MINUTES OF OLYMPIC AGM HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2015

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

1) CHAIR

It was agreed that Dave Brough should as usual chair the meeting which was the 28th since the boat sharing scheme had been started.

3) PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN 2014

The major problem in 2014 had been the poor state of the hull as revealed by the 5 year technical survey and DB opened the meeting by thanking everybody for their very positive response to the request for funds to meet the re-plating costs. He also highlighted the magnificent way in which friends outside the boat scheme had agreed to contribute. The meeting asked that special thanks should be sent to all those concerned. **Action: DB.** Thanks were also recorded to DB for his work in co-ordinating the gathering of contributions.

Phil reported that he and Gordon had visited the marina where the over-plating is being done and gave a progress report with pictures to show the preparatory work to 'undress' the hull and remove the previous over-plating. From what they had seen the work was being carried out in a very professional manner and was of a high standard. Following a number of questions it was agreed that further written progress reports would be circulated as the project proceeds. **Action: PB.**

The question was raised about whether during the major work to the hull the opportunity should be taken to cut slots in the cross-girders under the floor to allow proper drainage of any water incursions since these had never been provided as part of the original design. It was agreed to delegate Phil, Gordon and Dave Kee to investigate the practical implications, costs etc and to report back by email for a decision to be made. **Action: PB/JGC/DK**

Reference was made to the previous problem of noxious smells from the toilets after the boat had been left unused for a period, especially in the summer. DK reported that the practice of leaving the traps jammed open between trips seemed to reduce the smells. It was agreed to continue with this system and to re-circulate the advice note on what to do at the end of a trip. **Action: DK**

4) 2014 FINANCES

PB explained the factors affecting the outturn for 2014 as follows:

- We had budgeted for a loss of £1887.00 but it had come in at £730.56.
- Boat use was up by 6% with 13 out of 16 scheduled weeks being used
- Income was roughly in line with the budget, there had been savings on moorings but expenditure on unplanned maintenance had been higher than estimated, largely because of emergency work to the hull.
- Budget provision had been made for filling the fuel tank which was currently totally empty because of the welding operations.
- £23,000 had been received for the re-plating and would be in next year's accounts. £2000 had been spent so far as a deposit.

5) OVERALL SHAPE OF SCHEME

It was agreed that the scheme had stood the test of time and that no changes were needed.

6) PARTICIPANTS

Gordon gave notice that he would be re-joining the scheme with a half share and Jean and Tony indicated that they would be going up from a half to a full share.

7) SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

PB presented the list of scheduled maintenance items for 2015 which had been subject to prior consultation and put in an order of priority with an allocation to individuals suggested by him and DB. The meeting went through the list of jobs item by item and the following issues were highlighted:

1. Cleaning of the blankets should be undertaken this year (item 7)
2. Front WC seal not to be replaced (item 52)
3. No mattresses to be replaced this year but possibility of a replacement programme to be investigated for report back.(item 56). **Action: DA/HA**
4. Puriclean option for water purification not to be pursued (item 57)
5. No change to loo tank operation from blue to green (item 59)
6. No action to provide LED shower head to show hot water (item 60)

With these amendments all maintenance proposals were agreed with the allocation of tasks as shown. It was also agreed to have one working weekend on **18/19 April**. **ACTION: Those allocated jobs as shown.**

8) 2015 FINANCES

It was agreed to freeze share prices and all other charges at current levels and the draft budget was approved. **ACTION: Those who have not yet paid**

9) CRUISING AREAS

There was a discussion about the cruising area for the coming season and it was agreed to make it the Oxford, Stratford and Grand Union Canals for 2015 and the Chesterfield for 2016. **ACTION: All.**

The moving of the boat after the completion of the re-plating works and the location of the working weekend were discussed and it was agreed to explore the situation with the marina management. **Action: PB.**

10) DOCUMENTS

It was agreed to amend the end of trip checklist to highlight the loo instructions and remind everybody to check the vegetable box is empty. **Action: DK**

11) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The officers were thanked for their work and re-appointed as follows:

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

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JM asked for an early indication of people's wishes for allocated weeks in the coming cruising season. She also pointed out that the programme is posted on the website and kept up-to-date so there is no need to phone her to find out if particular weeks are vacant. **Action: All.**

The question was raised about a possible change to the booking arrangements to make it easier for people to have long weekends. It was agreed to introduce Thursday to Thursday weeks as an experiment. **Action: JM**

13) THANKS

Thanks were recorded to Jeanne and Dave for dinner and the use of their house and to DB for chairing the meeting.