



The Association of Nene River Clubs

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ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 11th November 2016 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),
Kay Westmorland – K. W. – (A. N. R. C. Rep),
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 received.

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 9th September 2016

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

Proposed: J. H.

Seconded: P. S.

Matters Arising

J. W. mentioned the matter of the Insurance for the Marquees, and that he was unable to get any quotes as there was no permanent address where the Marquees were being kept to register for quotes. It was confirmed by J. L. that P. Y. C. have agreed for the ANRCs' trailer to be kept at P. Y. C. At the last meeting the subject of Insurance quotes had also been given to P. S. J. W. has received the address recently, and J. B. suggested that both J. W. and P. S. obtain quotes.

J. L. mentioned that P. Y. C.'s Insurance is through Haven, Knox, Johnson where P. Y. C. receives 10% discount on their own insurances, through one of their members. J. L. suggested that it might be worth trying them.

J. B. asked if a covering letter to state that the Marquees are being stored at P. Y. C., which J. W. replied possibly. J. L. offered to write a covering letter, which J. B. replied if she could. J. L. is to write a covering letter. J. B. asked J.L. if the trailer was covered by P. Y. C.'s insurance, following the break-in at P. Y. C., as he had asked John Crisp who was going to check.

J. L. replied that she had talked to John Crisp and was advised that as far as he is aware trailers, or moveable objects, stored at P. Y. C. are not covered as the insurance company state that they are the responsibility of the owner. J. L. and D. L. stated that this is still being looked into, and needs confirming once Dean Chapman has returned. J. L. will let J. B. know.

J. W. explained, regarding the damaged Marquee after it was hired to M. C. C., that there was no team in March to disassemble the Marquee that it was J. W. on his own. The Marquee had been up for 4 weeks, whilst J. W. had been on holiday. J. W. had liaised with M. C. C., with Tom and Linda kindly offered to help to supervise putting the Marquee down, once there was good weather. There had been no contact from M. C. C., with the Marquee still erected on J. W.'s return. One corner of the Marquee was full of water, which was pushed out so that it could dry out overnight. There were 3 people to take down the Marquee, which there was way they could have been cleaned as it was being done between showers. J. W. then reiterated that there is no team in March and is unable to erect and disassemble the Marquees on his own. J. B. replied that an alteration to the hire sheet that Clubs must supply 4 people, and to specify a time limit including cleaning. P. S. stated that in the previous meeting it was mentioned that at the last meeting that a team of 6 is required by the hiring club. J. B. suggested that the hire agreement should be revised. T. G. added that there are Marquee companies who can professionally wash Marquees in special machines, and dry them. P. S. and J. W. replied that this is at a cost of £800 a go per Marquee. P. S. had looked into this before. The current team consists of J. B., P. S. K. S., J. W., Sue George, and the children, and that it is costing a fortune in fuel. The Marquees are for the benefit of the ANRC Clubs and the Individual Membership, and help would be appreciated.

J. W. then mentioned that he has not been given the ANRC signage for Fotheringhay moorings. J. B. replied he was going to bring the signage this evening but was advised not to due to as J. W. would be busy with his narrowboat. J. B. that something needs to be sorted, and stated that he is unable to get down to the mooring, which J. W. added that neither can he as he has no car at the moment. It needs a boat or a 4 wheel drive vehicle to get down to the mooring. J. W. also added that Fotheringhay needs digging out again, he could not get in with his boat, that they were about three feet of the bank because of the silting. J. L. added that there had been an incident two Sundays ago the water level had dropped, mentioned by one of P. Y. C.'s members. A boater had gone through and left six or seven locks left the wrong way round. K. W. had noticed an EA van, and had asked the EA employee if the locks were meant to be the wrong way round, as they had just come several set the wrong way. K. W. added that he had not even realised. J. B. then asked R. S. if his boat was working or if it had now been winterised. R. S. answered that it has been winterised. J. B. added to leave it with him, to try to get a 4 wheel drive. It was then discussed the subject of obtaining moorings with members volunteering, and when moorings are obtained the volunteers disappeared, and that it is just a small team who are trying to keep them maintained. J. W. suggested that Clubs closest to moorings be responsible for the upkeep, such as E. B. C. being closest to Fotheringhay. J. B. asked R. S. if he was able to get members to go down to maintain it. R. S. replied that there were members who were prepared to look after it, but their boat was laid up until about a month ago. J. B. asked R. S. if he could organise a team and to let J. B. know, and a boat, so that would enable us to put in a couple of posts and cement, so that a sign can be erected.

