**Whitehouse Boating Club AGM**

**Sunday 20th September 2015**

1. **Apologies:**

Dave & Frances Faldo

**Present:**

Vic & Shirley Freeland

Brian & Karen Bayliss

Jacky & Stuart Turvey

David Hudd & Mavis Smith

Chris & Jackie Hogbourne

Paul & Jane Fawkes

Valerie & Brian Dobson

Sally Taylor & Dave Sinclair

Elena & Bryan Donaldson

Malcolm & Marcia Shepherd

Peter Collins

Michael & Lucy Hughes

Pat & Ray Jay

Wyndham & Carole Chamberlain

Julie Neville

Janet & Jae Frazer

John Gates

Mick & Sue Belford

Steve & Beth Williams

David Wright

The Secretary has not received any nominations or proxy forms prior to this meeting.

1. The minutes from the previous AGM were read and agreed by all present. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Brian Dobson and seconded by Stuart Turvey.
2. **Commodore’s Report**

Brian Bayliss expressed many thanks to everyone for all their support and help over the past season as his two years’ service comes to a close. The Committee this season has been a small one and it has been a lot of work for eight people. Brian expressed his thanks to the team for a good job done.

The membership has fallen this season, however this is inclined to fluctuate. Brian reiterated something that Bryan Donaldson had sent an email after the Russian Evening that there are 100 moorings, of which 90 are taken, 60 boats are used and of them 40 used regularly. 30 boats prefer to utilize the Whitehouse Boating Club and with approximately two members per boat equals 60 members. These 60 members have family, friends, work and house commitments, therefore 25 people attending an event is a good turnout.

A quick straw poll of committee man hours was done from April to October and this amounted to around 650 hours of voluntary work.

Last October at Halloween, Brian was had emergency surgery on two detached retinas and therefore he was out of action from Halloween to March. Thanks were expressed to Shirley and Vic who took over the reins during this period.

Brian’s Vice, Vic was always at the door to meet, greet and welcome new members, dedicated to the club and always ready to lend a hand. It was great having him as Vice Commodore.

The club needs a Social Secretary and Shirley tried to keep events new and exciting by planning and organizing a varied calendar. The new idea of the Afternoon Tea was a real winner. The Club Secretary is also no mean feat and is again covered by Shirley who spent her time chasing Licenses, Insurance quotes and arranging regular meetings.

Jacky who was Membership Secretary worked behind the scenes ensuring that memberships were chased and records regularly maintained, updated and that new boaters were contacted about the facility of the club. Jacky also covered another role with Stuart doing the Cash and Carry and keeping the bar stocks up to date. They regularly visit a variety of venues to get the best deal for the club and restock the bar which is a huge and constant task. Many thanks to you both for your support.

Karen who has been Treasurer, receiving invoices, paying bills, doing the banking and always ensuring that the float was available in the till for the next weekend or event. Karen also updated all the members via e-mail and Facebook of events, timings and produced posters around the club and marina, to keep people up to date. The bar rota was managed by Karen also ensuring that there were always people covering each date.

A big thank you to all who helped with marquees, setting up, clearing up, running the bar and for supporting the club like Brian Dobson’s event next week which all helps to keep the club running.

Many thanks to Dave Sinclair who is not a committee member but who regularly cleaned the beer pipes and ordered the barreled beer and was always available to help with the marquee. Jane, Chrissy, Pat, Maggie & Pete helped cover some of the bar rota times during the season when the committee were unavailable and this help was much appreciated.

Bryan and Elena Donaldson are a real asset to the club and provided us with a fabulous cultural experience of a Russian evening that everyone enjoyed, this was much appreciated and we look forward to the next one.

Today marks the end of an era when Shirley and Vic step down after 7 years on the committee, with an additional 3 years helping Molly and Derek. I am sure you will join me in applauding them on their dedication and commitment.

I would like to give my best wishes to the new committee and I am sure that they will be supported.

1. **Membership Secretary –** Report included in with the Commodore’s report.
2. **Treasurer’s Report**

Karen reported that the current accounts are from 1st March until 3rd September and the balance of the bank account is £7,264, with cash of £170 and a float of £100 making a total of £7,560.

The subscription total is £1035 with one more couple totaling £1065.

Bar events raised £7,467. Therefore there was an income of £8,511

We had to pay out expenses to the sum of £4,730, entertainment costs of £1,030, business costs of £1,191 totaling £6,951 leaving a profit of £1,560.

The annual bills for rent amounts to £1,725 which is paid until November, the Licence has just been paid of £180, Insurance which is due in June amounts to £778 and the quarterly electricity bill is for £80. The fire extinguisher checks are due beginning of November are for £50 and the ladies sanitary ware bins costs £25.50 quarterly.

