



The Association of Nene River Clubs

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ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 12th January 2018 at Elton Boat Club starting 8pm

Members Attending

John Brown – J. B. – (A. N. R. C. Captain),
Dennis Sacker – D. S. – (A. N. R. C. Vice Captain),
Karen Scrivener – K. S. – (A. N. R. C. Secretary),
Paul Scrivener – P. S. – (A. N. R. C. Treasurer),
Ron Smith- R. S. – (E. B. C. Rep),
John Harris – J. H. – (O. C. C. Rep),
Bernard Keane – B. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Sylvia Keane – S. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Elaine Hansen – E. H. - (O. C. C. Rep),
Mark Hansen – M. H. – (Guest),
Mick Blackwell – M. B. – (N. B. C. Rep),
Mike Thorne – M. H. – (N. B. C. Rep),
Jeff Walters – J. W. – (Guest),
Richard Ganderton – R. G. – (Guest),
Brian Gowler – B. G. – (M. C. C. Rep),
Mike Lyons – M. L. – (M. C. C. Rep).

Apologies for Absence

Adrian Cleave (A. N. R. C. Web Master).

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 10th November 2017

J. B. asked everyone to establish if they had read their minutes.

Proposer: S. K.

Seconded: D. S.

Matters Arising

Nothing arose from the minutes of the previous meeting.

ANRC Website

It was mentioned that the information on the website is a bit thin on the ground. Currently, the website is only displaying the details of Brain of the Nene, but no details of the Rally. Unsure if A.C. has been receiving the minutes. This issue needs to be addressed, and the Rally information and booking in forms are to be sent to A. C. so they can be displayed on the website. Rally details are to be passed onto A.C. J. B. instructed the meeting that if any of the Clubs needed any information to be displayed on the website, to send details to J. B., K. S. or A. C. E. H. asked if Clubs could put details on the ANRC Facebook page themselves. J. B. explained that this cannot be done as information goes through administrators before being displayed on the page. There are 4 ANRC Facebook administrators.

Captain's Report

J. B. stated that there has not been a lot going on at present. With regards to Islip Bridge, the plaque which is due to be mounted onto the bridge, has been redesigned, displays all contributors towards the project. J. B. feels that the ANRC should be further up on the plaque of contributors, but list is displayed in the order of donation size. It had been stressed to the Council that the ANRC has been one of the initial instigators of the project right from the beginning. The total donations, raised through the ANRC towards the project, stood at £1900. An opening ceremony is planned, with the contributors to the project being invited, for sometime this year.

Due to work commitments, P. S. has been updating Facebook and the website with the navigation updates.

P. S. asked if the Clubs O. C. C. could forward on the details for the Rally to himself, who will then put them straight onto Facebook. These details will then be sent to A. C. J. B. wondered whether someone else should also have the passwords for the website. P. S. suggested 1 Committee Member from each Club should be an admin so that each Club will have access to the website. His was discussed and decided that this would be too many, and the possibility of only having 1 more admin for the website, someone who is IT literate. J. W. added that A. C. could train the member up. J. B. asked when A. C. returns. J. W. replied 16th March 2018.

J. H. asked what the date was for the ANRC AGM. J. B. replied that the date for the AGM will be Friday 27th April 2018, starting at 8:00pm. J. B. also added that a list of the future Committee Meetings, which normally take place on the second Friday of every other month, will be sorted. Committee Meetings will now be permanently based at E. B. C., verified by R. S., with the AGM taking place at O. C. C.

J. W. asked J. B. if a donation was received from EAWA, and that currently the EAWA Treasurer is unwell. J. B. replied no, not that he was aware of. K. S. added that EAWA sent an email, which was going to be discussed at the last meeting but was unable to due to J. B.s' absence. J. B. also added that that invoice has already had to be altered as it did not match what was on the Councils records. If the donation was received now, it would not go towards the Islip Bridge fund as this has now been closed.

Vice Captain's Report

There is nothing to report. There is not much going on over wintertime.

Secretary's Report

K. S. read out the email from EAWA on 7th November 2017, following the update to the EAWA regarding Islip Footbridge. J. B. established that the email was received after the donations had been closed for Islip Footbridge, and if this had been accepted, it would not have been credited to the fund. J. B. suggested a reply thank you email, with an apology, that it was a kind and generous gesture but unable to accept as donations now closed.

K. S. had written prepared letters addressed to the EA about the state of the River Nene, which had been sent to J. B. for pre-approval before sending. J. B. stated that he has had words with Sue Cant and Irvin Forbes before, discussing the same problem with weeds. The reply from the EA is that they are unable to cut weeds at certain times of the year, and then weed cutting will depend on the oxygenation of the water. J. B. suggests that if the weed problem continues this year, a formal letter should be produced and sent to all Clubs Individual Members to write in to the EA. The more people complain, the better it should be. K. S. suggested members take photographs as evidence. J. B. mentioned that the EA is governed by funding, which has gradually reduced over a number of years, and stated that the river cannot be closed unless passed by an Act of Parliament.

