

## General Committee Meeting Held on 8 February 2018 at 7:30pm

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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), R Strawbridge – Sailing Officer (RS), A Press (AP), S Dinevics – Minute taker (SD)

2. **Apologies:** R Godbold – President (RG), Mark Atkinson (Mark A), C Atkinson (CA),

### 3. Receive and accept minutes of last meeting

Amendments / corrections:

- Mick Aspell's initials should read **(MA)** and Mark Atkinson **(Mark A)** for clarity.
- Saving on environment agency **£170** (not £175).

### 4. Matters arising from the last meeting

#### 4.1. Uphill Village Society Meeting

- JP attended UVS meeting on 25 January to discuss the Wharf.
- North Somerset District Council (NSC), Weston Town Council in attendance.
- The Council own the area taken up by the mud berths (as can be seen on Land Registry records) and a bit inland.
- There has never been any record of ownership of the “triangular” area between the mud berths and the boatyard.
- NSC are happy to tidy up the area they control.
- Only a landowner can evict the two sitting tenants.
- NSC might look at funding for some posts to go across the “other entrance” used by the sitting tenants. The middle one be hinged with a padlock in place. Only WBYC would own the key.

NSC

- Before next UVS meeting, JP to find ownership history.

JP

- WBYC could apply for “adverse possession”, process by which WBYC would have to prove 12 years of occupancy or more. Process is on a “first come, first served basis”.
- The derelict boats would become WBYC's responsibility. Fibre glass boat(s) could be removed by Towns. Richard Topham agreed to survey boats for sea worthiness.
- WBYC, as land owner, would serve a 3-month legal notice on each derelict boat, take a dated photograph of the boat / notice, take all reasonable steps to track down the owners, after which time, boat would be disposed of.
- What would benefits be:
  - use the land as lift in / lift out area with a concrete slab, to store boats during the winter.
  - Could install leaning posts to clean boat keels.
  - Attractive for current and new members.
  - Storage facilities that would be revenue stream for the club.

- Is WBYC interested in taking over the abovementioned Wharf?
- Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY in favour in principle.
- Follow up: Jeff Parker(JP) to get the ownership documentation files from Richard Charles (RC) and Don Sutherland (DS) before the next UVS meeting.

JP / RC / DS

#### 4.2. Chew Valley Café and storage area

- RG to report at next meeting.

RG

#### 4.3. RYA membership

- WBYC is a registered training centre. However, exams are taken at an **approved** training centre.

### 5. New members

- **James Wadley** and **Robert Wadley** (father and son) interviewed by MA and EW. Both want full membership and mooring. (28ft boat). Membership UNANIMOUSLY approved.
- Colin Goddard (CG), former member has sold his boat (Afterate) in Nov 2017. CG told new owners that the boat had to be moved by end of Nov, this has not happened yet. JP sent an email to CG advising the boat will be removed at his cost. The new owners left a voicemail on WBYC main number. JP will chase up. Boat will be shifted imminently.

JP

- Mr Winton. Owner of the lifeboat. Paid full membership in cash. On mooring no 77. No contact details on file. EW might have a tel. number.

EW

- There are a couple of membership applications in the pipeline.

#### 5.1. Strategy for recruiting members for social membership (£10)

- Advertise on club window in chalk pen, incl. tel. number and free parking? (banner too expensive)
- Leaflets on car windscreens
- Use UPS noticeboards by floodgate.
- 3 such new members registered so far.
- Currently, 89 members including honoraries.

### 6. New membership process (attached)

- Application forms must be filled in by Committee member(s) with diligence to ensure accurate invoicing i.e. write down any special requests / provisos on form.
- Treasurer must email Membership Secretary and Mooring Master a copy of each application form.

MA

### 7. Treasurer's Report (attached)

### 8. Water update

- Pipe not yet located. Digging ongoing.

## 9. Mooring Committee update.

- Next meeting 15 Feb. EW to confirm.

EW

### 9.1. Work boat

- Is there a need for a work boat on the river? Whether owned by WBYC or third party?
- It must be clearly stated to new members that WBYC are not laying moorings.
- The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY in favour of supporting a third party owned work boat in principle.

## 10.UVS update (see 4.1)

## 11.Dinner & dance

- Is WBYC planning on presenting cup / reward any sailing members at dinner dance?

## 12.AOB

### 12.1. Race marks

- Work boat is ideal to lay race marks.
- Race marks must be laid by end of March (date of first race).
- Alternative to use instead of anchors that seem to get washed away?
- Plan to fabricate more anchors, chains and change shackles.???
- WBYC now holds a licence issued by the RNLI to put anchors down.
- JP to email Alan Hollier to see if he can lay the marks.

JP

### 12.2. WBYC is now banking on line.

### 12.3. Next meeting – 8 March (HT 23:01 9.73m)

Encs.

Treasurer's report, New member process