

MINUTES OF OLYMPIC AGM HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2016

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

1) CHAIR

It was agreed that Dave Brough should chair the meeting which was the 29th since the boat sharing scheme had been started.

3) PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN 2015

It was noted with pleasure that there had been no operational problems arising from the previous year's cruising. Dave Kee reported that there had been considerable difficulties convincing the Canal and River Trust to allow us to continue with our traditional winter mooring at Red Bull but these were eventually overcome. He was thanked for his efforts and Phil suggested that for next year it might be helpful to make use of the contact that he had established in his Manchester IWA capacity with David Baldacchino, the CRT Waterway Manager for Manchester and the Pennine Waterways. **Action: Dave K/Phil.**

4) 2015 FINANCES

Phil explained the factors affecting the outturn for 2015 as follows:

- Boat use was up with all or part of 16 of 19 scheduled weeks being used.
- Income was £448 better than the budget.
- Expenditure on maintenance was £374.61 under budget because it had not been possible to do many of the scheduled jobs.
- The final cost of the re-plating and associated work had been over the estimate but this had been accommodated within the overall budget.
- Money had been saved on the re-painting of the name which had been done by Dave Cooper and he was thanked for his work.
- Final figures showed a budget surplus of £2316.68 and £4904.69 in the floating fund.

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

All present confirmed their continued participation in the scheme.

Everybody was reminded to use the Olympic ALL email address since some members were still sending messages to out-of-date addresses. **Action: All.**

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. Annual maintenance items 1 to 29 were confirmed and it was agreed to add maintenance of the toilets to this list
2. Tear in rubber mat to be repaired with industrial staples being a possibility.
3. Replacement of small radiators agreed and offer of second-hand ones from Clive and Gordon to be pursued. **Action: Phil.**
4. Sound insulation round water pump no longer necessary.
5. Rear loo pedal mechanism to be repaired not replaced. **Action: Gordon**
6. Weed hatch must be tightened by hand not by hammer. **Action: All.**
7. Worn water tank nuts to be replaced where necessary. **Action: Gordon**
8. On a vote it was agreed to replace the lino in the front cabin with laminated wood as a trial but subject to agreement on the colour by those present at the working weekend. **Action: Phil**

With these amendments all maintenance proposals were agreed with the allocation of tasks as shown. It was also agreed to have one working weekend to be held on **16/17 April** with David F confirming his willingness to organise the food. **ACTION: Those allocated jobs as shown.**

It was noted that the winter mooring expired on 31 March and Phil undertook to move the boat away and return it in time for the working weekend.

8) 2016 FINANCES

David A reported on his investigations into raising the insurance cover from the current level of £25000 in view of the fact that we had spent over £20000 on the re-plating. The sum could be increased to £27,500 without a problem but above that figure would require a professional valuation which could cost anything between £150 and £225. On a vote it was agreed to simply increase the cover to £27,500. **Action: David A/David F.**

As part of the discussion a query was raised about what third party cover is provided under the policy and it was agreed to clarify. **Action: David A.**

David F took the opportunity to say that if at any stage in the future there was a need to claim the full value of the boat from the insurers he would waive his rights as the owner and donate the sum to the scheme.

In the light of the decisions reached and the level of reserves it was agreed to freeze share prices at £430 and hold all other charges at current levels. **ACTION: Those who have not yet paid**

9) CRUISING AREAS

The Chesterfield Canal had been selected at last year's AGM as the cruising area for this season and that was confirmed. Jean asked people to let her know of any preferred week. **Action: All.**

10) DOCUMENTS

No changes were needed to the base documents.

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

Dave B asked if members would wish to make a donation to the appeal launched by CRT to help raise the funds to restore the northern waterways that had been seriously damaged as a result of the floods. A sum of £50 was agreed with a suggestion after the meeting that it be sent initially as a personal donation to gain the benefit of Gift Aid. **Action: Dave B.**

13) THANKS

Thanks were recorded to Jeanne for dinner and to her and Dave for the use of their house.