



The Association of Nene River Clubs

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ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 10th March 2017 at Elton Boat Club starting 8pm

Members Attending

John Brown – J. B. – (A. N. R. C. Captain),
Karen Scrivener – K. S. – (A. N. R. C. Secretary),
Jeff Walters – J. W. – (A. N. R. C. Vice Captain),
Paul Scrivener – P. S. – (P. C. C. Membership Rep),
Dennis Sacker – D. S. – (N. B. C. Rep),
Mick Blackwell – M. B. – (N. B. C. Rep),
John Harris – J. H. – (O. C. C. Rep),
Josi Loveridge – J. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep),
Dave Loveridge – D. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep),
Tony Goodman – T. G. – (M. N. C. C. Membership Rep),
Bernard Keane – B. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Sylvia Keane – S. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Mick Lyons – M. L. – (M. C. C. Rep),
Ron Smith – R. S. – (E. B. C. Rep),
Brian Gowler – B. G. – (M. C. C. Rep).

Apologies for Absence

No apologies.

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 13th January 2017

J. B. asked for a proposer and seconder the minutes from the last meeting as a true record.

Prop: J. W.

Seconded: D. L.

Matters Arising

J. W. mentioned that he had still not been down to the mooring site yet but he does not have a key now. J. W. still has not got his car back yet., and is unable to get down.

J. B asked how everyone got on with asking about the holding the 2018 Rally at a Club. J. H. stated that O. C. C. will be unable to hold a Rally in 2018. B. G. added that M. C. C. have expressed some interest but have been unable to make a decision, and have decided to wait until the Commodores meeting following the 2017 Rally, to see how much work is required. D. S. also mentioned that N. B. C. were still unsure. J. L. mentioned that this will be discussed at the next P. Y. C. Committee meeting.

P. S. asked J. W. what is happening with the other trailer, has the trailer been sold yet, which J. W. replied no not yet, as he has been busy. P. S. asked if it was worth putting on Ebay, which J. W. replied that he could do. J. W. added that the side of the trailer still needs repairing because there must have been a fire next to it. The plastic boards have shrunk. J. B. mentioned is it better to scrap it.

J. W. added that he will try to car boot it. J. B. also added that he did not wish more money to be spent on it if we are not able to re-coop the money.

ANRC Website

J. H. mentioned that there are still 'old' things on the website, items that are years old, such as minutes, which go back to 2015. J. B. asked if there was any need for these to be on the web site now, and do they need to be on the web site. The answer was no. J. B. went on to state that we need current information from Clubs, such as a report and about Club events, that this could be sent direct to the Officers or to Adrian Cleave. J. W. suggested that a letter is sent out to the Club Secretaries requesting monthly information.

Captain's Report

J. B. stated that the Islip Bridge project has now been put back until May. This is due to the builders being onsite and ensuring that the site is secure when the equipment is there.

A donation of £500 has been received from A. W. C. C. towards the Islip Bridge project. A letter is to be sent to Jenny Sullivan for her donation in Ralphs' memory, of £100, thanking her for the donation towards the project.

J. B. mentioned that the locks are currently still being reversed. J. W. answered that the EA are doing a trial at present. R. S. stated that E. B. C. has not been inundated with water, but the small weir does not seem to be doing much. R. S. explained about the problems being encountered by E. B. C. with the new boards in place.

Vice Captain's Report

J. W. stated that he has not a lot to report, but then asked if anyone had heard about the questions being asked in Parliament, regarding EA and CRT discussions and about the river closures because there is no funding available. This is ongoing in Parliament, and they are pushing for answers but not getting any, but this is not supposedly happening on the Nene and the Ouse. One lock has been closed already, not on the Nene, at South Ferriby. J. B. added this seems to possibly be affecting our applications for EA moorings. J. W. added that EAWA are still fighting the EA to get into Welchs' Dam Lock.

Secretary's Report

K. S. mentioned that she has sent out a couple of letters. Following Kay Westmorlands' resignation as ANRC Treasurer, a letter was sent thanking her for her help, and that her resignation letter was gratefully accepted.

