

MINUTES OF OLYMPIC AGM HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2013

Present: David & Hazel Atlass, Mandy & Richard Bosworth Jones, Dave Brough, Phil Broughton, Jeanne Constable, Gordon Cooper, Janet Faulkner, David & Patricia Fisher, Clive & Di James, Dave Kee, Alan Koch, Jean & Tony Martin

1) CHAIR

It was agreed that Dave Brough should chair the meeting which was the 26th since the boat sharing scheme had been started

2) 2012 FINANCES

Phil explained the financial report for 2012 and drew attention to the following:

- We had budgeted for a loss of £39 but had achieved a surplus of £180.36.
- There were some unusual factors including no provision for insurance since payment did not fall due until the next year and one share payment had not been received.
- Boat usage was considerably down following the change in people having to book weeks rather than having them allocated.
- Expenditure on fuel was up by a large amount as a result of increased diesel prices plus a problem with the engine. Gas and pump-outs also up.

3) PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND OVERALL SHAPE OF SCHEME

Alan had circulated an email before the meeting setting out his concerns as a result of a completely abortive weekend trip caused by the engine being flooded with diesel and the unavailability of key people because of their totally legitimate absence on holiday abroad. Reference was made to the original protocol which provided that in the event of a major breakdown the person allocated the week would have full authority to arrange the necessary repairs up to an agreed financial limit. It was noted that the amount had never been updated and still stood at £50 and after discussion it was agreed to amend the protocol as follows:

ACTION

All to note the following revised protocol:

Emergency repairs up to an estimated cost of £400 may be authorised by the owner of the week in which a major breakdown occurs subject to prior consultation with the Secretary and Treasurer if reasonably feasible. (Currently Phil and Di)

It was agreed to continue with the revised booking arrangements but that anybody not using a pre-booked week should notify others of the boat's availability as soon as they knew they would not be using a week. **ACTION: All**

The notification of the boat location at the end of trips had improved considerably but everybody was reminded to make sure they did this without fail. **ACTION: All**

4) PARTICIPANTS

Phil proposed that in view of the lower levels of boat usage we should relax the strict limit on the number of participants and look for possible additional shareholders up to a maximum of 12. This was agreed subject to the individuals concerned having experience of being in charge of a 70 foot boat. **ACTION: All**

5) SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Phil presented the list of scheduled maintenance items for 2013 which had been subject to prior consultation and put in an order of priority with an allocation to individuals suggested by him, Dave B and Gordon. It was reported orally that the certificate issued under the Boat Safety Scheme would expire on 24 January 2014 and that an inspection and any necessary work would have to be provided for in the current year's budget. The list was agreed up to priority 5 with some minor amendments and the following specific decisions:

1. A check on the oven temperature, seal and burners to be undertaken jointly by DA, JGC and PB who shall be delegated to decide after that whether to purchase a new cooker and to select the model with budget provision of £400 being made for the cost of the equipment plus installation by a qualified gas engineer.
2. Arrangements to be made for an inspection under the Boat Safety Scheme and any required works.
3. No action to be taken on the suggested limited refurbishment of the front toilet and shower compartment by DB and PB.

It was agreed that there should be one working weekend on 13/14 April.

ACTION: Those allocated on-boat jobs

6) 2013 FINANCES

The meeting discussed the draft budget for 2013 and the following was agreed:

1. To increase the full share cost to £430 a year
2. To increase the daily boat charges by £5 to £30 (before June and After September) and £25 (June to September) in order to cover increased diesel and gas charges. Trip charges were left unchanged.
3. Non participant charges were increased to £12

ACTION: Share costs to be paid to Di as soon as possible.

7) CRUISING AREAS

There was a discussion about the cruising area for 2013 and it was agreed that this should be another two centre year – the first half of the season on the Macclesfield and the second half somewhere around the junction of the River Trent and the River Soar (8 miles south west of Nottingham). The second location would give an opportunity to explore the Erewash Canal or the River Soar and, for those with time to spare, a chance to run down the Trent to the Chesterfield Canal.

Post-meeting note: It is suggested that the boat should start to move towards Nottingham any time after the **middle of June**. Note that wherever the boat is left in the second half of the season it needs to be off-river. Flooding is now such a regular occurrence that it will be unnecessarily risky to leave the boat on any flowing channel. **ACTION: All to note.**

8) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The following officers were re-appointed:

Treasurer – Di
Deputy Treasurer – Phil
Secretary – Phil
Compliance Officer – David A
Working weekend organiser – Phil
Boat location recorder – Jean

Thanks were recorded to the officers on their re-appointment and to Jeanne for organising and preparing dinner.