J. W. mentioned that the CR&T had put a bid in for the EA just before Christmas, but no-one knows how much the bid was for.

The RYA invoice has been received. J. B. asked how much they were charging this year. K. S. replied that the charge has not increased and is the same as last year. J. B. went on to say that the RYA membership is used for the legal cover, and then asked for a proposer and seconder to pay the invoice.

Proposed: P. S.

Seconded: J. B.

Treasurer's Report

Income last year was P. Y. C.s' donation of £20 towards Dinner and Dance as they did not attend. Expenses were £40 donation towards Cynthia Spencer Hospice on N. B. C.s' charity weekend. No petty cash sales. Total in the bank is £9718.11. Total petty cash £24.02. Grand total of £9742.13. E. H. asked if this money is to help Clubs with such things like the Rally. J. B. replied yes, that there are usually only small administrative costs taken from the figures. J. B. then explained that funds are raised through small events and the sale of football cards. J. B. also mentioned that M. L. W. C. borrowed £4000 from the A. N. R. C. towards developing the site at M. L. W. C.s' Skouldings Rest, which was interest free. Loans are available to all A. N. R. C. Clubs, interest free.

J. B. asked if anyone had any questions for P. S. regarding the accounts. J. H. stated that O. C. C.s' ANRC Club fees were still owed.

ANRC Rally 2018

E. H. announced that a Sub-Committee has been formed, consisting of around 8 O. C. C. members, and Adrian Cleaves has also been invited to join the Sub-Committee. E. H. also asked if an ANRC Committee Member would also like to be part of the Sub-Committee, which J. B. replied yes. E. H. advised that Committee Meetings will be arranged and will let J. B. know the dates. E. H. stressed that O. C. C. need as much help as they can muster. E. H. asked if the ANRC could pick the events, which was agreed, and that without sorting the events, the programmes cannot be arranged. R. G. stated that he had already arranged the events. E. H. set the first date for the Sub-Committee meeting as 21st January 2018 at 10:30am. J. B. mentioned that the only trophy that is not used is the Barker Cup (Adult Tug of War). R. G. mentioned that the tug of war with the boats is not done anymore, but J. B. answered that this could be brought back in if O. C. C. wished. R. G. asked for a copy of the letter (mooring forms) that goes out to all Clubs, which J. B. replied that yes he could send R. G. a draft copy. M. L. asked where all the boats are going to be moored. R. G. replied that there will be more moorings have been made available around the island.

Navigation Updates

Updates are being displayed on Facebook and the website. On the website there are links to the EA for any navigational information.

ANRC Dinner Dance 2018

The Dinner and Dance event is not getting the support. In 2017, O. C. C. very kindly held a slightly different function which was very successful. Everyone had enjoyed the evening, with no complaints, and good food, good entertainment and great hospitality. There was a possible suggestion of O. C. C. holding something again in 2018, but unable to confirm because O. C. C. is due their AGM. J. B. asked if O. C. C. had done their event dates yet, which the reply is no. Possible date of the event is still to be confirmed. J. B. suggested something like a pig roast. E. H. replied that this can be quite expensive. J. B. answered that the ANRC are always looking to do something different. J. B. also asked R. S. if E. B. C. would hold an ANRC event, something during the summer, which R. S. said he was unsure but would bring it up in the next Committee Meeting.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

No news. Issue had been discussed previously.

Boat Watch

J. B. asked if the forms were still being handed out. The return reply was no, that some do not have forms. J. B. will bring forms, but if any are needed, J. B. stated to just ask. The more members who are involved would create a discouragement for thieves.

The license bill for the Middle Levels has now gone through to the Objections Committee, which is the second stage. B. G. says that this is good so long as it is reciprocal, which he has heard no confirmation. J. W. stated that this would be something like what has been arranged for the Cam. J. W. mentioned that the Middle Level Commissioners will be forming a Navigational Group, because there are a lot of bye laws. M. L. asked how is it to be policed, which the reply was this will be policed the same way as the River Nene.

Memberships

J. B. is to copy old lists, due to problems with J. B.s' computer, and will send them out. R. G. stated that the ANRC does not have a Membership Secretary, which J. B. added not but would need one. R. G. stated that as a Treasurer, he also had to do the Memberships, which became quite confusing. J. B. suggested doing this as a proposition for the AGM, which is an important position. D. S. confirmed that the Membership fee this year is £7, which J. B. agreed. J. B. stated that there are still plenty of Membership cards, which cost £90 last year, and with the static car window stickers, which cost £189 inc vat last year, did we wish to continue with the window stickers as this was a good idea. The meeting responded in agreement to continue. J. B. explained that he had information that there were some who did not wish to continue with them. The stickers are an important part of the Membership. J. W. asked if the ANRC still had pennants, which the reply was yes, but not many. More cards and stickers will be ordered. Cards were handed out to Club Reps attending.

E. H. asked if individual ANRC members could attend the Rally as she had sent an invite by email to M. N. C. C., which J. B. replied yes, that anyone is invited. J. B. reiterated that only Club Members are able to put teams into the Club events, such as the Ruby Plate. J. B. also reiterated that individual ANRC members of a non-member Club can also attend the Brain of the Nene, but are not able to participate in a team.