K. S. mentioned that John Crisp asked if there were any concerns regarding anything on the River Nene, as he was due to attend an RYA meeting on 11th March 2017, and needed this for his meeting.

K. S. also mentioned that she had received a letter from J. L. today, regarding the Dinner and Dance. K. S. read out J. L.s' letter, which stated that P. Y. C. felt that this would not be a good idea to use the Club as a venue as the Club would be unable to prevent Club Members from using the Club room. P. Y. C. Committee suggested using the ANRC Marquees, as this would enable control the attendance of Members to the event. P. Y. C. mentioned that the ANRC could use outside caterers, and have offered the use of the Kitchen and the Bar. The weather was also mentioned that at this time of year the Marquees could possibly be cold and suggested the use of space heaters.

Treasurer's Report

J. B. stated that in January we have had £552 in, which consisted of Brain of the Nene Raffle £132, which the Committee thank P. Y. C. as they refused to accept their percentage of the raffle. Three scratch cards were sold, which made £30, the rest was Clubs subs and Memberships. Outgoing was the cost of the cards of £21.45, RYA Membership of £125, TC Promoware (Membership cards and stickers) £279. Total outgoing was £425.45

Donations for Islip Footbridge have been received from P. Y. C. £250, AWCC £500 Jenny Sullivan £100, which makes a total of £850. J. W. also mentioned the £500 donation from EAWA. Money in the bank, as of today, £10,747.31. J. W. announced that Terry Pacey has the accounts, which should have been ready for the meeting but was unable to open the draft copy and print, which had been sent to him by Terry. J. L. advised that these may need to be downloaded first. J. W. added that we should receive them any day. J. B. asked if we had an answer to the question sent by email to Kay Westmorland, asking how much petty cash she held. J. W. answered that there was a discrepancy with the petty cash. J. B. added he had all the receipts if anyone needed to have a look.

ANRC Rally 2017

J. L. brought the Rally packs for the Clubs to the meeting, which included some of the forms, were handed these out to the Reps. All the Rally forms are available on P. Y. C.s' new 'weebly' website, which is P. Y. C.s' new website. Other forms will be provided at Rally Control at the Rally. There has been a few little changes and live music will now be on instead of the concert as P. Y. C. would be unsure as to how many Clubs would get involved, although Clubs will still be able to do this if they wish. There will be a wet contingency plan in place for the Illuminated Boat. As displays would not be done on dinghys, displays would need to be a size of no more than 10 to 12 feet long to go on any Members boat of any theme. Theme does not have to be on Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves as it would be quite restricted. This will enable the boats to be displayed inside the Marquees in wet weather. There will be a Dog Show, which will be judged by a Crufts Judge. There is a covering letter explaining the strict agreement of the use of the Club gates. The ANRC locks will be on the gates. With regards to caravans, there will be no awnings allowed due to lack of space. Disclaimer letter still need to be arranged. Where the Campers and the caravans are, there is not enough electrical power points for everyone, but P. Y. C. are happy for Members to bring silent generators. There are 5 events in the Ruby Plate, which include Narrow Boat handling, Cruiser handling, Illuminated and Decorated Boat, and It's a Knockout (teams of 4 – 2 males 2 females - over 2 days). The size of Narrow Boat to be used should be between 40 and 45 feet, with the size of the boat to be used for the Cruiser handling to be between 24 and 27 foot with an outboard engine, because of some of the manoeuvres. Should Members wish to run a stall, to contact J. L. P. Y. C. are asking for donations for Raffle Prizes, and donations for the Boat Auctions (with the normal commission). P. Y. C. has already received £700 worth of advertising already, anyone is able to advertise. Cost is quarter page is £20, half page is £40 and whole page is £80. Eddie Hird has offered to fetch milk, bread, newspapers, etc. Produce order forms are included in the packs. There will be a BBQ on twice a day, each day other than the Monday, between 1pm to 3pm and again from 7pm to 9.30pm. Breakfasts are split into children and small eaters, and then adult sizes. On the Monday there will be a high tea, with mixed sandwiches, crisps and cream cakes. Live entertainment will be on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. There will be a Church service on the Sunday, with the Boat Auctions afterwards. There will be films available for the children each morning, and a childrens' entertainer on Sunday afternoon. Currently the plaques are in the process of being produced.

