

## **BURTON WATERS BOAT CLUB**

### **AGM – 13 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Graham Montgomery	Laura Montgomery
Barry Jopson	Ann Jopson
Peter Crutchfield	Bridget Crutchfield
Michael Waldron	Lyndsey Waldron
David Danks	Nicky Danks
Paul Williams	Elaine Williams
Peter Harrold	Stephen Hayes

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Andrew & Yvonne Askham, Brian & Viv Carmichael

The virtual meeting opened at 7.15pm and all were welcomed by Graham Montgomery

Minutes from the last AGM held on 15 November 2019 were raised and as there were no matters arising from them, the approval was proposed and seconded by Barry Jopson and Peter Crutchfield

#### **TREASURERS REPORT: Balance as at 19/11/2020 = £5833.28**

David reported:

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Barry and Paul who have helped in the collection of funds and being an onsite focal point & also the other committee members for their efforts during what has been a frustrating year.

It has been a fairly quiet year – and with the impact of the events – as most of you might know we are going to roll over the subs from this year to cover next year as well. So, if you have paid thank you and if you haven't, I am sure Paul will be in touch!!!

There has been a reasonable large out flow of funds during 2020 – mainly in the form of flags/burgees/boards and posters. For those that don't know, there are new notice boards in and around the marina. These are in the line 'member's benefit

David further added that one of the reasons that the income is down, is due to no raffles being done this year – we normally have at least two and hope to be able to have some again next year to boost both the petty cash & general income.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

### **Membership Report of AGM 2020 - Paul Williams Membership Secretary Burton Waters Boat Club**

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our boat club through these difficult times.

I would also like to thank David Danks our Treasurer in respect of providing me with a monthly update, letting me know who has paid their fees which makes my job a lot easier.

To confirm there are no subscriptions to be paid for existing members for next year. If you have set up an automatic Direct Debit please make sure you cancel the payment for 2021.

Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone, stay safe and hopefully we can all get back on the water next year.

### **Total Members 2019**

- 120

### **Members left 2020**

- 23
- Emails were sent to members who did not renew their 2020 membership for feedback. The main reason for leaving for members that relied was that they have moved on from boating and had other interests.

### **New Members for 2020**

- 11 (Includes Phil, Val and Mark)

### **Total members as of 26th Oct 2020**

- 108 ( David to confirm payment for Phil and Val Greenwood and Mark Pound)

### **Plans for 2021**

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

## **LIAISON OFFICER REPORT:**

Stephen reported that there have been no issues this past year.

Laura (Admin for Burton Waters Boat Club Facebook page) reported that since the page was re-activated earlier this year, the membership grew from 25 to the current

85. There is a fair amount of activity on the page and a report plus photographs of all social events are loaded onto the site.

Laura further mentioned that it would be a good idea to contact all the members of the Facebook page who are not actual boat club members and attempt to get them to join.

### **COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

I would like to thank the committee for all their support during the last year, and what a year its been!

We started the year with high hopes of reaching our 2020 objectives:

1. Increase the number of cruises with different durations and locations
2. Promote short cruises for novice skippers with tuition by volunteer experienced
3. To increase the club membership towards the 150 mark
4. To continue our pursuit of a suitable clubhouse
5. Try and find various guest speakers with interesting topics for our club evenings.

Suffice to say, Coronavirus has put a stop to all of these objectives being achieved. Since the beginning of March lockdown and self-isolating has put our club activities on hold. The committee has had a few virtual meetings behind the scenes to try and the wheels turning and there have only been two official club events during this time, obviously in accordance with government guidelines.

In July there was a day trip to Fiskerton – the Stamp End lock was manned by Barry & Ann Jopson along with myself and Laura. Andy Askham stepped in to also help for the return trip.

In August we held our ever-popular Treasure Hunt. Thanks go to Peter and Bridget Crutchfield for planning the route, coming up with some interesting clues and questions (the answers of were some were unpronounceable) and organizing the event on the day.

Unfortunately, with the current lock-down underway it would seem that there won't be any further official club activities this year, no mulled wine or mince pies or one last boozy club meeting at woodcocks.

On behalf to the current committee I would like to wish everybody well and hopefully we will all be able to enjoy Christmas and new year with family and friends and hope that 2021 allows the BWBC to get back onto the water.

Graham Montgomery  
Commodore

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

### **Position:**

Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Liaison Officer  
Membership Secretary  
Committee Members

### **Nomination:**

Barry Jopson  
Graham Montgomery  
Peter Harrold  
David Danks  
Laura Montgomery  
Stephen Hayes  
Paul Williams  
Ann Jopson  
Peter Crutchfield  
Keith Laver

As Peter Harrold is new to the committee nominations, he introduced himself. He has been involved in boating since the age of 14 . He used to live on Ellisons Quay and still has a boat moored there.

He is very involved with many projects not least of which is Rotary and he commented that they are having virtual meetings whereby Speakers on various topics are asked to join these meeting and give a talk to the members – this might be an idea for the Boat Club to investigate as a way to have interesting monthly meetings.

Graham thanked Peter and said that he will be a valuable member of the committee.

It was then proposed that we do a block vote for the whole committee as there were no other nominations – this was accepted by the members present and the vote was unanimous.

## **INCOMING COMMODORE'S ADDRESS**

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation for the work that our Commodore Graham has done as he has struggled with the problems of the Coronavirus (ably supported may I say, by Laura). It has not been an easy time for Graham and we are very grateful for everything he has done.

With 2020 being such a washout due to this horrible virus, next year should be a doddle in comparison. I intend to get our new committee together before Christmas to map out some plans for next year, which we should be able to present to the club at the beginning of February 2021.

I suspect that the Covid 19 will still be with us well into 2021 so our activities are likely to be more on the water than off it.

However, we will be looking for opportunities to get together socially, so if anyone has any bright ideas of how we could do this we shall be more than grateful to hear them.

We will continue to try to find a suitable venue for our club meetings now that we have lost the function room at Woodcocks, and we will also make every effort to find a site for a more permanent Clubhouse for the future.

2021 is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary (who'd have thought it). Let us all work together to make this a memorable year and to move the club forward by joining in as many events as possible and enjoy every minute of it.

Barry Jopson (Vice Commodore BWBC)

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

David Danks suggested that since the Moorings Co. have just built new offices, could the BWBC possibly get their old premises – the Container at entrance to the Boat Yard as a meeting/social venue for the Boat Club. Barry Jopson replied that he had made enquiries and was awaiting a response.

Graham thanked Paul Williams for coming up with the idea of sending Christmas cards this year.

David Danks suggested that the new membership cards should be included with the card.

Paul Williams responded that this was already being done and that Elaine is busy doing the envelopes & should be ready for distribution soon. Thanks go to Elaine for taking on this task.

It was further reported that all cards going to residents of Burton Waters will be hand delivered and the balance will be posted.

David Danks also suggested an idea for non-cruising but still boat related activities – e.g. boat maintenance and/or engine maintenance courses, general fault diagnosis, electrics in boats and general basics of boats.

Peter Crutchfield said boaters had previously been taken to a 2day training course on engines in Stafford run by River Canal Rescue. He further commented that a long-term aim was to have a Club Tool Kit for the members requiring specialist tools to loan these from the Club.

Paul Williams felt that it would be a good idea for a document to be drawn up advising new/potential boat owners on how to decide which boat would be suitable for their needs.

Finally, Barry Jopson commented that people need to see the Boat Club as a place for knowledge, advice and support and not just for cruises and social events. There needs to be some real value to belonging to the club.

