

## WBOA

### Minutes 11/7/16

1. Apologies: R. Holt, J Abbot-Garner, B Rich
2. Minutes and MA – There were no minutes of the previous meeting
3. Officers Reports
  - Commodore: Advised that the Boat Museum was reopening on 24<sup>th</sup> July
  - Treasurer: Membership cards are in production; Some outstanding subs are still due; reported that we do not represent the views of all berth holders and urged members to encourage more to join.
  - Cruising: Recent cruise to Milford Haven
  - Yard: Skip need for clear out possible club work day to be arranged
  - Safety: None
  - Rowing: Not present, possible race with Minehead club
  - Sec: Welcomed Iain Lambert the new marina manager to speak later; recent survey being collated; recent meeting with Tim Taylor re E Quay inconclusive. RV and MS met with local councillor regarding setting up of statutory Harbour Board. A resolution was passed at council some time back but nothing has been done causing a degree of anxiety. Doubts were cast about having so many councillors sitting on Harbour Board and Harbour Advisory who are unenthusiastic and inexperienced regarding harbour matters.
4. Buoy in Outer Harbour
  - The Sea Scouts have made a request for a holding buoy to be established in the outer harbour that can be used to tether the safety boat. An original request for the same was turned down by the then harbour master some years back because of the navigational dangers posed. It was felt that this was still the current opinion and suggested that alternatives be found.
5. Iain Lambert
  - Gave a resume of experience as a sailor and marina manager at Chichester. Has lived in Watchet for five years and was approached by Tim Taylor. Feels that he brings experience not tainted by history.
  - Has identified a number of issues affecting the “tired” marina and is keen to address them. These are :
    - A fresh approach to dredging and mud removal; is seeking advice from all quarters as to the most effective method(s) to employ.
    - Updating signage
    - Car parking issues
    - Boat storage and maintenance
    - Lighting and general safety
  - A discussion took place in which people expressed opinions and concerns regarding these issues.
  - IL asked if he may attend future meetings to report progress and this was warmly welcomed

Meeting closed 20.15

Next meeting 10/8/16