Dinner and Dance 2017

P. S. mentioned that in regards the next venue for the Dinner and Dance he has only managed to find 1 possible venue. P. S. stated that he had been doing some investigations and had found a venue where the cost of the room would be £200. J. L. asked P. S. how many the hall held, which P. S. replied about 250 people. The venue has a kitchen and a bar licence, so a bar could be taken in. There is an area outside should Members wish to take Caravans. This would include the room, the kitchen, tables, chairs and the crockery and cutlery, but just required finding suitable caterers. The prospective venue is Barnwell Village Hall. J. W. asked about caterers, which J. L. added that we would need to find the costing for the caterers. J. B. asked if a deposit is required, which P. S. answered that he was unsure but would ask. J. B. asked D. S. about the recent caterers they had used for N. B. C.s' opening up supper, and to find the information to pass on. J. W. also suggested he would find the details of the caterers they used for M. L.W. C.s' opening up supper. R. S. advised that he would also find out the details of the caterers used at E. B. C.s' opening up supper. J. B. suggested that details be passed onto P. S. to investigate. P. S. said that the available hours for the room would be 5pm until 12am, but he will confirm. Early access to the room is allowed, to enable the dressing of the room and tables. There were 2 dates as ideas to be set for the event, 30th September or 7th October 2017. P. S. to email the venue to confirm date availability, but all suggested trying for the 30th September.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

J. B. said that we're still waiting about updates on the moorings, and that J. W. has only just got the key tonight to gain access to the mooring. J. W. added that he will go down in the next few weeks.

Boat Watch

J. B. stated that he has not heard of anything recently, but had anyone had anything happen at the Clubs, and if anyone hears of anything to email the details to him. B. G. replied that 3 outboards were stolen from a shed at M. C. C. about a month ago.

Memberships

J. B. asked for the lists and the money, if anyone had any. R. S. stated that he would not be able to provide his lists yet until after E. B. C.s' AGM. T. G. stated that he had money generated from 2 scratch cards, £20. T. G. added that he had 9 new Members so far, 18 have paid up to date, so a total of 27, and still chasing Members. T. G. handed over £162 for Memberships and the new forms for the new Members. T. G. also mentioned that some of the Members are already Members from another Club, and that a couple of Members have refused to renew their ANRC membership. J. B. raised the issue that P. Y. C. take ANRC subs at the same time when the Club subs are due. J. W. added that M. L. W. C. also does it this way. J. B. suggested that as every Clubs subs are due at different times, a possible Rule change. A letter was suggested to be sent to each Club, asking them their feelings about adding the ANRC subs to the Clubs' subs when Club subs are due. It was suggested to take subs payments between January and the last day in April each year, proposed for the AGM. As ANRC subs are normally due on 1st January each year, and that some Clubs take the payment when the Clubs' subs are due, it was proposed to put forward to the ANRC AGM that receipt of subs payment be between January 1st and April 31st of each year, to take immediate effect.

Prop: J. W.

Sec: B. G.

AOB

D. L. asked about the discussion regarding a Remembrance Book, and whether we had managed to get one. The answer was no, not at present. B. G. has offered a possibility of a donation of a Remembrance Book, if not details of where to get them will be provided.

J. B. stated that he had asked the EA how many moorings and water points they had on the River Nene, as he would like to produce another 'Stepping Stones' leaflet. The answer was that the EA has 74 moorings on the River Nene. B. G. answered that these were upside and lower side of locks. J. H. stated that there are a lot more water points on the River, which both J. H. and J. B. agreed that there was about 15. J. B. has sent an email to confirm, but has yet to receive a reply. J. H. suggested rephrasing the question to ask how many overnight moorings they have.

T. G. enquired about pennants, when will he receive them. J. B. answered that he had brought them thinking that T. G. would be attending. J. B. stated that he will get them to him. T. G. added that the new Member has been enquiring about it, which J. B. stated that he would send 5 pennants to T. G.

Meeting concluded at 9:10pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at N. B. C. on Friday 12th May 2017 at 8pm.

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