E. H. mentioned that there was a slight change of plan for the Brain of the Nene. O. C. C. had decided that it would be a little too cold to put the quiz and the teams in the smoking marquee (the overflow). O. C. C. had a massive clear out of the Harbour Masters shed, had cleaned and repainted it. There is a possibility of food, such as sausage and chips, but will not be decided yet. E. H. asked who was running the Raffle, which J. B., J. W. and K. S. replied that the ANRC run the raffle, with each club providing a raffle prize. J. B., P. S. and K. S. always provide individual raffle prizes. Also, O. C. C. will be running a fun quiz in the clubhouse. J. B. asked if the speakers will be used from the Harbour Masters shed to the Club house, which E. H. replied that this would not be possible. J.B. suggested that it was about time that the ANRC bought a PA system for ANRC events, but J. B. was unsure how much they are. J. H. replied that PA systems are not as expensive as they used to be, but need to look into investigating PA systems that would cover what is needed with a reasonable range, 2 good radio mics and at least 2 speakers. J. B. added that this is something that should be considered for Member Clubs to use at ANRC events, but the problem is storing it. The proposal was put forward to consider purchasing a PA system.

Proposed: J. B.

Seconded: J. H.

J. H. and B. G. will look into this.

E. H. mentioned that she was a little disappointed with the answer that she had received following an email she had sent to K. S., requesting collection of the chairs from PYC, which K. S. had replied that O. C. C. need to collect the chairs themselves. E. H. had asked what has happened to the trailer, and why couldn't we help. J. B. replied that when the trailer was broken into, the trailer was damaged. The trailer can be repaired but storing stock in the trailer is not feasible. The ANRC has a lock up at PYC, as this is where the stock will be stored. O. C. C. did sort it in the end. There needs to be a new trailer. E. H. asked where the Marquees are being stored, which J. B. replied that they are currently being stored in the trailer and there would be help to erect the Marquees. J. B. stated that the Club who is using them need to come and collect it themselves, which was the arrangement, but does require a member with a 4x4. P. S. stated that it is always down the same few members to collect and erect. E. H. mentioned that she was still disappointed about the collection of the 12 chairs, but J. B. reiterated that it has always been down to the Clubs themselves to collect stock from PYC, and has not been any different, and is very difficult as J. B., P. S. and K. S. reside in Northampton. K. S. and J. B. stated that O. C. C. will still have support of manpower. S. K. added that equipment was collected by their members, and J. W., from as far away as P. Y. C.

P. S. mentioned about the possibility of hiring a van, possibly one way hire, at the cost of about £250 deposit but rent cost about £50 a day. J. B. recommended P. S. to look into this.

AOB

S. K. mentioned the piece in the IWA magazine, about River Nene, the Ouse and the Middle Level, and mentioned FOTRN. The piece stated about the ability to download maps and points of reference for moorings and water points. S. K. went on to add why our Clubs were not mentioned. E. H. stated that they were being proactive. J. B. asked who would offer to tackle the IWA, as J. B. does not have time. J. B. also added that the ANRC also need to be proactive, but should not be down to just a few members but all members. The ANRC are the only recognised organisation on the River Nene and elsewhere, with the EA, DEFRA, etc. The ANRC do a lot, but we do not boast about it, which S. K. replied that the ANRC should do. J. B. suggested someone write a reply to the IWA magazine. J. W. suggested writing to Chris Howe, or to put a piece into Towpath. J. B. suggested a volunteer, or group of volunteers, as he does not have time. R. G. asked about the position of Fotheringhay and Cotterstock moorings. J. B. replied that Cotterstock mooring is no longer exists, over the argument over the electric fence, and Fotheringhay mooring has apparently collapsed (silted up). J. W. added that it is the maintenance of them, which R. G. stated that this needs someone with a 4x4 to get access. The Cotterstock ANRC sign is currently at O. C. C.

K. S. had been speaking to Josi Loveridge during the week about P. Y. C. Committee requesting information about what was happening with the storage of the Marquees into the container. K. S. had mentioned to Josi that PYC stock was being stored in the container and were not able to store the Marquees in there. The stock has now been moved out of the container, but P. Y. C. Committee would like to know if it is a possibility to store the trailer in the container and when would the Marquee be moved into the container. J. B. replied that storing the trailer in the Marquee would not be possible, and that now the container is free, a date could be set for people to attend to move the Marquees into the container. J. W. suggested to store at O. C. C. until after the Rally. K. S. stated that it needs moving as soon as possible. J. B. suggested Saturday 20th January 2018, to unload the trailer and dispose of the trailer. E. H. suggested possibly asking someone close to O. C. C. to store the trailer, with the Marquees, until after the Rally. E.H. is to email K. S. to let her know, so that K. S. can let P. Y. C. know.

Meeting finished at 9:50pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at E. B. C. on Friday 9th March 2018 at 8pm.

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