

WHITEHOUSE BOATING CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held On Sunday 21 September 2008 at 11 am in The Clubhouse

1. PRESENT

See attached.

2. APOLOGIES

Peter Collins David Hudd & Mavis Smith Dave & Sandy Cope Bob & Linn Peacock, Julie Neville & Rachel Garrison

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 7 October 2007 were proposed for adoption by Stuart Turvey and seconded by Clive Russell.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Brian proposed that Derek and Molly be given honorary membership in recognition of the many years of commitment and hard work they have given to the club especially during the five years Derek served as Commodore. Gerry Cook seconded the proposal and the meeting unanimously voted that Derek and Molly should be given Honorary Membership with immediate effect.

6. COMMODORE'S REPORT

Colin began his presentation with the refurbishment of the clubhouse during last winter. He said that when the ceiling was removed dampness was found in the roof space. Fortunately, Sean and Rachel repaired the damage and the rest of the work could begin. He showed pictures of the clubhouse after everything had been stripped out – even all the old electrical wiring. Thanks to Clive, assisted by Dave Sinclair, all the electrics were renewed, new walls were put up by the builders and subsequently painted. The new picture window was put in – thanks to the Everest boys and of course thanks to Julie and Rachel who financed the window, all the paint and the new seat covering. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of Steve Lowings, we have a new bar front and built in seating. We were also lucky to get our chairs from a local hotel who were going to put them in the skip! Thanks also to Adam Easton who cleaned the upholstery on the chairs Colin also thanked Paul and Jane for painting the outside of the clubhouse. He then showed pictures of the clubhouse when it had been completed.

He went on to explain that most of our events this year had been self-supporting and this had proved to be a success as we had had a lot of support from members. He ran through all the events that had been held this year and highlighted the events which had been the most successful:

Stacey Lee, Race Nights, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, Karaoke, Robin & Pamela's Learn to Jive night

Pete the Soul Man – another fantastic performance by Pete,
GOBA's 50th Anniversary - Colin thanked Tony for providing and running 'Tin Pan Alley' for us, Stuart and everyone at GOBA for a great day,

Fun Day – As always this was one of the highlights of the event calendar and was a huge success although Colin said he did wonder at the wisdom of having the 'wet sponge throwing!' He also mentioned that he thought it was a great idea of Julie/Rachel's to hold the dinghy race in front of the house and said it would be good if we could do this in future years. He said that George, Simon and Kevin's impromptu gig at night was fantastic and suggested we pay to have them play at an event next year – all agreed this was a good idea. Committee to discuss at next meeting.

Chinese Auction – thanks to Derek and Molly for organising this.

Eva Bridges – another great night and thanks to the people who braved the awful weather to support Eva.

Laying Up Supper - a good night although the sound was a bit disappointing.

'Open the Box' was played at big events and Colin said this had been a great success. In particular, the first time it was played and Gerry got the option of £10 or opening the box. To Brian's horror, Gerry took the money!

Colin concluded this part of his presentation by saying that without doubt, the Pig Roast had been our most successful event this year with 105 people attending. The evening's entertainment by Tia was great and she was brilliant with the kids – he suggested we book her for an event next year. He also said that the events put on by members had been successful and that we should encourage more members to run events.

Colin thanked the following people personally:

Paul & Jane for going to the Cash & Carry most weeks and making sure the bar is always stocked.

Steve & Wendy for their commitment to opening and running the bar particularly on Friday nights. Vic, Shirley and Gerry for taking all the cans and bottles to the bottle bank each week and reducing the club's carbon footprint!

Dave & Mave, Dave for his enthusiasm and for making everyone feel welcome in the club and Mavis for all her hard work in increasing our membership numbers significantly since last year. Clive for providing music most weekends at the club and his willingness to help out whenever needed.

Dave Sinclair for organising events and for taking on the Social Secretary's job.

Val for providing tea and coffee at the meeting and for all the work she does behind the scenes.

Brian for keeping us on the straight and narrow and telling us what we can and can't spend! Also for his enthusiasm and commitment to the club.

He thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work and commitment to the club especially during the refurbishment.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian started his powerpoint presentation with the results of the moorers and members survey undertaken last year. It was clear from the results that the majority of moorers/members felt that the club needed to be refurbished, developed and work was required to make it appealing for all. 73% of the moor/memb felt that it would be a great loss if the club did not exist. We therefore pro-actively addressed these concerns. In 2006 & 2007 Brian highlighted what we needed to do and everything on the list has been achieved from repairing/renewing the patio paving to replacing the flooring behind the bar, replacing rotting window ledges, seating and carpet in the clubhouse.