Expenses amounted to £3,165 less membership of £1,030 means we must have a profit of £2,135 to break even and the bar needs to take £4,000

**Action:** John Gates asked why the accounts did not run in line with the AGM? It was suggested that this should be amended at the next AGM September 2016 for the accounts to run from one AGM to the next in line with the annual event reporting.

1. **Social Secretary**

Vic Freeland composed the Social Secretary Report running quickly through the events for the season. Vic pointed out that lots of people are needed to make events successful which ranges from people helping to get things ready, clearing up and also importantly for attending the events themselves:-

**Laying Up Supper** – nautical theme with Fish and Chips from Eaton Plaice, enjoyed by all once Vic and Malcolm had brought the food back after being frowned on by the locals for delaying them getting their regular food.

**Halloween Night** – Club was taken over by a very large black spider and windows decorated with scary things.

**Christmas Noggin** – the scary spider was then decorated into the Christmas spirit. We enjoyed a cold buffet and Christingles with the usual Christmas Card exchange.

**New Years Eve** – music kindly provided by Brian Dobson and enjoyed a nice social gathering.

**Spring Clean** – Started the new season with the annual spring clean followed by the **Welcome Night** which marks the start of season and payment of membership fees.

**Easter** – Not many people had seen an Easter tree covered with numbered eggs which the children had to find.

**Wayne Swift**- fabulous entertainment, best ever and only wish we could have had him during the summer, maybe another time.

**Bingo**- a fabulous evening run by Dave and his team juggling the bingo balls. This event was self-financing and had loads of feedback about how good the evening was. Well done and many thanks Dave.

**Michael Jackson** – great music provided by DJ Dobbo letting us all dance the night away.

**OVRC Joint Fundraising Event**- WHBC joined OVRC for an evening to raise funds for a good cause, the Air Ambulance. Music provided by DJ Dobbo and the WHBC proved they had better staying power by lasting longer than the OVRC people. It shows how important this facility is by a recent local tragedy where the air ambulance was called.

**Fun Day**- loads of children, making kits, painting, running and using large garden games. DJ Dobbo facilitated the event. The climax of the day was when the barrow of booze was raffled and won by Dave Faldo, who then most generously donated it to be auctioned and raised £70 for the WHBC. Many thanks Dave a fabulous effort.

The Caverners played some toe tapping 60s music during the evening which was fabulous.

**Model Boat Race / Flying Machines** – Model boats were not wanted. Very few flying machines available, some did not fly outdoors and one went for a swim, whoops. Paul Fawkes saved the day by quickly running a course for the model boats and a healthy competition was done. (Shirley has an organized course which she was going to use if anyone wants to use it next year).

**OVRC Dinghy Race**- OVRC had a dinghy down the River Kym and joined WHBC for a joint BBQ. A raffle was done to add to the raised funds for the Air Ambulance.

**Casino Night**- This evening showed some members had a mis-spent youth and the gambling really took off. This event was very successfully run by Jacky and her daughter and thanks to both of them. Mind you another member of their family won, Stuart!!

**Afternoon Tea**- the first ever held at the WHBC and well supported, it was awesome. Ladies provided sandwiches, cakes and pots of tea. The waiters/waitresses and maître de showed people to their tables and. Many thanks to Jacky’s grand-daughter for helping also.

**Fishing Competition** –what can we say about Dave? Never entered a fishing competition before and won the best specimen, fabulous! Since then the fish jump out of the river onto his hook. Many thanks to Paul and Jane Fawkes who organized and judged this event, well done to both.

**Cast Iron Catering Event**- Best attended event of the season with 61 tickets sold. Fantastic food on a lovely evening. Dancing music provided by DJ Dobbo.

**Away Weekend** – The weather was dreadful on the Friday when some intrepid boaters made their way to Brampton. Quite a few other boats joined them on Saturday for a good day. Sunday weather forecast was not good so some boaters headed for home late morning. The poor mirages having to remove their hard tops at Offord Lock and getting soaked inside and out of the boat. Many thanks for making this event a success.

**Barn Dance**- The St Neots Folk Group joined us again and kept us laughing, bumping into each other and having a fun time. We even got some of the steps correct. A nice evening to be dancing outdoors.

**Russian Evening-** Bryan, Elena and John led us through a cultural evening. We even got to understand a Russian film. Authentic costumes were worn by Bryan, Elena and John and sumptuous food by Elena. John led us through a quiz and showed us how little we really knew. A really good evening enjoyed by all.

**Benny Guitar Smith**- was outstanding last night. Really good entertainment and a good event to end our term of service on. We got Benny to have a go at Apache and he finished the evening off with the Apache in full, brilliant.

