were two novice cruises to Southeray and Weststockwith. Duncan, David and Ian supervised these events. A lot of fun was had with some great nights out and some very wet BBQ's.

Social events held at Woodcocks have included guest speakers, boat games and quizzes and even a darts evening. Thanks for Peter and Bridget Crutchfield for organising the Treasure Hunt.

Finally, the BBQ at Ellisons Quay and the Regatta Day were well supported and enjoyed by all.

We have flown the club flag far and wide this year tied to the stern of David Stott's boat whenever it has been moored up – from Nottingham to Inverness. A cruise to the Thames in 2020 is currently being planned and details will follow on the website.

Still to come is the mulled wine and mince pie evening on 7 December (update – was very successful and enjoyed by all with a Brass band etc. Weather was very kind)

In conclusion, Keith thanked everyone for their support during 2019.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

We have nominations for all of the committee positions and they are as follows:-

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name of Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	Graham Montgomery	Peter Crutchfield	Ann Jopson
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Peter Crutchfield	Angela Goldsmith	Elaine Williams
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Barry Jopson	Laura Montgomery	Paul Williams
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	David Danks	Angela Goldsmith	Peter Crutchfield
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Laura Montgomery	Bridget Crutchfield	Ann Jopson
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Paul Williams	Angela Goldsmith	Keith Gerrish
<b>Liaison Officer</b>	Stephen Hayes	Robin Lassiter	Karoline Lassiter
<b>Committee Member</b>	Ann Jopson	Barry Jopson	Angela Goldsmith
<b>Committee Member</b>	Keith Laver	Stephen Hayes	Elaine Williams
<b>Committee Member</b>	David Stott	Keith Gerrish	Keith Laver

## INCOMING COMMODORES ADDRESS

Graham thanked Keith Laver, the outgoing Commodore, and the rest of the 2019 committee – Barry Jopson, David Danks, Laura Montgomery, Paul Williams, Stephen Hayes, Ann Jopson, Peter Crutchfield & David Stott for all their support and contributions during the year.

Having served on the committee for the last year, one realises that there is a fair amount of activity that goes on behind the scenes and without leaving anybody out by not mentioning their names, he thanked all for their efforts – its really appreciated.

Graham also welcomed the new committee for 2020:

Vice Commodore – Barry Jopson

Rear Commodore – Peter Crutchfield

Hon. Treasurer – David Danks

Hon. Secretary – Laura Montgomery

Membership Sec. – Paul Williams

Liaison Officer – Stephen Hayes

Committee Members – Ann Jopson, Keith Laver & David Stott

Thank you for making yourselves available and I look forward to serving with you next year.

Before mentioning our objectives for 2020, I would like to recall Keith Laver's comments from last year.....

Objectives for 2019:

1. Increase the number of cruises during the year with different durations and locations
2. Promote short cruises for novice skippers with tuition by volunteer experienced skippers
3. To drive the club membership towards the 150 mark
4. To continue our pursuit of a suitable clubhouse

Regarding the incoming committees objectives, I would like to propose that we adopt the same as last year's objectives with the following further comments

1. Increase the number of cruises during the year with different durations and locations **We currently only have a few active sailing members being Keith, David, Duncan and Ian – we need to encourage more members to participate**
2. Promote short cruises for novice skippers with tuition by volunteer experienced skippers **Again, this should be our first priority to get members to be more active**
3. To drive the club membership towards the 150 mark **The club definitely has two categories of member – social and serious boaters – our activities need to appeal to both categories if we want to grow our membership**

I would also like to propose that we invite Matt and Claire (as our guests) to the next fitting-out supper as a gesture of thanks for the use of this function room for all our meetings etc.

Finally, on behalf of the incoming committee, we look forward to serving the Club next year with high hopes of meeting our objectives.

I would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND FORUM**

Cruises : perhaps this needs to be opened up to suggestions for other venues

- Barry Jopson and Steve Bates are discussing a 5 day cruise to the Humber.
- Peter Crutchfield suggests inland waterways on large canals (ship canals) through large locks.
- Paul Williams suggested sending out a draft cruising programme along with the membership renewals to create some interest

John Walsh had 2 points he wished to discuss:

1. On the matter of a Club House – there is no community centre of club house on Burton Waters for use by the general residents. He would like to start questioning the residents committee re these facilities, possibly petition Burton Waters Residents Group and seek to get an answer. (this has subsequently been brought up with them and is under discussion)
2. He also questioned the financial governance of the committee – authorisation and actual payment of funds should not be done by the same person. **Barry Jopson replied that larger amounts are always discussed and decided by the committee while smaller amounts are normally one person. Perhaps levels should be set of up to £20/£20 to £100 and then £100 & above – the new committee will set levels in order that at least two individual people are involved and therefore institute governance.**

Stephen Hayes questioned whether there is a financial plan regarding the surplus funds ? **Barry again responded that historically, surplus funds have been used to subsidise training courses and if enough members participate in this, we can negotiate a discounted rate. The committee will discuss this further in the New Year.**

There is a list of available discounts offered to the boat club on the Website.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.