K. W. mentioned the original cost of the trophies to bring them up to date was £54, but a cheque was written for £85. K. W. queried this. K. W. asked about the receipt for this, and that she has asked for this to be sent by email. K. S. replied that she did not like sending things like this by email, as she has already had one email address hacked into, and that if she had posted it the receipts would not have been available this evening. K. W. replied that she had sent the cheque to K. S. on 8th October 2016, which K. S. replied that it had taken a long time to get these engraved due to a lot of problems. P. S. added that there had been a problem with one of the engravings, as the shields that go onto the trophies were not standard stock. K. W. added that she could not reconcile the accounts because she did not know the figure, which K. S. replied that the trophies were only collected the other week. K. S. added that it has taken weeks to sort out the engravings, and that the original quote was to get the trophies engraved up to 2015, but the decision was to get them engraved up to 2016, which is why there is about a £30 difference.

J. B. also added that we were unsure whether the Clubs would get these engraved, and decided to get these engraved up to 2016, which was well worth the extra £31. D. S. asked about the whereabouts of the trophies, which K. S. replied that they had been brought with her. B. G. mentioned that it used to be the Clubs responsibility to have the trophies engraved, which there was agreement. J. B. added yes but the Clubs had not been doing this, and in the past the ANRC had offered to have the engraving done and for the Clubs to reimburse the cost, but some Clubs had refused.

J. B. suggested that a letter will be sent to all Clubs outlining that it will be the winning Clubs' responsibility to get the trophies engraved. B. G., J. L. and several Committee Members agreed. J. W. suggested to invoice Clubs who do not have the trophies engraved, which J. L. agreed. J. B. also added that Clubs would be billed for engraving and costs, as it costs to take them and collect them.

K. W. also mentioned the Treasurers Report, and that she had requested that a letter be sent to the bank asking for statements to be sent to K. W. instead of J. B.'s address, and that her address was good enough for the bank, and should be good enough for the ANRC. J. B. answered that at the last meeting it was decided that it should be a residential address, if the Committee decide otherwise then that is up to them. J. W. stated that personally the Treasurer should be getting the statements. J. L. suggested that the bank send statements to both addresses. K. W. mentioned that she had had to go to the bank twice today for missing statements, and had spoken to the bank and could get duplicate copies sent to her. J. B. answered that he had sent the statements he had received to K. W. by email. K. W. answered that she had been sent one, but she was missing two, which J. B. replied that that was what he was sent but has now finally got them all. J. W. stated that K. W. is trying to get the accounts done, but is unable as she does not have all the information. J. B. asked the Committee what they would like to do, to have the statements sent to both addresses, which a letter could be sent. All agreed to have bank statements sent to both J. B. and K. W.

K. W. then raised the matter of the email K. S. and J. B. had sent her asking for clarification on what was the missing information that K. W. required. J. B. replied that he had not sent an email, and K. S. added that K. S. had sent the email and copied J. B. into it. J. B. then added that the only email that he had sent K. W. was about chasing the missing pennants, and had yet to receive an answer. K. W. replied that she had not been able to do anything yet as she was busy trying to sort the accounts. K. W. then added that the auditor has already made an adjustment for the missing pennants, that his has already been audited and signed off. J. B. replied that he has to give a statement as to where these missing pennants have gone. K. W. answered that the accounts are created from the information given to the book keeper or treasurer, which J. B. then added that he still needs to know and account for how many were sold. K. W. added that she had to make an adjustment of £146 for what cannot be accounted for, because they have not been entered as being sold. J. B. stated that he has never seen that many pennants, but K. W. asked that as the accounts were already audited and signed off, how could it be disputed now? J. B. replied that K. W. had raised it that they were wrong, and J. B. stated that he is responsible, and as far as he is concerned there are seventy odd pennants missing, and that he had never been given seventy odd pennants. J. B. continued that John Crisp had given them to Lorraine Walters, but this is disputed. J. B. stated that he is accountable to the Membership at the next AGM, how many have been sold. J. W. added that this is where the information needs to be taken when taking money in, it has to be itemised as to what it is for. J. B. mentioned that previous Treasurers have done this, which is why J. B. asked for information as to how many was sold previously, and added that all pennants are dealt with separately. K. W. stated that she had no idea as she had not looked into the pennant situation. K. W. also added that she would give J. B. the box for him to sort as she does not have time, which J. B. replied that this is the Treasurers responsibility.