1. **Elections of Officers**:

Stuart Turvey took the Chair and thanked the outgoing committee for great efforts this season. Now for the election of the next season’s Committee:-

**Commodore** – Dave Sinclair – voted by Stuart Turvey and seconded by Val Dobson. Full show of hands in agreement.

**Vice Commodore** – Dave Hudd – voted by Jackie Turvey and seconded by Sally Taylor Full show of hands in agreement.

**Treasurer** – Stuart Turvey – nominated by Vic Freeland and seconded by Paul Fawkes, however it became a difficult task to get someone to undertake the Secretary role and therefore we had to have a ten minute reprieve. Full show of hands in agreement.

On return it was proposed that Brian Dobson would take the role of the Treasurer who was voted in by Brian Bayliss and seconded by Mavis Smith therefore

**Secretary** – Stuart Turvey undertook this role instead and was voted in by Pat Jay and seconded by Vic Freeland. Full show of hands in agreement.

**Members of the General Committee:-**

Sally Taylor, Marcia Shepherd, Mavis Smith, Paul Fawkes, Chris Hogbourne, Pat & Ray Jay, Jacky Turvey and Val Dobson were all voted in unanimously.

The chair was handed over to the new Commodore, Dave Sinclair.

1. **Subscriptions:**

Brian Dobson ran us through the proposed changes to subscription costs as these were last amended in 2006 proposing that the membership for a couple raise by £10 to £40. This would keep all finances in line as it was also pointed out that the cost of rent has increased along with everything else and was overdue for a change. This was proposed by Brian Dobson and seconded by Brian Bayliss. Unanimously agreed.

1. **Associate Membership**

Brian Dobson advised the meeting that this item was just a textual change and did not alter the meaning of the membership. This amendment was unanimously agreed.

**Change to:**

**Associate members**a)         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.
b)         If Associate members attend more than twice in any calendar year they 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 the club.
c)         Where an ordinary member, having been a General Committee member of at least two years' standing becomes a non berth holder of Crosshall Marine, the General Committee from time to time appointed shall have a discretion to re-admit that person to the club as associate member. Notwithstanding the limits imposed by rule 7a) and 7b), not more than 12 persons may be admitted using this discretion. Such persons shall not be counted in the general number of Associate members under rules 7a) and 7b).

1. **Guests**

This item was discussed at some length and it was finally agreed that the person bringing along a guest would be responsible for paying for the use of the club.

**Action:** The Committee to agree a charge for attendance of guests depending on the costs involved to put on the event in question. The cost to be advertised per event.

Propose this be **changed to**:

“Guests must be introduced by full members and pay an agreed fee for event nights and this shall be greater than the charge to members and agreed by general committee or general meeting.

Each guest is the responsibility of the introducing member and that member must ensure that his/her guest is signed in and ensure the relevant fee of the £5 fee at the bar if it is an event night. There is no limit to how many times a guest may visit the club provided they are accompanied by a full member.” And in addition to this a suggestion of wording was put forward for this amendment and it was suggested that this should say : “Members are subsidised by xxx amount per paid event to encourage people to be members”. Bryan Donaldson proposed this wording. This was considered a good way forward by everyone, proposed by Bryan Donaldson and seconded by Jacky Turvey.

**11 Trustees**

Brian Dobson advised the meeting that the WHBC normally has a group of three Trustees who previously consisted of Wynn Chamberlain, Rachael Garrison (Julie Neville’s daughter) and Brian Dobson. Brian advised that the role of the Trustees was to deal with the assets and the club in the event of there not being a full committee. They would have to call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting to get a committee or to close the club and deal with the disposal of the stock at retail cost.

Propose the change of Rachael Garrison as no longer around to Julie Neville.

Wynn Chamberlain has decided to step down as Trustee after around 30 years of loyal continued service. Many thanks to Wynn for doing this and to Carol his wife for allowing him to do so. The club much appreciated their efforts.

Proposed to add Stuart Turvey in place of Wynn Chamberlain and Brian Dobson still remains a Trustee. These amendments were proposed by Brian Dobson and seconded by Sally Taylor. Unanimously agreed.

**Any Other Business**

John Gates said that he was unsure of who was who in the club, therefore looking at the club website, which was out of date and needed updating.

John Gates also raised concerns about not knowing who to vote for prior to an AGM if no nominations were given. It was proposed that notice should be given of who is willing to stand 7 days prior to the AGM minimum.

**Action**: John proposed wording to amend the constitution being “To ensure the club eligibility and smooth running, nomination of officers wishing to stand at the next AGM should be nominated and/or proposed a minimum of seven days prior to the AGM event taking place.” This was seconded by Vic Freeland and unanimously carried.

**Next AGM meeting:** Sunday 18th September 2016

Meeting was closed at 12.35 a.m.

(Premises keys had been handed back by all previous committee members ready for distribution to the new committee. These were handed to Dave Sinclair).