

Minutes of WBOA July meeting, 9th July 2018

Meeting opened at 19.05

Apologies: Mike & Cathy Yuill
Brian Rich
Chris Danby

Minutes of June meeting read by Secretary, proposed accepted by Bruce Scott & Seconded by Sam Westmacott

Officers reports:-

Bruce Scott: Commodore

Poly tunnel work to be undertaken, some branches to be cut back first, then Brian will supervise replacement work.

Bruce attended the funeral of Tom Ely. Tom has been a member and friend to WBOA for many years, our condolences to his loved ones.

Ray advised that Doug Ford, our former yard officer who moved to live in France also passed away on the same day as Tom.

Martin Stevens: Treasurer and membership Secretary

Martin advised that membership was now at 46 with still a few more to come.

Martin has also written to those few members who have outstanding fees owing and are using our yard facilities.

Rick Holt: H&S officer - nothing new to report

Ray Ventura: Secretary

Ray read the Marina update as provided by Iain (WHM)

Key Points:- No dredging taking place in the Marina until WHM concludes its discussions with the MMO and requirements are clear.

WHM have purchased a hull which is due to be moved to its chosen workshop for the building of a WID.

Ray had conversation with C Hall (WSC) who confirmed that S&M group had been given permission for a trial in the refuge area for their proposed dredging system. The Trial is due to start on 14th August 2018.

There was considerable discussion with various views on the planning permission awarded to the Onion Collective for development of part of the East Quay.

Ray confirmed the position taken by WBOA on this project, and confirmed that WBOA's statement had been submitted to WSC and WHM and had been communicated to its members. It is clear there are many unanswered questions, but these should become clearer as the project evolves.

Chris Webb: Rowing secretary

Chris confirmed that rowing had been going very well with now some 23 people involved.

There was some discussion about fees for rowing, membership (or not) and Martin was going to check our Liability insurance.

Chris was holding a training session for Coxes

Ray was going to check with RYA and try to communicate with other rowing clubs re procedures and H&S issues (Risk analysis etc).

AOB: Martin confirmed that the Harbour Board had met; various changes which he advised; and Dr Nunny had presented his findings to the board.

WSC were also looking at licensing requirements with MMO as were WHM.

Chris advised a rowing machine had been obtained, and that Summertime want to use it for a competition.

The BCYA will not be coming to Watchet this Year.

The meeting closed at 20.20