ANRC Website

J. B. asked the Committee if anyone had checked the website, and what they thought of the website. J. H. stated that it is not very good, as there is no information, such as the next Committee meeting date and such. J. H. went on to state that a lot of the information seems to be very old information, unless he is on the incorrect website. J. B. asked which website was he going on, which J. H. answered that he just puts in ANRC in the search bar. J. B. asked if the ANRC Officers up to date on the website, because if they are not J. H. may be going onto Jim Sheeds' website. J. H. said no it wasn't, which J. B. added that he and Adrian Cleave have been trying for years to get rid of the other website. J. B. then went on to state that if ANRC is entered into the search bar that it automatically takes you to Jim Sheeds' website.

J. L. added that P. Y. C. also has another website that they are unable to remove, and that once it is on it stays there. K. W. added that someone has paid for it, and someone must be paying for it to be hosted. K. W. stated that if payment is not made for hosting a site then it should disappear, which J. B. agreed but also added that the ANRC does not pay anyone for hosting the site. J. B. added that Jim Sheed is not paying for it, and the ANRC are not paying for it. J. L. also added that P. Y. C. have not paid for theirs either, and it is still there and still comes up. J. W. also mentioned that Jim Sheed has his own website, and Jim Sheeds' ANRC website is a subsidiary of it. J. B. says he has emails from Jim Sheed stating that he had requested the site to be removed. J. B. added that Adrian is pretty efficient, and would welcome comments from all, if there is something that people feel should or would like to be on the website, to let us know.

J. B. asked if there was anything else regarding the website, which J. H. added that O. C. C.'s details were wrong, the Secretary is wrong, the Commodore is wrong, the Harbour Master is wrong. K. S. asked for the list and she would let Adrian know. K. W. asked K. S. that in the last meeting she was to contact all the Clubs to get up to date contact details, which K. S. replied that she did a couple of months ago but had not passed on the details to Adrian until recently, and this is what Adrian has put on. K. S. stated that the information came off O. C. C.'s website also. K. S. asked J. H. to let her know if there are to be any changes. J. L. confirmed that she replied to K. S. with all the details on. J. H. said that a lot of websites do not give addresses, which J. B. asked by what J. H. meant. J. H. went on to explain that the site mentions the Club, but does not have a Club address. J. B. replied that if you go onto the ANRC website there are links to the Clubs. J. H. added that even the Clubs do not display their addresses, because he says that he does not know where all the clubs are and has to find the addresses, which is not all that easy. J. B. replied that the Clubs usually give a postcode or a grid reference. P. S. added that if you go onto the website and click on a Club, this should send you straight to their website through the links. J. B. added that all that the ANRC have agreed to is to create links to the Club sites otherwise the ANRC would be just doubling up.

Captain's Report

J. B. began by updating the meeting about Islip Footbridge. J. B. handed out the plans for Islip Bridge for the Committee to have a look at. The funding cost for this project at £200K, and the span of the bridge is 14 metres, which is why it is costing a lot of money. So far, contributors to the cost of the funding include Northamptonshire County Council 100K, EA 25K, East Northamptonshire Council £50K, the ANRC £1K, Islip Parish Council £1K, Thrapston Parish Council £2K, which leaves a shortage of £20K. J. H. aid that he was told by an EA employee, that they will be paying what is short. J. B. confirmed that the EA is paying 25K only. J. H. insisted that the EA employee said that the deficit would be made up by EA, which J. B. replied no they are not, this is assured. The EA have not got the money to make this up. The 25k has got to be spent within the next 2 months otherwise this goes out of the budget. This money is being forwarded onto Northamptonshire County Council. The other 20K is levelled at other independents, and we are going through all the Clubs, which K. S. will explain. K. S. stated that letters had been sent out to all the ANRC affiliated Clubs, to the non-affiliated Clubs, and also Friends of the River Nene, AWCC, and numerous others as well. K. S. added that she has had responses from a member of the AWCC, N. B. C. no, heard nothing from B. B. C., nothing from O. C. C. at present, which J. H. added that this was still going through the Committee but possibly about £500. J. B. added that this was fantastic and completely unexpected. K. S. carried on, nothing heard from P. C. C., nothing from E. B. C., which R. S. confirmed that there would be no contribution, P. Y. C. are donating £250, J. B. and K. S. thanked J. L. and D. L., B. K. added that nothing from M. L. W. C. as they are waiting to see what the other Clubs are donating, nothing from M. C. C., which M. L. and B. G. added that it has not been discussed yet but would possibly give something, no reply from M. N. C. C., and no reply from P. C. C. J. B. stressed that this is not just for the Clubs, but for every person who uses the river. J. H. asked if we had sent letters to hire boat companies, which the answer was yes, but is an ongoing process. However, there is good news. The 20K will be raised and work will start in March 2017. J. B. added that he is to attend another meeting in December. J. H. stated that it was the river inspector who advised J. H., which J. B. added that he would not be privy to the correct information. S. K. asked if a letter had been sent to Peterborough Council, which the reply was no.

It was suggested that more funding should sourced from elsewhere, with the suggestions of Peterborough Borough Council, the Lottery Fund, and the Land Fill Fund. EA is unable to apply for a lottery grant. About 20 letters had been sent in total. Following the meeting in October, the Sailing Club may be promising maybe, following their meeting in October, £250 from the Club plus £30 from individuals. Letters are to be written by K. S.

Attended another meeting, with K. S., which was quite interesting but much the same as the others talking about all different schemes, a bit like the Nenescape scheme. J. B. then added that had some doubts about this scheme, and we need to carry on with these meetings. J. B. and K. S. added that the meeting was to do with Waterscape study and River Nene Regional Park. J. B. says it is looking promising.

Vice Captain's Report

J. W. mentioned that he had brought his new narrowboat from Newark to March, and should be fighting CRT taking over the EA because the locks on the canals were in a bit of a state, half of the locks do not work properly, when gate paddles are broken they are just blanked off, and after speaking to one of the workmen they had advised that when things are broken they are not fixing them, but just taping it up.

There were also problems on the Leicester Arm, being stuck at one lock. Stoppages had been brought forward before the end of the season, and shut the lock for four weeks, but luckily J. W. and K. W. had only been stuck for four days.

J. W. went on to state that money is being spent on the tow paths for non-paying visitors to walk along the canals. J. B. added that this is what is concerning him about schemes such as Nenescape, that they want to spend a lot of money to get the public down to the river, which J. B. had stated in the meeting he and K. S. had attended that this would bring down undesirable people. J. B. and J. W. added that we all have complaints about the EA, but the locks are in good stead. K. W. added about notifications, that if CRT did the same then they would not have been in the situations both herself and J. W. had been in. J. B. and J. W. also stated that this was more than likely something to do with the transition towards CART, and that we should fight tooth and nail. All were in agreement.

J. W. also went on to mention that it was noted that in every lock and key box there were application forms for another organisation. The forms included ways to pay membership fees, including cheque, cash, BACS and bank details are included. The ANRC Clubs are going to have to do more to help the awareness of the ANRC. J. B. mentioned the retirement of D. P., and the fact he has been proactive and managed to get 45 M. N. C. C. members, which is unheard of being in double figures for M. N. C. C.

J. W. began updating the meeting regarding Welchs Dam. EAWA are still awaiting the EAs' visit so that they can inspect the lock, but are stalling. The expert from the IWA is currently involved. Currently, the funds for the project stand at 17 to 18K, and run work parties every fortnight on a Wednesday.

J. W. then mentioned that he has a farmer who is willing to offer moorings.

J. W. also added that help is needed to look after the moorings, Cotterstock is still fenced off. J. B. answered that he has given up on this mooring, due to the problem with the fencing. It is a dangerous mooring, and the signage is to be removed.

J. W. suggested a regular newsletter to inform boaters what the ANRC are doing, as most people do not know. K. W. also suggested involving the press, as the press are always looking for newsworthy material, and would be worth mentioning the work put into Islip Bridge. P. S. stated that his has already gone onto Towpath, but K. W. replied that the general public does not see it. J. W. suggested a database so that these newsletters could be sent out. J. B. then asked for a contribution for the newsletter from each Rep, so that a newsletter can be done. T. G. asked if the ANRC members have been approached by the Reps asking for any feedback, and if they have any questions they want to put forward to the ANRC. J. W. answered that he did approach the Club members.

K. W. asked for an update on the reversing of the locks as we have not heard anything. J. B. replied that he has not either. K. W. mentioned that there was to be no consultation, which J. B. and J. W. added that there is a meeting on 23rd November 2016 and should know more by then. J. B. then added that it had been mentioned to him that it was to go ahead, with J. B.s' reply was not as far as he was aware. J. L. also mentioned that she had been told that it was going ahead. There have been no consultations held. K. W. mentioned that the notes are still on the locks about the non-reversal of locks. J. W. also mentioned that some boaters have taken that the non-reversing of locks meant that they do not need to turn the locks round, and leave them as they are. There has been some confusion with boaters thinking that as the locks will not be reversed that they no longer need to turn locks around, as several locks have been left this way.

Secretary's Report

K. S. started by saying that some of the issues had already been discussed earlier.

Thank you letters and get well cards were sent on behalf of the ANRC Committee. A thank you letter was sent to P. Y. C. for their donation towards Islip Footbridge.

A second thank you letter had been sent to J. L. and D. L. for their donation of a first aid kit to the ANRC. A get well card was sent out to R. S., following his recent accident.

J. W. asked if it was possible that the minutes could be sent earlier. K. S. replied that she has had to deal with personal issues and forms, but would try to make sure that minutes are sent out earlier.

J. B. asked K. S. to explain the recent meeting they had attended. K. S. explained that the meeting involved River Nene Regional Park, which is a Heritage Lottery funded project, with funding of 2.6 million pounds.

The project is an EA, back water, and restoration related project. They wanted background history and information, and we were asked to pin point areas of history and interest along the maps of the River Nene. They also wanted to know what we thought wanted changing, and looking at the heritage itself. K. W. mentioned that this information is in the archives, and to ask the public for their knowledge considering the cost of producing these archives seems a little obscene. J. B. mentioned that he had stated in this meeting that we have an unspoilt river, and was against it. J. W. mentioned that there is a new marina opened at Barnwell, which opened last week. A massive area just before Barnwell has been dug out, but no electric as of yet. T. G. added that the plan is for floating moorings, electrics and water points. J. H. also added that the owner is not in a hurry to complete it.

Treasurer's Report

K. W. stated that she is unable to reconcile the books, due to insufficient information. K. W. explained how records should be kept, membership numbers, how money is taken and for what, and what is the most profitable areas. A discrepancy is showing of £255 in petty cash, money which is unknown where it has come from, because the correct information has not been supplied. J. L. asked as a thought the pennants and regalia, can you not use a little slip with detailed information such as completed at the time it was done, who it was sold to, how much, etc. J. B. answered that in the past, money is handed to the Treasurer with the information that it was for, e.g. membership and also if pennant was sold and how much for. J. L. asked what happens if a member buys one at a separate time, which J. B. replied it is still recorded the same. J. B. asked K. W. that he has to distinguish between cash and cheque, which K. W. replied yes. A discussion developed between J. B. and K. W. regarding the Dinner and Dance money, and that the information that J. B. had given K. W. showed 33 sold tickets. K. W. explained that she had already accounted and reconciled Dinner and Dance tickets sold by Adrian Cleave and Dave Peryer into the account. J. B. stated he was not aware of this. K. W. stated that all she requires is the date that the money was taken, what it is for, and who it was from. J. L. added that she deals with the Social events, and does not hand over anything to John Crisp until the event is over and put on a spreadsheet, which J. B. says that this is what he does. K. W. responded that it works if handing over a lump sum but does not work if petty cash is involved. K. W. went on to explain that, as we are at opposite ends of the river, petty cash is needed at Northampton end for any consumables needed.

K. W. advised that £100 has been taken out of the bank, and suggested that K. S. keep the petty cash, as she would be most likely to need it for consumables that once a payment has been made that a photograph of the receipt should be sent to K. W. by text then the books could be kept up to date. P. S. suggested that an agreement be made that £30 is kept with J. B. and £30 kept at March, which K. W. replied that she did not need cash. J. B. asked if £50 would be enough to be kept for petty cash, which K. W. advised again that £100 had been taken out, £35 of it to repay K. S. for toner cartridges and postage etc. J. B. asked K. S. to settle what petty cash is owed, and J. B. will take on the £50 petty cash. J. B. then reiterated that whatever money he receives for membership he will bank, and will send K. W. a copy of the receipt. K. W. said to keep what is left, and when the money increases to £100 to bank £50.

J. W. mentioned that at P. Y. C. John Crisp has gone over to internet banking, which J. L. confirmed. J. W. suggested thinking about this. J. L. confirmed that some P. Y. C. members pay in that way. J. B. added that it is a small amount, and most members would not wish to pay this way. J. W. then asked when the increase in the individual membership is to take place, which J. B. replied January next year. J. W. asked if the Clubs have been informed, which S. K. and B. K. have been asked and paid £5. K. W. informed the meeting that M. L. W. C. has already started collecting the fees already. J. B. reiterated that any increase in fees, are normally applied the following financial year.

S. K. added that M. L. W. C. used to pay their fees in March, but do not pay now until October, which would automatically include the ANRC subs, and then the Club pays the lump sum. Members pay the subs to the Club, and then the Club pays the ANRC. J. B. says that there is a problem with this as the ANRC subs are due in January.

J. L. suggested a letter should be sent out now to the Clubs advising them of the £1 increase in the subs. An email was suggested to be sent to the Clubs, which J. B. requested K. S. to do. J. L. advised that she could print off the email, pin it to the Club Notice board, and would inform the Committee. K. W. then asked J. B. how the accounts could be reconciled, as we are £253 more than what should be. A discussion followed as to where the money has come from. K. W. said that the copy of the Dinner and Dance spreadsheet that J. B. had given her did not include the alteration that only £100 was given to D. S. for the band instead of £150, which means that the surplus is around £200.

J. L. suggested that it could be money banked on top of what was already banked from Dinner and Dance ticket money taken at the Rally. K. W. replied that it was not this as it was money in the petty cash. J. B. said that he has £3.60 of petty cash. K. W. asked if the Clubs could be contacted to see if anyone has pennants, which J. B. replied that no-one has, and that he had never seen seventy odd pennants.

There is currently £10,030.21 in the bank. J. B. asked to go through the bank statements regarding unknown payments. One cheque was 3rd November 2016 for N. B. C. for £200, which was a duplicate cheque as K. W. had already issued a cheque on 21st June 2016 which was never cleared. J. B. and K. W. worked out that it was one of the cheques that had to be cancelled. The other was one issued on 8th October which cleared on 3rd November 2016. Another cheque, number 77, was for promo wear which is for the membership cards, cheque number 78 was for Adrians' hosting of the website, cheque number 79 was for the new trailer, cheque number 80 for £616 was for the Bridge Hotel, cheque number 81 was for J. W. for the repair kit which has yet to clear. J. W. added that he has managed to get a repair kit, a new pole, and a rain gutter. K. W. continued that there was also the £100 cash for K. S., a cheque of £85 written for Timpsons for the engraving. The cheques still waiting to clear is the cheque for J. W. and the Timpsons cheque. J. B. felt that the first cheque for N. B. C. was destroyed, as he had been advised that they did not want it, and then they changed their mind. K. W. then queried the cheque for £45 received from NVS, which J. B. replied that they are Northampton Volunteer Service, which are the new affiliated organisation. This organisation is very interested in the ANRC, and will be doing some free demonstrations etc.

ANRC Rally 2017

J. L. explained that everything is in progress and that every Friday night in January P. Y. C. will be starting scenery etc. By the next meeting in January at P. Y. C. the mooring forms and tent forms should be available. J. B. asked if P. Y. C. would like to use the ANRC forms which are used every year, which J. L. agreed. J. B. will send over a copy to J. L. for her to print off. Packs for the Clubs should be available to the Reps at our next ANRC Committee meeting on 13th January 2017, which is being held at P. Y. C.

