

WHITEHOUSE BOATING CLUB

28 September 2009

Dear Member

Annual General Meeting of the club – Sunday 18 October

The club AGM this year will be held on Sunday 18 October at 11.00 am in the clubhouse. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival and all members as well as moorers at Crosshall are invited to attend.

We are holding our Laying Up Supper the evening before (Sat 17). We have booked the conservatory at the Eaton Oak. There will be a set menu with a choice of two starters, two main courses (including a vegetarian option) and two sweets. We will leave the clubhouse at 6.30 pm and the meal will be served at 7 pm. Then it's back to the clubhouse to dance the night away to the sounds of DJ Russ and his Rok the Boat Roadshow. Tickets cost £20 per head and there is a Booking Form behind the bar. Our numbers are limited to 50 for the Eaton Oak so we will have to take full payment at the time of booking. Please join us for an opportunity to reminisce about the great times we have had on the river and in the clubhouse during the season.

Once again, members will be able to gain access to the clubhouse during the winter months to make a hot drink or use the microwave. The number to access the key from the padlock situated at the left- hand side of the front door is **1960**

It's been a fantastic, fun and successful year for the club, so thank you for your support. The AGM is an opportunity to hear about our finances, to put forward your views and to vote in the people you want to run the club on your behalf.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last AGM held on 21 September 2008**
- 3. Commodore's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Club improvements**
- 6. Appointment of Trustees (Resolution 1)**
- 7. Amendments to the constitution**
 - a. Membership (Resolution 2)**
 - b. Membership (Resolution 3)**
 - c. Visitors (Resolution 4)**
- 8. Membership fees**
- 9. Election of Committee and Office bearers**
- 10. All other business**
- 11. Date of next AGM**

Item 6 (Resolution 1) – Appointment of Trustees

Existing Trustees are: Julie Neville, Michael Carrington, Wyn Chamberlain
Remove Michael Carrington as Trustee and appoint Brian Dobson as replacement.
Remove Julie Neville as Trustee and appoint Rachel Garrison as replacement.

Item 7a (Resolution 2) – Membership

Amendment to the constitution - Amend the current section (Associate members)

- 7a. Associate members may be elected by the General Committee of the club. No more than 25 people who are members of another club, may be admitted to the club as Associate members. Associate members, will not pay an entrance fee, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, but shall have no vote at any meeting of the club. *...to read... "No more than 25 people may be admitted to the club as Associate members...."*
- 7b. Associate members if attending more than three times in any calendar year shall be required to pay the current membership fee but shall have no vote at any meeting of the club neither shall they be elected to hold office at club. *...to read... "Guests if attending more than twice in any calendar year shall be required to become Associate members and pay the current membership fee but shall have no vote at any meeting of the club neither shall they be elected to hold office at club"*.

Item 7b (Resolution 3) - Membership Addition to the constitution

There will be four levels of membership – Honorary, Full, Single and Associate. Honorary membership definitions remain unchanged.

Full membership applies to partners, a couple or a couple and their children (if under the age of 18).

Single membership applies to individuals over the age of 18.

Associate membership applies to individuals over the age of 18

Item 7c (Resolution 4) – Visitors - Amend the current section

No person whose membership of the club has been terminated (in rules defined in "Conduct of members"), or is for the time being suspended, or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected, shall be introduced as a guest, nor shall any member entertain on the premises more than two days at any one time, nor introduce as a guest the same person on more than three occasions in any one calendar year. *...to read... No person whose membership of the club has been terminated (in rules defined in "Conduct of members"), or is for the time being suspended, or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected, shall be introduced as a guest, nor shall any member entertain on the premises more than two days at any one time, nor introduce as a guest the same person on more than two occasions in any one calendar year.*

Item 8 (Resolution 4) - Subscriptions 2010

The proposal is to agree the following levels of membership subscription for the year 2010/11.

Honorary membership – No fee

Full membership – £30

Single membership £15

Associate membership - £15 per individual

Item 9 Election of committee and office bearers

The current committee will stand down at the AGM –and will offer themselves for re-election. The opportunity to nominate and vote for the new committee is open to all full members. Each nominee (providing they have been approached and agree to stand) needs to be proposed and seconded by two existing club members and then voted in by a majority of members attending the AGM.

The following committee members offer themselves for election:

Paul Fawkes (for the position of Commodore)
Tony Digby (for the position of Vice Commodore)
Brian Dobson (for the position of Treasurer)
Val Dobson (for the position of General Secretary)
Jacky Turvey (for the position of Membership Secretary)
Dave Sinclair (for the position of Social Secretary)
Jane Fawkes (for general committee)
Mavis Smith (for general committee)
David Hudd (for general committee)
Vic Freeland (for general committee)
Shirley Freeland (for general committee)
Gill Digby (for general committee)
Stuart Turvey (for general committee)
Sally Taylor (for general committee)
Clive Russell (for general committee)
Rosemarie Richards (for general committee)

Proposing new committee members

You can propose new committee members in two ways:

1. Approach the person you would like to be on the committee and gain their consent, then complete the section "propose a new committee member" on the enclosed WHBC Committee Nomination & Proxy Voting Form.
2. During the Election of Committee and Office-bearers at the AGM, propose a person you would like to see on the committee. Once seconded by another member, a vote will take place.

The voting process

Each committee member must be proposed and seconded by full members or Honorary members. Only full members are entitled to vote. Associate members do not have voting rights under the club constitution.

Unable to attend?

If you are unable to attend the AGM and would like to either propose a new committee member or vote on an existing committee member, please sign and return the Nomination and Proxy Voting Form attached to myself, Val Dobson, 3 Grange Way, Willington, Bedford, MK44 3QN or hand it in at the clubhouse, to a committee member or to Julie or Rachel at the marina.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18 October 2009..

Yours sincerely

Val Dobson
Secretary

The minutes of the 2008 AGM can be found on the website at
<http://www.whitehouseboatingclub.org.uk/AGM2008.htm>

WHBC Committee Nomination & Proxy Voting Form

Propose a new committee member

We nominate _____

of boat name: _____

to stand on the Committee of the Whitehouse Boating Club and confirm they have been approached and are willing to be proposed and seconded.

Signature of Proposer : _____

Signature of Seconder : _____

Vote on an existing committee member

I cannot attend the AGM and request the following proxy votes to be cast.

I vote to re-elect the following to the committee:

Name	YES	NO
Jane Fawkes		
Stuart Turvey		
Gill Digby		
Sally Taylor		
Vic & Shirley Freeland		
David Hudd & Mavis Smith		
Clive Russell & Rosemarie Richards		

I vote to elect the following people as office bearers:

Position	Name	YES	NO
Commodore	Paul Fawkes		
Vice Commodore	Tony Digby		
Treasurer	Brian Dobson		
Secretary	Val Dobson		
Membership Secretary	Jacky Turvey		
Social Secretary	Dave Sinclair		

Signed:

Date: