

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday 8 October 2016

Present: Brian Dobson (Chair) Val Dobson Bryan & Elena Donaldson Marcia & Malcolm Shepherd
Adam Easton & Karon Cooper John Gates Chris Hogbourne

Apologies: Paul Fawkes

1. Introduction

Action

Brian welcomed everyone and thanked them for agreeing to be on the committee. He said having a bigger committee means we can spread the workload around which is good.

He read out a message that Louise Stothard had put on the WHBC facebook Page. She wanted to share her thoughts on what her perception was of the club before she joined. She thought it would be stuffy and unwelcoming. Paul and others persuaded Louise and Jonathan to come to the club for a drink so that they could see for themselves what the club is really like. They enjoyed their first visit to the club so much that they joined and have attended many of the events held this year.

Louise suggested that if every new moorer(s) to the marina was given free guest membership to the club for a year they could see first hand that our club is a fun and welcoming place to be. Brian felt that that they shouldn't have voting rights until they became full members the next year

A discussion ensued and it was agreed unanimously that this was a good way to draw people into the club and if they liked it they would hopefully become full paying members the following year. Chris suggested that they could be given a voucher for a free drink on their first visit to the club.

Adam will work on the structure and process that will need to be followed to set up this initiative and will send a copy to us all for approval. It will then be presented and proposed at the EGM for members' approval. If the proposal is accepted, we will work on the documentation that will be given to new moorers when they arrive at the marina. Permission will have to be given by them for the club to get their e-mail details.

Adam

Chris said that Louise had also suggested that we could have a different name for the clubhouse i.e. Waterside Bar. All agreed this was a great idea and would like to pursue it.

**All
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Some felt that the rules of the club could be perceived to be a bit stuffy.

Bryan suggested that we remove the constitution from the website page – all agreed. Instead, a note can be put on the site saying the constitution is available on request. Brian to action this.

Brian

2. Duties and Roles

Before the meeting, Brian had distributed to the committee a list of all the duties that have to be carried out to keep the club running during the year. The most important job is that of keeping the bar stocked throughout the season. The question was asked if the Booker card could be used at any store?. Brian to check this.

Brian

3. Key Holdings

Brian issued sets of keys and logged the key numbers.

4. EGM arrangements/possible secretaries

Brian outlined the duties required of the club secretary. As yet, no one has come forward to take on this role.

A proposal will now be put forward at the EGM for free membership for new Moorers.

5. Social Calendar Ideas

Brian asked everyone to think of ideas for social events we can put on for next year. If a social secretary is appointed at the AGM, all ideas will then be discussed.

6. Halloween/Fireworks Arrangements

Brian said he had seen a fireworks box that lasted for 15 mins and cost £275. All Committee agreed that they would last too long and it was too much to spend. Chris will have a look to see if he can get a better deal.

Chris

It was agreed that we wouldn't charge for fireworks but Bryan suggested we Provide baked potatoes, beans, salads etc., and would charge for the food. Bryan will e-mail the committee to know what they should each bring. Bryan will also market the event. It was agreed that it should be marketed as a Fireworks Night but anyone who wanted to dress up in a Halloween costume could.

Bryan

7. Membership Cards

We discussed if we needed to have membership cards but all thought they were unnecessary. Bryan said he would get them printed for free if we decided to keep them.

8. Noggin

Will be discussed after the EGM.

9. Refurbishment Next Steps & Approval

All agreed that the upstairs carpet was fine and didn't need replaced. the box used to store the marquee was in desperate of replacing. The awning was also in a bad state of repair. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

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10. A.O.B

10.1 John said he felt it might be good to have the bar opened on a Friday night. Brian said that if any committee members were down on Friday and wanted to open up that was fine. He said that in the past, we opened every Friday night but had very few if any customers so it was decided by the previous committee to open as and when committee were around and wanted to open up.

10.2 Bryan suggested when we had a full committee it might be nice to have a group photo taken so that members could put a name to faces of committee members.

11. Meeting closed at 6pm.

A date for the next meeting will be set after we know the outcome of the EGM