Navigation Updates

J. B. stated that updates are usually put on as soon as he receives them. J. W. asked if there was any way of receiving just one message rather than half a dozen, as he receives half a dozen messages from J. B. and then another half a dozen from P. S. J. B. stated he puts them onto the ANRC Clubs, where P. S. shares them to other sites including canal sites. K. W. asked P. S. if he could share them from the ANRC and not from his Face Book, which K. W. added that this is shared by P. S. but is not coming from the ANRC page, where P. S. replied that this is coming from the ANRC Face Book page. K. W. state that this makes it look unprofessional, that if P. S. is an admin he should be able to post as the ANRC. P. S. explained that when he shares the posts, the ANRC post still shows as ANRC. J. W. stated that it is not a problem. T. G. advised that Stan Ground lock is to be closed for six weeks, and J. W. mentioned that Well Creek will also be closed after Christmas for two months. J. B. suggested that if anyone had any information to send on the information to J. B. and he will post.

J. B. then mentioned that D. P. was retiring as Membership Rep for M. N. C. C. D. P. announced that T. G. will be taking over his position. J. B. introduced T. G. as M. N. C. C. Membership Rep, and asked T. G. to introduce himself. All the Committee were asked to introduce themselves, and what they do in the ANRC and what they do in their Clubs. Everyone introduced themselves.

Dinner and Dance 2017

J. B. suggested holding the next ANRC Dinner and Dance at one of the Clubs, to cut down on the expense. The meal was very good at laying up supper at N. B. C. with entertainment, K. S. and P. S. enjoyed the laying up supper at P. Y. C. for £8. J. B. continued by asking if either of these Clubs be willing to hold an ANRC Dinner and Dance. D. S. replied that he thought N. B. C. would, but obviously would need to go to the Committee. B. G. added that he would prefer it to be at P.Y. C. because it is not as far as N. B. C. J. B. then asked if letters could be sent to both Clubs asking what their thoughts would be, and should both Clubs agree then have the Dinner and Dance at one Club, and another function during the summer at the other Club. K. W. suggested that if we have the Rally in the middle of the season, and the Dinner and Dance at the end of the season, the ANRC could do with something in the beginning of the season to kick the year off. J. L. stated that whichever Club would be holding it, whoever is doing the cooking is not involved in anything else because they do not even come out to mix, as this a lot of work involved.

J. B. added that Clubs could have a share of the profit, which J. W. added that this would be a problem as the Clubs would want to make a big profit, and the ANRC would do too. T. G. asked if the whole aspect of the Dinner and Dance would be changed, as T. G. felt that this is a night out as a separate organisation away from the Club and members are paying for the experience, dressing up, and by having this experience at a club you cannot exclude other members of that club. J. L. agreed and added that members who have not paid could wander in as and when. J. B. stated that this was not thought about. J. W. suggested asking the Clubs to locate venues near their Clubs, which J. B. added the Reps, and asked the Reps to look. J. L. added that they should look for somewhere that will hold a reasonable amount of people, and to keep them in one area. J. L. suggested find an inexpensive hall that can be spruced up, that there is always a team at P. Y. C. that can do the tables and flower arranging etc, get a catering company in and a bar. J. L. also added that in most cases the bar would not be charged as the money would be taken on the drinks. J. W. added that he can get a catering company in. J. B. asked if everyone could find out some details, the more ideas we have the more we can decide on what we want. Sim, a member at P. Y. C. who does entertainment at P. Y. C., would be prepared to be the entertainment at a very reasonable cost. J. W. suggested a barn dance in the middle of the summer. J. B. replied that most Clubs have something going on during that time, but he liked the idea of doing something early, something that could be held centrally to everyone. J. B. asked the Reps if they could investigate this, with a view to having some information at the next meeting in January, as venues would need to be booked.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

J. B. stated that we had already discussed Fotheringhay moorings, and that we are waiting for a suitable vehicle to get down there to put up the sign.

J. B. stated that when he next travels down river, he will remove the signage. J. W. added that he has spoken to a farmer last week but the farmer was a bit busy, but J. W. has his contact number. It is a place, according to the farmer, that boaters stop there anyway. J. W. will keep in touch with the farmer.

J. W. asked J. B. what was happening with the EA moorings. J. B. answered that there is a new person, who J. B. collars at every meeting, and J. B. has still yet to hear anything. J. B. will approach Sue Cant again, and also Irven Forbes.

T. G. then asked if there was any news regarding the repairs to the moorings at Titchmarsh Lock, to stop boaters repairing boats whilst boaters are trying to moor for 48 hours on this mooring. J. B. stated that when there is money available, then they will repair it.

