

MINUTES OF OLYMPIC VIRTUAL AGM HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2022

Present: Clive & Di James, David & Hazel Atlass, Dave Brough, David & Patricia Fisher, Dave Kee, Janet Faulkner, Jean & Tony Martin, Jeanne Constable, Phil Broughton and Sue Brohi.

Unable to be present: John & Katie Derbyshire

1) WELCOME

Dave B opened the meeting and welcomed everybody to the meeting which was the 35th AGM since the boat sharing scheme had been started. All present confirmed that they had been fully vaccinated and had tested negative for coronavirus.

2) ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN 2021

There were no issues raised under this agenda item

3) 2021 FINANCES

Phil explained the financial outturn for 2020 and highlighted the following issues:

- We had budgeted for a loss of £1670.95 but this had come in at £607.65 with the result that the floating fund had ended up with £1303.40 which was considerably in excess of the projected figure of £240.10.
- Despite the continuing impact of the pandemic there had been a large increase in the usage of the boat during the year which had brought in a sum of £623.41 in excess of the agreed budget.
- Income from trip charges and daily charges had been in line with expectations.
- Expenditure on occasional moorings was less than budgeted.
- Emergencies and unplanned budgets were over-estimated and scheduled maintenance showed an underspend, partly because jobs were not completed in the absence of a working weekend.

The report was received and accepted.

4) OVERALL SHAPE OF SCHEME

It was agreed that no changes were needed.

5) PARTICIPANTS

All existing members had confirmed their willingness to continue. Everybody was asked to check their contact details and to notify Phil of any amendments. **Action: All.**

6) SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Dave K reported that a preliminary inspection of the boiler by a qualified boat safety engineer showed that it is unsafe because of carbon monoxide leaks and will fail the formal inspection required under the Boat Safety Scheme which was due in May.

He and Phil had researched what would be needed to replace the current gas-fired boiler with one run on diesel. Dave described how this would work and the heater, heat exchanger, water tank and pumps that would need to be purchased and installed.

Phil reported that he had contacted four suppliers who offered a variety of options including supply only, advice and support on installation and full supply and installation. On the basis of the investigations and discussions the firm recommendation was to go with Kings Lock at Middlewich who could take the boat in within the next couple of weeks and obtain equipment within a short timescale. They would also be able to provide expert advice to enable a decision on whether to do any or all of the work ourselves or to commission them to do it on our behalf. A rough estimate of cost was £3000 to £3500.

It was accepted that action needed to be taken as soon as possible and there was detailed discussion on a range of issues including noise from the diesel heater, the implications for running costs and the benefits of doing away with heavy gas cylinders. The following plan of action was agreed unanimously:

- Approve the proposed installation of a diesel-powered heater
- Move the boat to Kings Lock in February
- Discuss technical and installation issues with Kings Lock
- Prepare a detailed cost estimate
- Hold a Zoom meeting at an appropriate point to make final decisions.

Action: Dave K/Phil.

On behalf of the members Dave B thanked Dave and Phil for all the work that they had done so far.

The meeting then went on to consider the list of scheduled maintenance items for 2022 and the following issues were highlighted:

- The provision for pillow replacement should be deleted for the coming year.
- It was agreed to reinstate the item for checking for soft boards. **Action: David A/Dave B**
- David A was thanked for the research he had done into the options for dealing with the cooker but it was agreed that it should not be replaced at the moment subject to the repair of the bottom drawer, reinstallation of the lighter and the provision of a shelf above the grill. **Action: Phil.**
- David F's slip into the canal from the gunnel was noted with concern and it was agreed to inspect the location during the working weekend (**Action: Dave B and David F**) and to purchase a life belt with a rope **Action: David A.**
- The accumulation of water on the back steps was raised and in light of the potential risk of slipping it was agreed to install some small pieces of rubber matting. **Action: Tony.**

All maintenance proposals were confirmed up to priority 5 and subject to the above and the allocation of jobs was confirmed. It was agreed to hold the working weekend on 23 and 24 April. **Action: All those shown on the list of jobs.**

Post meeting note: After the meeting Dave K realised that he had omitted to seek approval to fund the replacement of the water gauge. He has identified a suitable model at a cost of £100 and the expenditure can be met from within the approved budget.

7) 2021 FINANCES

The budget for 2022 was reviewed and the following was agreed:

- Share prices to remain at £500 a year. *(Corrected from first version)*
- Payments to be made into the account as soon as possible. **Action: All.**
- Fixed charges and daily charges to remain unchanged.
- Non-participant charges to be increased to £25 a day.

8) CRUISING AREAS AND PANDEMIC

It was noted that the 2021 AGM had agreed the Kennet and Avon Canal for this year's cruising area but there were concerns about the adequacy of places to moor and after discussion it was agreed to select the area centred on Braunston which is as follows:

Grand Union from Stoke Bruerne to Birmingham; Leicester Union; River Soar; Northern Oxford, Coventry, Southern Oxford, Linking parts of the Birmingham canals and Trent & Mersey

Members were reminded to send any bids for dates to Jean jean.martin05@outlook.com

9) DOCUMENTATION

It was noted that the checklist needed amendment to show how to turn the boat power on and off and that changes would be needed after the installation of the new boiler.

Action: Dave K.

It was also noted that the documents file needed rationalising. **Action: Phil/Sue**

10) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

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

- Treasurer – Di
- Deputy Treasurer – Phil
- Secretary – Phil
- Compliance Officer – David A
- Boat location recorder – Jean