

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

1. **Members in attendance:** R Godbold – President (RG), 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:** Mark Atkinson (Mark A), C Atkinson (CA)
3. **Receive and accept minutes of last meeting**
All present accepted the minutes of last meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - 4.1. **Uphill Village Society Meeting**
 - Wharf discussion hopefully on next month meeting's agenda and North Somerset Council has been invited. JP to attend.
 - 4.2. **Afterate – Colin Goddard's boat**
 - Boat moved to its correct mooring. State of boat is poor. Unable to contact new owner. Sent another email to Colin Goddard. On hold till next month and if not heard from either party, need to make a decision as to what to do with it.
 - 4.3. **Storage at Café**
 - RG to investigate outside storage at cafe. Ongoing?
 - 4.4. **Water update**
 - Summary: Water supply runs across Slimeridge's old caravan park and the golf club. A month ago, JP and EW met father of Slimeridge's owner who gave them permission to access property. JP and EW dug a hole on the border between Slimeridge's and the golf course, found the pipe, capped and pressure tested it and confirmed the leak was in the pipe on Slimeridge's land.
 - JP and EW carried on digging works next to the bund on Tuesday 7 March 2018, discovered the pipe, found the leak and a lady asked them to get off the land as they did not have access permission. It turned out it was the owner's mother and the daughter (owner) turned up later and asked JP and EW to leave the land.
 - EW sent an email to the daughter on Tuesday 7 March, apologising about the misunderstanding that her father had given WBYC permission to investigate but no reply thus far.
 - EW spoke to Bristol Water on Wednesday 8 March and they confirmed they do have powers to repair the leak.
 - Wayleaves law stipulates that if services have run across the land for 20 years, one has a wayleave to maintain it. This could be a course of action and WBYC could get an injunction against Slimeridge. EW to seek Richard Charles's opinion on the above.

JP

RG

EW

- The committee voted for Bristol Water to take over digging and repair. Committee unanimously voted in favour. EW to contact Bristol Water and instruct accordingly.

EW

4.5. Alan Hollier – race marks

- JP sent him an email and Alan asked to be contacted early April to get race marks out.

4.6. Workboat & Mooring committee

- WBYC is the only club on the Bristol Channel without a workboat. Is it because annual fees are cheap?
 - Burnham Club: annual membership £132 family; £113 single member; moorings £60. Members obliged to provide £200 worth of work at working parties + at least 8 shifts behind the bar.
 - Cardiff Yacht Club: membership £240 family; £220 single; mooring £250/year.
 - Barry YC: £419 family, £385 single, summer mooring £33/metre, winter mooring £20/metre, temporary mooring £57/month.
- Richard Topham sought an all risks insurance quote for workboat (includes personal injury to workboat worker and damage to third parties and vessels by the workboat, excludes anyone being paid to do the work). Workboat operator(s) should be authorised member of the WBYC. Premium: £210/year (cover £5million/accident). MA to read policy document.

MA

- JP contacted Burnham Yacht Club's Commodore to glean information but no reply thus far.
- Committee voted in favour of purchasing a workboat unanimously. Budget: £2,000.

5. New members

- Two new social members joined Linda Grey and Richard Allam's memberships were unanimously approved by the Committee.

- The Wadley's need a mooring, EW to check his records.

EW

- How to attract new members?

- Sandwich board advertising free tea and coffee and get people to join.
- Local paper (The Mercury) has a free section.
- Social media: Facebook.
- Life (NSC magazine) very expensive to advertise.
- Poster. SC to word and design and submit to club. "Free parking available with social membership".

SC

- Push for social membership during acoustic night. Put leaflet on tables?
Note: acoustic night was advertised as a private event not public.

6. New membership process

- Social membership process must be short and sweet otherwise admin costs would be more than the membership itself. Must get new member's email address.
- Any visitor of the club, should be signed in in the visitor's book which should be kept behind the bar incl. their email address.

7. Treasurer's Report (attached)

8. Water update (see 4.4)

9. Mooring Committee update (see 4.6)

10. UVS update (see 4.1)

11. Social events

- Is WBYC interested in bidding for Princess Anne's visit (1 September 2018 - 31 January 2019?). It coincides with WBYC 85th anniversary this year. JP and RG to pursue. **JP / RG**
- Dinner dance: 39 tickets sold. Order of service: RB welcomes guests. Andrew Carnegie to say grace. Dinner, club toast by commodore. Presentation of trophies presented by commodore's wife. Master of ceremony is Don Sutherland.
- Launching supper - 7 April no tickets sold.

12. AOB

- Pontoon charge for Phil Pemberthy who wants to moor his boat for approx. one month to pontoon. The Committee voted unanimously against.
- AP is leaving in June for trip around the world. Discussed what can be done to mark his departure and wish him a successful voyage. **SC / AP**
- JA to publish about AP's voyage on WBYC's website. **JA / AP**
- Tenders on the beach were discussed. No obvious conclusion.
- Membership renewal is next month. Email all members and post to those without email.

12.1. Next meeting – 5 April 2018 (HT 22:53, 10.7m)

Enc.

Treasurer's report