

WHITEHOUSE BOATING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 14 October 2012

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
1.	Apologies	Vic & Shirley Freeland Stuart Turvey Ray & Pat Jay John & Jennifer Parrish
2.	Minutes of previous AGM	The minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 18 September 2011 were proposed by Mavis Smith and seconded by Sally Nix
3.	Matters Arising	None
4.	Commodore's Report	Sally Taylor thanked everyone on the committee and members for their support this year. She said the weather was to blame for people not being down on their boats very often this year which had a knock on effect on the club. However, there was a good turnout at all the events and she wanted to thank the committee for all their hard work throughout this year. She also went on to thank Dave Sinclair for being Social Secretary for the last five years and said he had done a great job and had introduced some great acts to the club. She also thanked Tony, Shirley Freeland, Jacky Turvey, Jane and Paul Fawkes for doing a tremendous job in their different roles.
5.	Treasurer's Report	Jane Fawkes report attached. (E-mail Attachment)
6.	Social Secretary's Report	Dave Sinclair wanted to thank everyone for attending the events this year. He said that the Jubilee weekend was well supported despite the bad weather. Gaps were left in the event programme for members to fill if they wanted. Clive Russell organised a rock band night with Soul Weaver and Brian Dobson and Walter Bailey put on an Ibiza night. Dave said that we could put on events every week but it was hard work for the committee and he felt that the formula of putting one big event on a month had worked over the past two years. Forms for New Event Ideas were handed out and it is hoped that members will suggest new ways of entertainment next year and possibly run the evening themselves. Finally, Dave thanked Tony/Paul for the donation of a plasma TV which had been put to good use during rainy days!

7.	Membership Secretary's Report	<p>Even though the weather was horrendous for boating at the beginning of the year we still managed 94 members including 4 Honorary members and 9 members who joined right at the end of the season so had free membership. That is 85 paid up members. Membership fees received £1275.</p> <p>This is £262.50 down on 2011 when we had 120 members including 12 honorary members, 1 half membership and 4 free (those who joined at the end of the season). That made a total of 104 paid up members, 19 more than this year.</p> <p>Membership fees received £1537.50.</p> <p>The discrepancy with the honorary members is that 8 of the honorary members did not apply to renew their membership this year.</p> <p>Over the year we have seen 30 new boaters join which is excellent and bodes well for a good year next year when we hope the weather will improve.</p>
8.	Election of Officers	<p>The following elections took place:</p> <p>Commodore Sally Taylor Proposed by: Brian Dobson Seconded by: David Hudd</p> <p>Vice Commodore Vic Freeland Proposed by: Sally Taylor Seconded by: Tony Digby</p> <p>Treasurer Jane Fawkes Proposed by: Brian Dobson Seconded by: Michael Nix</p> <p>Secretary Shirley Freeland Proposed by: Sally Nix Seconded by: Dave Sinclair</p> <p>Membership Secretary Jacky Turvey Proposed by: Paul Fawkes Seconded by: Michael Nix</p> <p>Social Secretary Dave Sinclair Proposed by: Mavis Smith Seconded by: Jane Fawkes</p>

8.	Election of Officers cont.,	<p>General Committee Mavis Smith & David Hudd Jill Digby Michael & Sally Nix Walter Bailey Proposed by: Brian Dobson Seconded by: Paul Fawkes</p> <p>All these appointments were voted for and approved by all present.</p>
9.	A.O.B.	<p>It was suggested we hold a new boaters/members open evening at the beginning of the season to draw in new members who joined the club late in the previous season and to welcome new moorers to the club and give them an insight into life in the club and on the river.</p> <p>Suggestions on the format of the evening were:</p> <p>Insight into the club and its activities (Sally Taylor and Dave Sinclair) Talks from experienced boaters on owning a boat for the first time and things you need to know (Suggested Speakers: Tony Digby, Wynn Chamberlain) Boating rules, lock etiquette & GOBA moorings (Suggested speaker: Stuart Turvey) Wildlife and photo opportunities on the river (Suggested speakers: Brian & Karen Bayliss) Demonstration of simple boating knots</p> <p>Brian Bayliss said that the target audience of the marina and club had changed over the past few years and there were more children around now. He suggested we hold a photo competition and art competition focussing on boating and the river.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the welcome pack boaters are given when they join the marina should be revamped. Suggestions of contents were as follows: Introduction to all the committee including photos Insight into the club and its activities Tips and advice for new boaters including lock etiquette Free Drink voucher to entice them into the club Membership Application Form Questionnaire to include: Ages of kids Activities the adults and children would like to see run at the club Hobbies or interests (i.e. music, art, play an instrument etc.,) Brian Bayliss and Melissa Shikaran said they would be willing to help put the welcome pack together.</p>

9.	A.O.B. cont.,	<p>Brian Dobson suggested we should put on more boat related activities. A discussion ensued and the following ideas were given: Boat Handling Competition Fishing Competition Talks on boating, lock etiquette, GOBA moorings etc to be incorporated into Open Evening.</p> <p>Rachel Garrison commented that new boaters should be made aware that as a club member you have access to the club for making tea/coffee or heating food in the microwave during the winter months. She felt that it may encourage new moorers that came to the marina at this time of year and who had a lot of work to do on their boats over the winter to join.</p> <p>Sally Taylor asked Brian Dobson if he would be willing to do a disco on New Year's Eve – he said he would be happy to.</p> <p>Walter Bailey said that he thought the committee had done a great job this year despite the worst weather during the season he has ever known in his many years of boating. He said that all over the country big events had to be postponed because of the weather yet the committee had found ways round making sure all events went ahead and he wanted to congratulate them all for their efforts and for ending the year in profit which in today's economic climate was a huge achievement.</p> <p>Brian Dobson thanked Tony Digby for his support and efforts throughout his years as Vice Commodore. Val Dobson also thanked Jill Digby for putting up with Tony throughout his years as Vice Commodore!</p> <p>Michael Nix thanked Paul and Jane Fawkes for their great work in stocking the bar. He also thanked the 'recyclists!' who tirelessly took all the empty bottles and cans away after each weekend.</p>
10.	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Sunday 15 September 2013</p> <p>Meeting closed at 12.15 pm.</p>