



The Association of Nene River Clubs

NBC OCC EBC BBC PYC MLWC MCC

ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 14th July 2017 at Middle Level Watermans Club starting 8pm

Members Attending

John Brown – J. B. – (A. N. R. C. 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),
Josi Loveridge – J. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep),
Dave Loveridge – D. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep),
Dennis Sacker – D. S. – (N. 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. - (O. C. C. observer).

Apologies for Absence

Brian Gowler (M. C. C. Rep), Adrian Cleave (A. N. R. C. Web Master), Dave Peryor (M. N. C. C.), Bill Barry (M. L. W. C. Rep).

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 12th May 2017

The Reps were asked if they had read the minutes from the last meeting. A few minutes passed while Reps were able to read through the minutes. A proposer and seconder was asked for to verify the minutes from the last meeting as true record.

Proposer: P. S.

Secunder: R. S.

Matters Arising

P. S. mentioned that he stated about getting a condolence book in the last meeting, and had looked into this at a cost of £18.95. P. S. continued that he has looked into this again but the book only has 10 pages. J. L. added that she also is looking into a condolence book for P. Y. C. and had suggested that the best place to obtain a condolence book maybe from a funeral parlour. J. L. also mentioned that she is still looking and will advise the ANRC.

ANRC Website

J. B. asked the Reps if they were visiting the website, and happy with it. J. B. continued to mention the Islip Footbridge updates on the website, along with the photographs.

P. S. mentioned that he had asked Adrian to put the navigation updates on the website, but this till has not happened. K. S. was asked to email Adrian regarding this.

Captain's Report

J. B. stated that there has not been a lot happening. In regards to Islip Bridge, a date for the fitting of the new bridge was supposed to be set for 10/7/2017 but had to be out on hold due to a problem that had arisen. A large concrete plinth under the waterline had been discovered on the landowners' land. This plinth would have been easier to remove but the landowner, Mr Ingles, had refused permission to remove it. This meant that the existing plinth would require drilling to enable the fitting of the plinth for the new bridge, which would put the fitting of the new bridge back by possibly a couple of weeks.

J. B. attended a meeting on Wednesday 12th July 2017 regarding projected plans for Wellingborough embankment, various options including taxis, floating restaurants, opening the unused mill as a tourist attraction as a museum. J. B. added that he felt that this was a lot of ifs and buts possibly financed by commercialism which would have an impact on the environment, and that this was only a preliminary meeting with further meetings due. More information will be available at a later stage. J. B. will forward on the minutes of the meeting to K. S. when J. B. receives them, to forward them onto the Clubs.

The ANRC container at PYC has been emptied, discarding some of the chairs. J. B. asked D. L. to arrange a skip, which D. L. will do. Racking has been built in the container to store the marquees, to ensure that the marquees are safe and that as the marquees are in a permanent storage, would be easier to insure. The current trailer where the marquees are being stored will be disposed of. The previous trailer was sold by Jeff Walters. This will mean that if Clubs wish to hire the marquees, the Clubs will need to make their own transport arrangements to collect the marquees and to return them back to the storage container. J. B. congratulated PYC for the excellent help from their members in erecting and dismantling the marquees for the Rally. A roof on one of the marquees is beginning to become damaged, and currently looking into replacing it, which the cost would be approximately £240, but will still look into this. A marquee, the next size up at 14m x 7m, is possibly coming up for a reduced price. If these marquees are on a reduced price then would consider purchasing them, but would call around first. J. B. asked if anyone had any bad comments about purchasing the marquees. The general consensus from the meeting was that they had not received any bad comments and that the marquees have gone down well, and that we had got our monies worth out of them.

Vice Captain's Report

D. S. began by stating that he had heard that the EA has just received a £27 million government grant, and had anyone heard about this. The grant is to link up with the Grand Union from Bedford. It had been mentioned in the recent meeting that D. S. had attended. The EA are also looking into building up the banks on the Fens.

Secretary's Report

K. S. began by mentioning that a thank you letter was written to OCC, sent by email to OCC Club Secretary, for allowing the ANRC to hold the AGM at their Club.

An email was also written to EAWA, passing on an update regarding Islip Footbridge just following the removal of the bridge. A reply was received congratulating the ANRC for the progression of the project, and have requested a report and photographs. J. B. requested that K. S. send a return email asking them to view the ANRC website, where photographs are available to download, and also a reminder regarding the donation of £500.

Treasurer's Report

P. S. advised that there is currently £1,275 total income, which consists of Club Membership £225, Individual Membership £1,020, ANRC Scratch Cards £30, and the sale of the previous trailer £200.

Expenditure stands at £707.33, which consists of Marks and Spencer Voucher for Terry Pacey £25, Rally Raffle Prize (Proking pressure cooker) £69.99, trophy cleaner £3.75, postage and envelopes £8.79, Dinner and Dance deposit £50, Rally donation £200, mooring fee £250, Petty Cash withdrawal £100. Petty cash payments were for postage £2.50, container racking £40, work party drinks £25.80, work party food £5.75. Total in the bank £11,460.98, petty cash £44.95, total £11,505.93.

