MINUTES OF OLYMPIC AGM HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2026

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

1) WELCOME

Dave B welcomed everybody to the meeting - the 39th AGM since the boat sharing scheme had been started.

2) ISSUES ARISING FROM 2025 SEASON

The following were highlighted:

- **Engine failure** – it was noted that the engine had stopped without warning several times on the recent Christmas trip and that investigating and resolving the problem was one of the high priority tasks on the jobs list.
- **Diary** – Dave K suggested that it might be useful for people to indicate the length of their trip if they were planning to use fewer than their allocated 7 days so that the spare time might be taken up by others. It was agreed to see if this would be feasible for inclusion in the diary. **Action: Jean**.

3) 2025 FINANCES

Phil explained the financial outturn for 2025 and highlighted the following issues:

- We had budgeted for a loss of £213 on the year but had ended up with a surplus of £617.61, mainly because of jobs that had not been done. The overall result was a floating fund of £2620.34.
- The number of days used had increased compared to 2023. (The figures for 2024 were discounted because of the boat breakdown). The increase was primarily due to the journeys to and from the Kennet and Avon.
- Income from non-participants was down and this appeared to be related to Annie becoming a scheme member.
- Fuel, oil and gas costs were in line with expectations
- The cost of occasional moorings was under budget but there had been a late charge for the cost of being on the hard standing at Swanley.
- Winter mooring costs had increased after CRT had discovered that we had not previously been charged VAT.

Following some questions on details the financial statement was noted.

4) OWNERSHIP OF THE BOAT

Dave B confirmed that the transfer of ownership of the boat to the Narrowboat Olympic Discretionary Trust had been successfully completed after long discussions and delays.

He wished to record thanks to Jeanne for her help on the legal issues and to Patricia for meeting the costs. This was endorsed by members who also thanked DB for managing the whole process.

In order to avoid administrative tasks falling on one person it was agreed to share them as follows:

- CRT issues including licence renewal – Dave B
- Insurance – David A. **Action: Dave B to inform insurers.**
- Winter moorings – Dave K

5) OLYMPIC SCHEME

It was agreed that no changes were needed to the scheme.

6) PARTICIPANTS

All existing members confirmed their willingness to continue and no prospective new members were identified.

It was noted that Jean and Tony no longer had a landline and that this would need to be changed in the contacts list. **Action: Phil.**

7) SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Phil presented a list of jobs which he and Dave B had put in priority order with a suggested allocation of tasks. The following points arose in discussion:

- David A reported that there are no changes to the Boat Safety Scheme
- Jean offered to coordinate food purchases for the working weekend.
- It was noted that Phil had already repaired the diesel filler lock and also that before filling up we should check whether the diesel being supplied already contains bug additive. **Action: All.**
- Annie and Patricia offered to join the boat painting team.
- The cover over the vent in the front door should be removed.
- The item on checking the water meter for a leak was deleted as not required.
- It was agreed to allocate £250 for a new water filter.
- A timer for the morning switch-on of the diesel heater was not supported.

Subject to the above points the list of jobs and the allocation of tasks was agreed. As a result of prior consultation on dates for the working weekend 18/19 April had been identified as the best date. This was confirmed by the meeting. **Action: All with jobs**

8) 2026 FINANCES

Phil outlined the budget assumptions and after discussion it was agreed to keep all charges at current levels withthe annual full share price at £400.

9) CRUISING AREAS

The meeting discussed the cruising area for the 2026 season. Phil proposed Liverpool (via the Macclesfield, Ashton and Bridgewater Canals) with a possible visit to the restored section of the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal and then a trip up the Caldon in the later part of the season. Some concerns were expressed about vandalism and stone-throwing based on a previous bad experience in the area approachingPlank Lane lift bridge. Others felt that it was time for the Midlands. After discussion it was agreed to adjourn a decision pending an examination of the logisticsof Liverpool with a final decision on the area to be taken after consultation through emails. **Action: Dave B/Dave K/Phil.**

10) OFFICERS

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

- Chair – Dave B
- Secretary – Phil
- Treasurer – Di
- Deputy Treasurer/budget preparation – Phil

Other roles

- Boat Safety Compliance Officer – David A
- Christmas trip organiser – Dave K
- Working weekend organiser - Phil
- Olympic diary organiser – Jean

11) DATE OF NEXT AGM

It was noted that the AGM had traditionally been held on the last Saturday of January each year (although due to a mix-up with the information on the website that had not happened this year). On that basis the next AGM will be on Saturday 30 January 2027. **Action: All.**

12) THANKS

Dave B gave special thanks to Jeanne in her absence for the work in hosting the meeting so soon after a period of illness