Boat Watch

J. B. stated that things have been quite quiet, other than the break in at P. Y. C. J. L. explained that an individual came in through the fence at the side of the electric gate, which has now been fully reinforced. The perpetrator was caught on CCTV, and when leaving he was staggering after drinking half a bottle of scotch. Damage was done to the ANRC trailer and to one of the containers, and also broke into 3 chalets where he took wine and a pair of chest waders. He had also rifled through several boats. Police feel that he had gone up the other side, possibly an eastern European, who had thought that there may have been something worth stealing.

The perpetrator would have had to walk down from the main road, so was obviously not looking for out boards as would not have been able to carry them. He had taken childrens' medicines, food and bottles of wine. There was only one person. A shoe print was found, but Police were unable to match it. J. W. suggested that he must have had an angle grinder, which J. L. added that he had a disc cutter. D. L. added that he had cut through the steel cover over the padlock, which is a quarter inch steel, on the container, straight through.

J. B. asked if there is anything that he does not pick up, please email J. B. so he can put onto Boat Watch. T. G. then asked J. B. if Northamptonshire Police took up Boat Watch, which J. B. replied no but when he attended the meeting and mentioned that Cambridgeshire Police were part of it, but Northamptonshire Police pulled out of the scheme, J. B. was advised that they were working on Northamptonshire Police to rejoin the scheme. T. G. offered to do some chasing himself, and try to get a meeting arranged.

Memberships

Memberships were given to K. W.

D. S. asked for clarification regarding the individual membership fees for this year, has it now increased to £6, which the answer was yes.

J. B. explained anything financial that has passed in an AGM does not come into effect until the next financial year. D. S. then asked if the Membership Cards would be available to hand out straightaway, as it caused a lot of problems last time. J. B. advised that there are 250 cards left, and will be putting in an order with Tony Rawlings for a possible 300 Membership Cards and 300 stickers.

AOB

T. G. advised the meeting of his email address.

P. S. mentioned to J. B. about his idea for a fundraiser using P. Y. C.s' train track at the Brain of The River Nene. P. S. asked J. L. and D. L. if this could be used. The date for the Brain of the Nene is Saturday 28th January 2016, D. L. will be in the bar with P. S., J. L. said run it. P. S. suggested of bottles of wine from the Clubs as prizes, which J. B. agreed. A letter will be sent to all Clubs asking if they would be kind enough to donate a prize.

P. S. then advised the meeting that he had been checking the web for football scratch cards, and the costs. For 10 cards, designed by the ANRC, would cost £1.29, and for 100 would cost £9.99. J. W. asked how much money is made off a football scratch card, which J. B. replied as much as you want. J. L. mentioned about £30 at least. P. S. added that we can set our own stake. S. K. asked who was going to purchase them, which J. B. stated that ANRC. The cards would be given to the Repts, and over the year, just sell them. S. K. also added that this would be difficult as the Clubs will be too busy trying to make their own profits. J. L. suggested splitting it in some way. T. G. added that this would be an incentive for non-members, as this would be a talking point. The proposal to purchase 100 football cards, with the ANRC design on it, was put forward. All agreed to purchase the cards.

Proposer: P. S.

Seconded: J. B.

D. L. suggested the production of an ANRC leaflet to be given to new members upon joining.

J. W. also suggested an ANRC Membership Pack, to include Discounts, information, etc., that could be sent out to new members. T. G. suggested a pack to be available on the ANRC stand when used for events. T. G. advised that he has possibly 3 to 4 good members possibly thinking about joining the ANRC. J. W. reiterated the importance of restarting the leaflets, J. B. reminded the Repts to forward on their ideas.

Time set to arrive at P. Y. C. for everyone, due to the gates needing to be manned, will be 7:30pm to 7:45pm.

J. W. asked about who was setting the questions for the Brain of the Nene, which J. B. replied he was. The issue of speakers was raised, a last year P. Y. C. had problems with their speakers in the bar. J. L. replied that they will try to sort something.

Meeting concluded at 10.30pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at P. Y. C. on Friday 13th January 2017 at 8pm.

Brain of the Nene will be taking place at P. Y. C. on Saturday 28th January 2017, with the gates open between 7pm and 7:30pm.

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