This couldn't have been achieved without the help, hard work and support of everyone who helped with the refurbishment and of course the financial and moral support we received from Julie and Rachel. The refurbishment cost the club £4800 but this investment has resulted in a fantastic new clubhouse with new walls, ceiling, roofing, chairs, carpet, lighting, décor, wiring (thanks to Clive Russell and Dave Sinclair) picture window (thanks to Julie and Rachel and Tony for getting it at staff discount) and a nice fresh kitchen. Brian showed photos of the clubhouse before, during and after the work had been carried out. He also showed by using a pie chart a breakdown of how the money was spent.

He went on to say that at last year's AGM it was agreed that we should have free entertainment and should open the bar more regularly. We committed to do this and started the year with a full calendar of events. As a result, membership rose significantly. We took £1,669 in subscriptions this year compared to £975 last year and £1,200 in 2006 – quite an achievement.

Bar income is up significantly compared to the last two years and our overhead rise has subsided. Julie and Rachel kindly offered to split our rent into four payments which was a great help. We have also cancelled our contract with Chubb Fire which cost us £160 a year and have purchased new fire extinguishers which will cost us only £30 a year to service and maintain.

At the same time last year our income was £6,662.71, this year it is £14,010.90. The Expenses for this year was £6,707.79. Brian explained an adjustment in the expenses of £30.00. £20 of this was a forged note taken over the bar and £10 was given to Gerry on our first 'Open the Box' evening. Brian said it took him a while to recover from that night & he certainly wouldn't make the same mistake again!! Brian then took us through bar sales at big events and total bar sales for this year were a staggering £9,751.30. He said it was great Dave Hudd decided to have his retirement do in the clubhouse as bar sales that evening were £623.20. He also took the opportunity to thank Dave and Mavis for donating a microwave to the club. Brian was delighted to report that we now have a very healthy bank balance of £6,179.83. This time last year we had £5,994.00 in the bank prior to refurbishment. He said that the next big decision we have to make is what to spend the money on to further improve the club.

Brian finished his presentation by thanking individuals for their help and support over the past year. He also said a special thank you to Julie and Rachel for their financial and moral support and to everyone who has helped to make this year such a success and in particular to all the members for their physical and financial support.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2008 - 2009

Before this process took place, Colin said that because of personal and work commitments regretfully he had decided not to stand for Commodore for 2008/2009. He said however he would like to stand for committee.

Colin handed the chair over to Wyn Chamberlain as Trustee.

The following elections took place:

Commodore:	Paul Fawkes Proposed by Vic Freeland, Seconded by Carole Chamberlain
Vice Commodore:	Tony Digby Proposed by Clive Russell, Seconded by Jacky Turvey
Club Secretary:	Val Dobson Proposed by Rosemarie Richards, Seconded by Peter Reeves.
M/Ship Secretary	Jacky Turvey Proposed by Rosemarie Richards, Seconded by Brenda Tombs
Treasurer:	Brian Dobson Proposed by Ralph Stamper, Seconded by Molly Mead.
Social Secretary	Dave Sinclair Proposed by Stuart Turvey, Seconded by Gerry Cook.
Committee Members:	Colin Warlow, Gill Digby, Clive Russell, Rosemarie Richards, David Hudd, Mavis Smith, Stuart Turvey, Jane Fawkes, Vic & Shirley Freeland Proposed by Dave Sinclair, Seconded by Brian Dobson

All the above appointments were approved by vote of the meeting.
Milo Russell was unanimously voted as the club mascot! He showed his approval by having a huge stretch and yawn!

9. SELECTION OF BAR COMMITTEE

All committee members are deemed to be on the Bar Committee. In addition, the following people offered to help run the bar:

Peter Collins
Derek & Molly Mead
Sally Taylor
Wyn & Carole Chamberlain
David Flint & Alison Shearing

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ron asked if members would have access to the club during winter to use the kettle and microwave to make hot drinks and food. Brian said that we would discuss this at the next committee meeting, agree how this would work and communicate it to all members.

Derek thanked everyone for the gift that he and Molly received at last year's AGM of an engraved glass bowl and vouchers for Jones'. He recounted the tale of him falling into the water last November and not being able to get back in the boat. He has since used the vouchers to buy a ladder which he's fitted so that it doesn't happen again!

Clive asked the meeting how members would feel about holding a New Year's Eve Party in the clubhouse. Everyone agreed this was a great idea and would like to go ahead with this event. To be discussed at next Committee Meeting.

Clive wanted to know if it would be o.k. to hold Rosie's 60th birthday party in the clubhouse on Saturday 20 June. Nobody had any objection to this although Val said that the pig roast was provisionally booked for that night. She will contact Alan (Pig Roast Man) to see if we could move the date to the 4th July.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: To be agreed. Val will e-mail committee with date.

DATE OF NEXT AGM: The date of the next AGM will be Sunday 20 September 2009.

Paul thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 12 pm.