

MINUTES OF OLYMPIC AGM HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2018

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

Apologies for absence: Janet Faulkner (to whom best wishes were sent)

1) CHAIR

It was agreed that Dave Brough should as usual chair the meeting which was the 31st since the boat sharing scheme had been started.

3) PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN 2017

It was noted that there had been no major problems in 2017. There had been the usual hassle in getting approval for our long-established winter mooring but this had been resolved. The only issue was that CRT had changed the key on the gates to stop unofficial parking. It was agreed to try and see if we could get a new key although nobody was optimistic we would succeed. **Action: David F.**

4) 2017 FINANCES

Phil explained highlighted factors affecting the outturn for 2017 as follows:

- There was a surplus of £2190.05 after budgeting for a loss of £92.14.
- This had arisen because of the high number of weeks used, the income from non-participants in the scheme and maintenance jobs not done.
- As a result the floating fund had risen from £6309.40 to £8529.46.
- Trip charges covered the costs of pump-outs and there had been a surplus of £414.24 for daily charges for fuel, gas and oil.

Arising from a discussion about the budget provision for occasional moorings it was emphasised that CRT are getting much stricter at enforcing the 14 days limit. In view of this everybody needs to make sure that they do not return the boat to the same temporary mooring after a trip. **Action: ALL.**

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 indicated their willingness to continue in the scheme. Jean and Mandy mentioned possible interest from a couple of friends who might wish to join.

7) SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

The meeting went through the list of scheduled maintenance items for 2018 and the following major issues were decided:

- Arrange an inspection for boat safety compliance well in advance of the expiry of the present certificate. **Action: David A**
- Proceed with the replacement of the lino by vinyl laminate as shown from the pilot scheme for the rear of the boat and also provide a new door mat for the front. **Action: Phil.**
- Agree to the concept of a liner for the water tank with a budget of £1000 and review the options if this is not a feasible solution. **Action: Phil.**
- Take no action on the gas tails in the rear locker but replace if required by the safety inspection. **Action: Dave K.**
- Adopt the proposal for sealing the floor of the front gas locker with resin. **Action: Gordon**

Arising from the discussion about the gas tails it was strongly recommended by Dave Kee that when installing new cylinders the joints should be checked for leaks by using washing up liquid to see if there are any bubbles. **Action: ALL.**

All maintenance proposals were agreed including minor alterations as shown on the list to be circulated by Phil and the allocation of jobs was confirmed. It was also agreed to have one working weekend on 17/18 March. **ACTION: ALL**

8) CRUISING AREAS

It was noted that last year's AGM had agreed that London should be the cruising area for this year. It was noted that the London area was very large and not everybody was very keen to be in the inner areas. Finding mooring places was also a challenge. David Atlass reported that he had contacted the operators of half a dozen locations and the only feasible option was the Alperton Cruising Club where they might possibly be a vacancy; a decision should be known within the next few days. In the light of the above the following was agreed:

- The outcome of the Alperton application to be notified as soon as information is known. **Action: David A**
- 3 months cruising in central London (including the Lee and Stort)
- 3 months on the Grand Union in the Tring area (including the Aylesbury and Wendover Arms). **Action: ALL.**
- Budget provision for occasional moorings to be increased to £1300.

9) FINANCES

The budget was approved with no changes to share costs or charges.

10) DOCUMENTS

No changes were identified.

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
Boat location recorder – Jean

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Waterways Recovery Group.

Action: Dave B.

13) THANKS

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