

Minutes of MNCC Committee Meeting

2nd February 2018

OFFICERS		
Clive Dawson	President	CD
Steve Watson	Commodore	SW
Dave Higgins	Vice Commodore	DH
Wayne Reeves	Rear Commodore	WR
Gail Bull	Treasurer	GB
Jacqui Watson	Membership Secretary	JW
Mim Piper	Secretary	MP
Amy Seery	Bar Secretary	AS

General Committee	
Anthony Page	AP
Dave Gent	DG
Dave Piper	DP
Tony Goodman	TG
Pete Nightingale	PN
Dave Wright	DW
Tony Rollings	TR
Vicky Goodman	VG

Apologies

- Vicky Goodman, Tony Goodman, Wayne Reeves, Dave Piper & Mim Piper.

Agree Minutes

- All read the minutes for 5th January. Minutes proposed by TR seconded by DH. The minutes were agreed.

Membership Applications & Reviews

- None

Members Questions

- There were no questions

Matters Arising

- **Financial Review**

GB, JW & SW presented a proposal following the finance committee meeting. GB presented the income & expenditure for yrs 2016, 2017 & 2018, JW

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presented memberships numbers for 2016/ 2017 & 2018 JW presented income received from membership.

Recommendations are;

- Increased vigilance of expenditure on diesel & gas and prudent use of the generator.
- Entertainment surplus to transfer to Barclays account when funds exceed £300.
- Review of bar income and expenditure.
- Proposal of a moderate increase to membership fees and an annual increase to mooring fees of £20.
- JW presented projection to income if the above proposal was enforced.
- GB, JW & SW presented the projection of income and expenditure if the increase to fees & mooring was agreed.
- SW proposed the finance committee's recommendations a unanimous vote, therefore proposal was carried.

Membership Secretary Report

- Report presented.

Bar Secretary Report

- AS gave the latest figures for last month. There were no queries.

Entertainments

- JW informed the committee of how the next event will run, JW & AS informed committee of the next two events following and what has been organised so far. DW asked when the marquee needs to be up by, JW said not needed until June 23rd.

Harbour Masters Report

- No changes to moorings from last month.
- Mini work party was very successful to tidy moorings, TR gave his thanks to all concerned.
- TR has been liaising with the lock contractors' site manager from Bentleys. Bentleys are the main contractors for the EA. Bentleys have further sub-contracted some work to Drakes Towidge.

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- Following the flooding recently, TR gave thanks to all the support form members to ensure boats were safe.
- TR informed the committee the access across the lock will be reduced for a period of time to 70cm therefore not enough room for a wheelbarrow. TR said could SW inform the farmer who owns the sheep. SW agreed he would.
- AP suggested MNCC should try for some form of compensation due to the access road being potentially destroyed by the heavy plant. All agreed as TR has a relationship already with the contractors, he would approach when a suitable time occurs.
- CD suggested approaching the council for some assistance in the matter also as they are responsible for some of the access road. DG offered to call the council to enquire.
- GB suggested waiting until contractors are finished, all agreed TR will handle with his own discretion when the time is right. All agreed that DG would still contact the council.
- AS agreed to make some enquires with the highways agency as her grandfather was a previous manager there.

Site Managers Report

- DW asked when the marquee will be ready for return, AS said it should be ready this week, and then will need collecting. AS agreed to look into how the marquee can be brought back to MNCC.
- DW informed of the on-going issues relating to corrosion of barrels, some discussion round where we can source them, AS has a contact and is bringing some to the club. PN said he has a contact but has no transport. JW suggesting asking an associate member who may have some, SW to action.
- Comments made regarding the fantastic work to the entrance to the mill house. Grateful thanks to all involved was given by all.
- AP informed DW there was a light out to the entrance to the large pool, DW said he will look into it.
- JW asked if the gate/padlock issue is resolved, DW said yes for now. Adrian will service the padlocks on his return. SW has done some remedial work on the bar to the lock; DW agreed this was successful and thanked SW.

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Treasurers Report

- GB presented income and expenditure.
- Anglian Water have produced a big bill which has been paid this should happen again as GB has been in contact with AW to rectify this situation by setting up a direct debit.
- GB proposed if any payments are to be made internally anything over £10 to be paid via BACS, all agreed.
- DW queried the insurance payments, however on closer inspection it has only risen by £100 which is not unusual.

Secretary's Report

- JW informed the committee MP had written to Dustons oil.
- JW informed the committee MP had received an email from a member regarding a request to have visitors, the member is not in need of doing this now but would like to come to the committee to talk about an historic way of making wool using water power. All agreed this would be nice to hear. MP to contact the member to arrange.
- Letter received from Blackthorn Marina asking if they erect a dry dock how it would affect MNCC. All agreed the letter would be replied to asking for more information. JW to action.

AOB

- DG reminded the committee of road closures to the A605, around planned events at MNCC all agreed a FB post would be inserted SW to action.
- DW informed the committee the toilets cleaning is needing another volunteer, Trudi Cox has worked very hard and we all thanked her for her commitment, another volunteer needs to be found. An post on FB would be the first action. SW to action.
- TR asked why MNCC doesn't receive the Towpath free magazine, no-one knew why. TR to enquire to see if this is possible.
- GB informed the committee John & Penny are away however the meat draw is still happening and GB & DH will run it this week only.
- CD received a personal letter from the EA regarding consultation of navigation charges. CD said he will try to attend one of the meetings to find out more and report back following.

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- JW informed the committee she will be collecting fees in the usual way, dates to be advertised in due course.
- SW informed the committee Blue Star News was released.
- DW informed the committee the cesspit may need some attention soon. Records were kept by the previous secretary, MP to look in her records as to when it was last emptied.

Meeting closed 10:17. Next meeting Friday 2nd March at 7:30

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