

BURTON WATERS BOAT CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Phil Greenwood

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in bank £6,918.00 (Balanced as at 5th March 2024)

Petty Cash £104.05 (checked 5th March 2024)

All membership income has been notified to the membership secretary on a fortnightly basis. All expenditure since the last meeting has been approved by the Commodore of the club. We have an outstanding bill of £100 to the Burton estate Club if the committee decide to continue our membership for 2024. **Subsequent to the meeting this has been approved for payment.**

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, MEMBERSHIP FEES & RECRUITMENT PLANS

BJ reported that we had 111 members and there were 20 leavers so we have a current membership of 91 with 9 members who have still not paid who will have to the end of March to pay. There are a possible 5 new members. SC to see if access to our website can be improved or if we need a new one.

Recruitment plans

Open Day Saturday 13th July would be in conjunction with The Residents Association. JV/BJ to liaise with Residents Association. It was agreed that we would take the following actions.

1. Have our Gazebo by the water taxi and invite the Greek house to get involved serving refreshments (BJ).
2. There would be a Membership drive. It was agreed to waive the £30 registration fee for this day only.
3. Arrange for RNLI to set up a stall offering Lifejacket & Boat safety checks. (JV to approach IHA)
4. Subject to insurance restrictions, offer boat and kayak trips around BW and out onto Fosdick.
5. We should advertise the event with local papers, posters etc.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

There was a discussion regarding future subscription fees for a single person. Currently a boat owner would have to pay a registration fee of £30 on joining plus a subscription fee of £30 for two members (i.e. themselves and crew).

It was proposed a single boat owning membership would change a registration fee of £30 (which includes a club burgee) plus a single annual subscription of £15. Additional crew would also pay £15 annual subscription. Social membership would be £15 registration plus £15 annual subscription.

All this would have to be voted in at the next AGM.

ADVERTISING INCLUDING MEMBER'S HANDBOOK & BWRG WEBSITE

The members handbook would have 14 pages of text 22 pages overall (including advertising). The following businesses have confirmed they wish to advertise. The Greek House (1 page), Harbour Lights/Bar Six (1 page), Vino Marina (1 page), Burton Waters Marina (2 centre pages), Farndon Marina (2 pages front inside, Phil Read Boat Safety (1 page – BJ to check 10% discount).

In addition it was agreed to add another 4 pages of advertising. BJ/AJ to ask Woodcocks & Pyewipe if they would be interested, JV/JV to ask David Lloyd & The Sun Inn.

Deadline 31st March.

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Events programme needs to be updated

Fitting Out Supper Saturday 13th April – The Greek House – SC/JV/JV to firm up date and arrangements. See if they will do a Meze selection for each table.

Cruise to Dunham Rack 16th/17th March postponed due to pontoon being out of action the cruise will be re-scheduled. This notice to be published.

Litter Picking 21st April – Have to find where or how we can dispose of the litter collected.

KAYAK/PADDLE BOARD GROUP

There are approximately 18 members of the group with 9 kayaks who have been invited to join the boat club. The boat club will continue to publish all organised events and hopefully all participants will eventually join BWBC.

FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH BURTON WATERS MARINA

After discussion it was decided the best way forward is to be as engaging as possible and to continue trying to work together, even if the Marina is not responsive.

SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE UPDATE

Certain members have been unable to access the website. SC has since contacted a colleague and hopefully now this problem has been sorted. It was agreed that if the problem persists we should look to a complete re-write of our website. The cost would have to be accepted by the club as this is our only means of communicating with our members.

SC has added Duncan Roberts as a moderator on Facebook so he can post about the cruises and all committee members have now had an invitation to become moderators which will allow us to post and approve posts.

Burton Waters Residents new website

JV to follow up to ensure that the Boat Club is fully and properly represented. SC/JV will ensure that our future events are published on this new website

AWCC UPDATE

MW informed the committee that the next AGM is the 19th March in London he will not be able to attend in person but will attend electronically by zoom.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BJ requested 4 laminated A3 Events Programmes so he can put them up on the display boards. BJ requested help to get the flagpole down so that they can gain access to the top of the flagpole. This has now been arranged for Wednesday 13th March. Andy, Peter John & Barry will attend.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th May at 7.45pm.