

Watchet Boat Owners Association
Meeting Monday 13th February 2017
The Esplanade Club, The Esplanade, Watchet

Minutes

Present: Bob Hitchings (BH), Martin Stevens (MS), Chris Danby (CH), Roy Chavr? (RC), Alan Hornby (AH), Andrea Hornby (AnH), Bryan Mitchell (BM), Nick Bainton (NB), Peter 'Joe' Hull (JH), Bruce Scott (BS), Ken Savory (KS), Marilyn Savory (MSa), Harvey Bruguier (HB), Caroline Bruguier (CB), Sam Westmacott (SW), M. Kent (MK), J. Banham (JB), Jonathan Pearman (JP), L.C. Abbott-Garner (LA), J. Abbott-Garner (JA), Nick Pelling (NP), Julie Pelling (JuP), Simon Jones (SJ), Cathy Yuill (CY), Mike Yuill (MY)

Apologies: Brian Rich, Ray Ventura, Chris Robb, James Burnell, Richard Holt

1. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes were accepted as a correct account.

2. Report of Officers for the Year 2016/2017:

a) Chairman: Bob Hitchings

- BH has completed one year as the WBOA Chair, and has enjoyed this role.
- The past year has seen the change to the management of the Watchet Marina with the arrival of Ian Lambert as the new manager. With him has come some welcome changes, such as the new signage and the reorganization of the hard standing. However, despite the dredging programme, there has been little change to the level of mud in the marina at low tide.

b) Membership Secretary: Martin Stevens

- Membership is slightly reduced on last year's total, but with 68 members in total (at least 49 are berth holders, 10 family members, 6 honorary members, and 3 rowing members); this amounts to approximately 10% turnover.
- It would be helpful if all berth holders were members of the WBOA, in order to inform the experience of all in Watchet Marina.

c) Secretary: Ray Ventura

- The Chair read out the report from the secretary for 2016/2017 (?? To be attached).

3. Treasurer's Report for the Year 2016/2017:

- MS detailed the WBOA Income and Expenditure Account for 2016, circulated with the agenda.
- Income has been stable, with the sales of the Tide Table being a major contributor to this, and nearly requiring a second print run during 2016. Thanks to MS for marketing/distributing this to local companies and groups for sale.

- In relation to expenditure, the yard tractor requires some new parts in order to maintain safe usage and is currently being overhauled. Additionally, as the WBOA has been recognized as a community based organization, it significantly benefits from a Council rates reduction; without this, the WBOA would be financially challenged.
- Otherwise, the Accounts of the WBOA remain in a good position.
- Of the Assets, MS highlighted that the value of the Boat Yard has significantly increased from 2015 to 2016.

4. Election of a temporary Chair to cover the business of Agenda Item 5

Martin Kent was elected as temporary Chair for the election of the Officers to the Management Committee for 2017/2018 (proposed Bob Hitchings; seconded John Banham).

5. Election of Officers to the Management Committee for the Year 2017/2018 (Proposal 1)

Vote taken of the members present for the following nominated persons to each office (proposed Tony James; Seconded Paul Stevens). All in agreement, with no objections. Cathy and Mike Yuill jointly agreed to take on the office of Minutes Secretary (proposed BH; seconded MK). The office of Entertainments remains vacant.

Commodore	-	Bruce Scott
Chair	-	Bob Hitchings
Vice Chair	-	Chris Danby
Secretary	-	Ray Ventura
Membership Secretary	-	Martin Stevens
Treasurer	-	Martin Stevens
Minutes Secretary	-	Cathy and Mike Yuill
Yard	-	Brian Rich
Rowing	-	Johnny Abbot-Garner
Entertainments	-	Vacant
Safety	-	Richard Holt
Boating	-	Bob Hitchings

6. Debate and Vote on Proposal 2.

BH read out the proposal that honorary membership be conferred on Ray Ventura, in recognition of over 20 years exceptional service to WBOA (proposed Tony James; seconded Martin Stevens). MS highlighted the good work of Ray Ventura during his membership and the proposal was agreed by all present, with no objections.

7. Debate and Vote on Proposal 3.

It was proposed that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the 2002 AGM, all fees for 2017/2018 WBOA membership be increased by 1.6% (proposed Martin Stevens; seconded Ray Ventura). This is in line with the annual rate of inflation at 31st December 2016, and rounded up or down to the nearest 50p or £1, as appropriate. The proposal was agreed by all present, with no objections. The membership fee for an individual person will now be £27.50 per annum.

8. AOB

No any other business was raised.

The meeting was closed at 19.42 hours.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 13th March 2017, at 7 p.m. at The Esplanade Club, The Esplanade, Watchet