



Burton Waters Boat Club

Bringing the boating community together

Commodore – Mike Waldron, Vice Commodore – John Varley, Rear Commodore – Barry Jopson

Minutes of AGM - 24TH November 2023

Attendees

Mike Waldron, Linsey Waldron, John Varley, Julie Varley, Barry Jopson, Ann Jopson, Peter Crutchfield, Bridget Crutchfield, Phil Greenwood, Laura Montgomery, Graham Montgomery, Sharon Collins, John Collins, Peter Allen, Theresa Allen, Gaynor Edwards, Angela Goldsmith, John Walsh, Patsy Slight

Apologies for Absence

Dave Gledhill

Welcome Address

Commodore Mike Waldron welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Treasurer's Report

1. Took over as treasurer at Xmas last year, just as Barclays brought in new anti-fraud regulations and froze the club's account; we could pay money in, but surprise surprise we could not take money out or pay any invoices.
2. Took a little while to prove we existed despite always banking with them and to update the club officials who could authorise payments. It all had to be done by arranging callbacks with the appropriate department by phone
3. Clubs total funds £6123.30 (-£492)
4. Income £2325, broadly in line with that budgeted.
5. Expenditure £2816 (increase 98%)
 - (i) Insurance costs have risen by 26% due to addition of directors' insurance as recommended by our brokers at the RYA
 - (ii) Purchase of club burgees
 - (iii) Printing of new membership cards
 - (iv) Subsidising events through the year
6. Club made charitable donations of £150.
7. Now able to take card payments.
8. Assets are shown in the accounts, but in future years these will be moved to a new asset register and value depreciated in line with HMRC guidelines.

Membership Secretary Report

At the end of 2022 we had a total membership of 108. At the end of that year 21 members did not renew their membership for the following reasons.

- Sold boat 5
- Boat Club not for them 4
- Moved away 3
- Too busy 2
- Boat moved to another area 2
- Fell out with some members 2
- Non payment of subs 2
- Membership terminated 1

During 2023 we have recruited another 23 members bringing our total membership up to 110 as at 24th November 2023.

There are, to our knowledge, another 4 prospective applicants waiting to join in 2024.

Membership drives at Open Days have, in the past, been a major source of new members.

However, having planned to have 2 membership drives in 2023, we were frustrated by Burton Waters Marina who did not have their usual Open Day, and Saxilby Waterfront Festival who were unable to accommodate us. We plan to have more membership drives in 2024.

Liaison Officer's Report

The website and Facebook were working successfully and we have added an Instagram Account for members and public to follow.

A number of additional social events were well attended throughout the year partly due to the publicity they received through our media coverage.

Commodore's Report

It has been a privilege to have held the position of commodore for the past year. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their support and guidance and for all their individual contributions to helping run the club and organising the many events held throughout the year. A special thanks to Phil for sorting out the club bank account and to Sharon for taking charge of our website and social media platforms, keeping members informed.

We started the year with a challenging programme of events that was designed to cater both for boaters and non-boaters alike. Unfortunately the weather interfered with some events and insufficient support caused a few to be cancelled. But we had many successful events where members (old and new) were able to join together. I'm sure next years

programme will be just as adventurous and we hope more of you will be able to support the events. If there is an event you think others would like to share, please mention it to a member of the committee and we will see what we can do.

In the background the committee has been busy with other things. This year the Club has arranged for members to enjoy access to the Burton Estates Club and we held our November first Friday meeting there.

We are in preliminary discussions with Burton Waters Marina to see how we can work together to provide complimentary benefits to boaters and joint events.

We are also in the final stages of engaging with a new Club-clothing supplier that can supply single item orders with the embroidered Club badge for a reasonable price. Initially we will offer Tee Shirts, Polo shirts, sweatshirts and short-sleeved white cotton shirts. When finalised, we will publish a link to a BWBC club page that will show the items available for you to order.

I should also mention our thanks to David Lloyds for their continued support in allowing us to use this room for our monthly meetings.

Finally, I have a couple of presentations to make. First is the Commodores award held over from the Laying Up Supper. This is awarded to the person I consider has made the greatest contribution to the club over the year.

So, in recognition of:

- ☑ taking control of and maintaining our website and sorting out our Facebook page, regularly designing and posting updates and notifications of our upcoming events
- ☑ setting up an Instagram account
- ☑ organising and attending many events
- ☑ recruiting new members

I have no hesitation in making this award to Sharon Collins as a sign of my gratitude for all her work in supporting the club.

The second award goes to the top scorer at our recent ten pin bowling event. It was a close thing with the two highest scores of 229 and 235.

John Varley scored 229 but the winner with a score of 235 is Sharon .

Thank you, we now move on to the nominations and election of club officers for the coming year.

Election of Officers for 2024

The following members were elected by a unanimous vote.

Commodore	John Varley
Rear Commodore	Mike Waldron
Vice Commodore	Vacant
Hon Treasurer	Phil Greenwood
Hon Secretary	Ann Jopson
Liaison Officer	Sharon Collins
Membership Secretary	Barry Jopson
Committee Members	Julie Varley Laura Montgomery Gaynor Edwards (co-opted subsequent to the meeting)

Incoming Commodore's Address

Introduction, Opening Remarks & thank you's

My Objectives for 2024

More emphasis on Boating related events & activities, with the right balance of non-boating social activities.

Build closer ties with BW Marina (joint events, discounts for club members)

Continue to grow the membership base particularly boating members

Continue to raise general awareness of the club through social media

Introduce some new activities e.g. a Kayaking group

Club nights (more speakers, varied venues for non-speaker nights).

Emphasised the importance of finding a suitable Vice Commodore.

AOB

The updated Constitution & new Disciplinary Procedure was voted on and unanimously accepted.

Open Forum

- BJ asked if it was still the club's ambition to have its own clubhouse. After some discussion it was felt that this should still be an aspiration of the club at some time in the future.
- TA asked if the club could erect a promotional banner advertising membership of BWBC etc. The response was that it would be difficult to achieve, bearing in mind the strict rules regarding advertising in Burton Waters. However, this will be looked into by the incoming committee.

The meeting was closed at 21:15



Hon. Secretary – Laura Montgomery, Hon. Treasurer - Phil Greenwood
Membership Secretary – Barry Jopson, Liaison Officer – Sharon Collins,
Committee Members – Peter Crutchfield, Ann Jopson, Julie Varley