

Whitehouse Boating Club.

Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 18th September 2016 at 11am.

The attendance register was signed by 23 members. Julie was welcomed to the meeting. Chair Stuart Turvey.

The meeting was opened, by the chair, who gave a vote of thanks to all the committee for their commitment and work during the year. Despite only being a small group, a full programme was arranged for members and a new floor, blinds and decoration for the clubhouse.

1. Apologies.

Peter and Lucy Michael 'Tempted'

Michael and Lucy Hughes 'Gemini Star'

Michael and Sue Belford 'Midnight Star'

Pat Jay 'Augustina'

2. Minutes for AGM on Sunday 20th September 2015

The minutes of the AGM for last year had been circulated to all members. There were no queries or amendments. Minutes approved. Prop: Chris Hogbourne. 2nd. Bryan Donaldson.

3. Membership.

Jacky Turvey (mem. Sec) said we had 68 paid up members, less than 2015 of 78. Julie said that it had been a quiet year for new boaters in the marina with some leaving. There was some discussion on ways of encouraging new members to the club especially those with children. We have a 'core' membership but need to encourage more people into the club. Julie mentioned that she had not promoted the club to new moorers because she was worried the club may close, which may have contributed to the lack of membership.

4. Treasurer's Report

Brian Dobson produced an electronic report on the club finances. This report will be on the club website and face book.

The yearly outgoings are £3393 including rent and over the past 3 years expenditure has been higher than income. We try to maintain a profit margin of 55% but last year we only managed 33%. We need the profit to keep the club running because subscriptions do not cover the rent. Keg beer has been discontinued because of rising costs and wastage but the price of other products has been reduced due to prudent purchases.

On the positive side a new floor has been laid and new chairs purchased. The blinds have also been replaced. Julie has replaced the two front windows and agreed to reduce the rent.

The club has £5200 in the bank but there are still bills to be paid. There may be some income from the 'laying up supper' and 'Halloween/firework night'. It is anticipated that after all payments we should have around £3800 in hand.

John Gates asked why the accounts are not September to September, as he requested in last year's AGM. Brian Dobson responded that it is not ideal to have the account period in September as it would have to be prepared mid season and not all income or payments would be known i.e. rent. February to February accounts are more accurate and it is not a viable proposition for the treasurer to prepare an audit of accounts in August for a September AGM. It would not be suitable to have the AGM in February as it is too near the new season and not convenient for members. Finally, measuring Season for Season (March to December) gives time in January/February to finalise accounts, including stock checks and more like to like.

2017 will be the 35th anniversary of the club.

5. Social Report.

Despite there being a small Committee there were various events during this season. There was only one paying event, Wayne Swift, the rest were 'in house'. There was varying support and those that attended seemed to have a good time. Events in the pipeline are;- laying up supper, Halloween/firework night and Christmas noggin. It was decided not to have New Year celebration due to lack of interest last year. All events were advertised on the web site and flyers, organised and sent by Paul.

6. Election of Officers.

All committee members stood down in accordance with the Club Constitution. Stuart Turvey was not seeking re-election and continued as chair with the permission of those assembled. Prior to the meeting Brian Dobson, Val Dobson and Paul Fawkes had intimated they were willing to stand for the new committee. There had been no other nominations or proxy votes.

There was some discussion about committee members and the future of the club. Stuart Turvey left the meeting (a family commitment) and Paul Fawkes continued with the minutes.

Brian Dobson elected as Commodore and Treasurer. Prop. Vic Freeland. 2nd Jacky Turvey

Adam Easton elected Vice Commodore. Prop. Ray Jay. 2nd Paul Fawkes

Committee Members:-

John Gates, Chris Hogbourne, Bryan & Elena Donaldson, Malcolm and Marcia Shepherd,

Karon Cooper, Paul Fawkes, Val Dobson.

The position of Secretary was not filled and the meeting could not continue as the constitution demands that the position is filled.

The meeting was closed for an Extra General Meeting to be convened, possibly on Sunday 6th November or date as notified.