

General Committee Meeting Held on 3 May 2018 at 7:30pm

- 1. Members in attendance:** J Parker - Commodore (JP), J Adams – Vice Commodore (JA), E Williams – Rear Commodore (EW), M Aspell – Treasurer (MA), M Parker – Bar Officer (MP), S Caiger – Social Secretary (SC), Fiona Austin – New Membership Secretary (FA), S Dinevics – Minute taker (SD)
- 2. Apologies:** R Godbold – President (RG), A Press (AP), R Strawbridge – Sailing Officer (RS)
- 3. Receive and accept minutes of last meeting.** All present agreed that the minutes were correct.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - 4.1. Afterate – Previously Colin Goddard’s boat**
 - To be recovered from farmer’s field and put on a mooring until sold off by WBYC to offset debts incurred for recovering from field. (worth approx. £200).
 - Email owner one more time of WBYC’s intentions.
 - 4.2. Bristol Water update**
 - Awaiting letter from Bristol Water. In Nick Hunt’s hands.
 - Bristol Water usage:
 - Paid £286 for March 2016 to March 2017 usage
 - Paid £169.90 for March 2017- Sep 2017
 - Got £447.92 refund in April 2018
 - Received invoice for £537.99 on 24 April 2018
 - MA sent email to Bristol Water advising of historical background, asking that invoice be withdrawn until such time that water leak is repaired.
 - WBYC will be seeking a commercial leak allowance when the leak is repaired.
 - Job number is 2275029. Tel 03457 023 797.
 - 4.3. Les Willis**
 - Procedure should have been that Mr Les Willis be given an equal opportunity to air his side of the story before an official letter of warning was sent.
 - JP took full responsibility for not following procedure.
 - JP took the letter to LW who was very upset. LW refuted all accusations.
 - LW subsequently sent email correspondence between Robert Wadeley and LW.
 - This shed a totally new light on the whole story.
 - It was decided that no further action is required or warranted and that the warning be fully recinded.
 - 4.4. Workboat**
 - Richard Topham (RT), Peter Cooper (PC) and Jeff Parker (JP) running mooring team while EW is recovering.
 - RT and JP serviced the engine saving approx. £180.
 - Workboat user’s guide on WBYC website (attached). EW to send copy to MA.
 - 4.5. Mooring report**
 - Alan Hollier has a second mooring which he does not pay for.

JP

- Mooring works coming up for Richard Topham, Peter Cooper, Jeff Parker, Geoff Adams which will bring in £140 + works to be scheduled for Graham Austin, Matt Proud + Chris Godding bringing another £150.
- RT suggested that some tools be purchased for the workboat and kept in the bosun's room and signed in and out.
- Large and medium adjustable stilson, WD40, ladder, handy billy, first aid kit, some lines and later a battery grinder for cutting stuff. Approx. £100. Some of the above could be donated by some committee members.
- The Committee unanimously agreed this expenditure (except for the battery grinder).
- It was agreed that more volunteers were required for the workboat.

4.6. Beach condition and access

- There was an article in the Mercury last week and another coming up.
- RG has given an interview to ITV.
- JP gave an interview to BBC Radio Bristol.
- JP sent 2 letters to North Somerset Council. No response yet.

4.7. Andy Press reception event

- Chair of NSC, Mayor and Mayoress all invited and accepted.
- The press is also invited.

4.8. HRH bid ongoing

5. Membership and renewals

- Welcome to Fiona Austin – new membership secretary.
- 4 social membership applications:
 - **Tony Lee** wants to join as he wants to hold a party at the club.
 - **John Green**
 - **John Tyson and Maureen Tyson**
- The above social membership applications were unanimously approved by the Committee.
- Full membership applications:
 - **Reg Higgins** joined and paid on line via ebay on 18 April. It was discussed whether to refund the member and make him pay through normal channels. This was decided against. Advert has been redrafted which means an extra £30 for postage which covers all fees.
- The above application was approved unanimously by the Committee.
- 22 people have renewed to date which is up on previous years.
- We are expecting 88 responses from membership renewal.
- Membership withdrawals:
 - **John Churchill and Leyton Price.**
- **Ian Jones** wanted a mooring but no mooring allocated. Lives near Highbridge TA9. Might be someone who wanted to join and then moved to another club. MA and JA to investigate further. **MA / JA**
- **Martin Thomas** wants to become a social member (he does not have a mooring).
- **Rob Clayton** also wants to become a social member.
- 2 members emailed JA to chase their renewals. Database had flagged them up as ex members. JA to rectify and invoice accordingly.
- **Alan Hollier.** It was agreed that he has free membership as we use his boat to put up the racing marks out. He has 2 moorings and pays for both. JA to duplicate and invoice same as last year.

- A N Other who does not want to pay membership as he is “ancient”.
- JA is chasing Terry Millier for his membership to no avail. Need to invoice him for two moorings. Could send invoice c/o Ross to find out his “new email address and/or pass it on.

JA

6. Treasurer’s report

- Amendment to end of April income figure to read: £24,049.
- Report attached.

7. Bar and social events

- MP sought authorisation to purchase a tablet with Bluetooth 4 to be compatible with the new card machine used behind the bar. Budget: £70. The committee unanimously voted in favour of this purchase.
- MP suggested the use of an LED screen with eye catching flashing message to promote the club and social events. Budget approx. £70-£100. The screen could reside in the training room. Investigate other options.
- SC submitted the new social membership poster which is now ready for lamination and to be displayed around the wharf (attached).
- **28th July** – Family Fund Day BBQ.
- RNLI Curry & Quizz night – 5 May. It was agreed that WBYC would donate profit from the food.

8. AOB

- Stocktake: Monday 7 May 2018.
- New data protection law now in place (GDPR) was discussed. How long should ex members stay on database. Should there be a policy limiting the time ex members are kept on file? When members do not renew their membership a note should be put on file as to the date of their membership lapsing.
- Remove children from database. Remove members date of birth. There are no safeguarding issues as WBYC does not have children only events.
- Tony Lee’s new social member wants to hold a party at WBYC on Saturday 1 September from 12:00 noon till 22:00.
 - There is a shortfall of trained people who can work behind the bar.
 - Draft a policy / guidelines for parties held at WBYC (incl. health and safety and dos and don’ts etc.) which would be signed by the party host. This should include a clause of non-exclusive use of the club. Full members should be able to use the club during such events.
 - Get in touch with Tony and find out if the length of the party can be reduced.

MP

9. Meeting close

- Next meeting 7 June 2018 (HT 13:16 8.92m).

Encs.

Treasurer’s report
Mooring user guide
Social membership leaflet