Islip Bridge donations stand at: PYC £250, AWCC £500, Jenny Sullivan £100, MLWC £50, ANRC £1,000, making total of £1,900. There is still an awaiting donation of £500 from EAWA. P. S. asked J. B. where he was to send the donations to. J. B. is unsure but will confirm with P. S.

ANRC Rally 2017

J. H. stated that they have not been getting much feedback, and what they have had has not been very good. E. H. added that the problem that they have is that OCC has a very small Committee and that it is normally something that falls onto the Committee to do. OCC has had an offer from Adrian Cleave to bring in his catering team which would help a great deal, but a decision still has not been made. E. H. also stated that the marina has also been asked, as it would be taking place on their site, and they are well up for it and would be pleased for OCC to do it. J. B. replied that the ANRC would run all the competitions etc. J. H. added that OCC have not got spare willing people at present, which J. B. replied that the ANRC have their own teams that would help to run it. E. H. added that OCC do not have the people to help with the events as well as everything else such as the infrastructure. J. B. stated that wherever OCC needed help, the ANRC would be happy to help. P. S. and J. B. suggested a preliminary Rally Meeting with OCC Committee. J. B. then mentioned the interest free loan which is offered to the Club who is holding the Rally, which is repaid from the profits of the Rally. J. H. mentioned the concern of people entering and exiting the site out of hours, which J. B. replied that the ANRC could arrange their own security, which has been done before. J. B. then added that once OCC Committee has decided, regular meetings could be arranged. P. S. also mentioned that he felt sure that some of the other Clubs would be happy to help. J. B. also mentioned that historically, Clubs used to help with covering the bar, with a bar rota. J. B. reiterated that there are 21 events, 5 of which needs to be picked for the Ruby Plate event, and that it is down to the Club how many events they would like to put on. The minimum is 5 events or they could do all 21, but J. B. stated that this would be too much and personally he advises 7 events.

Navigation Updates

There has not been anything major recently, but all navigation updates are posted on the ANRC Facebook page, etc.

Dinner and Dance 2017

J. B. updated the meeting on the numbers received from the Clubs, MLWC 6, J. B. 4, PYC 6, and NBC 2. Not enough members to warrant continuing the function. J. B. asked the meeting their opinion in cancelling the function with such small numbers. All were in agreement. J. B. suggested still doing something, possibly at OCC such as a pig roast, which OCC had done before. E. H. explained that the pig was one of their own, when they had their own pigs, and had to hire a pig roast which was quite expensive. J. L. suggested buying cheap pork joints, put them in the freezer and pull them out when needed to roast them in the oven and create pulled pork. E. H. said she would take the suggestion back to OCC Committee to discuss. J. B. added that it could be something held on 30th September, but could be held in October.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

J. B. stated that the moorings are still in progress. E. H. replied that the ANRC should leave moorings to the others.

Boat Watch

J. H. mentioned that he had heard that quite a few outboard engine covers have gone missing, 3 have gone missing from Oundle. J. B. added that a big drive in Cambridgeshire to prevent the theft of outboards is to take the cover off, and fit a purchased canvas cover with Cambridgeshire Police on it. J. B. says that it sounded that thieves have been thieving outboards and are now stealing the covers for them. J. H. unsure if the thefts are being advertised. J. B. asked all at the meeting that if they hear anything, to email J. B. and he will advertise on Facebook.

Memberships

Membership is still growing, with no loss of members. So far about a dozen new members have joined, and numbers are quite steady. All Clubs have now paid.

AOB

R. S. mentioned that when the gearboxes on the guillotines were changed at Warmington Lock, R. S. is unsure what the EA had done, but a hole was left in the wheel. Unfortunately a young girl left her finger in the hole and as the wheel turned lost part of her finger. The young girl went to EBC for help and was taken to hospital. Ian Cooke was informed and about 10 days later an EBC member went out with his son, and when using Warmington Lock the same thing nearly happened again. The son had left his finger in the hole as the wheel turned. R. S. advised the member to speak to Ian Cooke, while R. S. emailed Sue Cant to advise. The following day the hole was welded.

E. H. asked about the possibility of synchronising all the calendars across the Clubs on the ANRC website. J. B. replied that it has been tried before, and becomes very complicated, but have always requested Clubs entertainment dates. Clubs need to send us the details as soon as their calendars have been arranged for that year, so that they can be displayed on the ANRC website. J. B. explained that each Club has different times of the year when their calendars are being arranged, and added that a section should be on the website to display the calendar dates for all the Clubs. K. S. mentioned that this had been requested before. At the beginning of this year an email was sent to the Clubs requesting the information but unfortunately K. S. did not receive a response. J. B. asked the Club Reps that as soon as Club Diary Dates have been arranged, to send the details to K. S. or J. B. to build a list, to add the details to the website and update as the year progresses.

J. H. asked if there was any progress with the two missing clubs. J. B. replied no, that audio recording was available but they did not wish to hear it.

S. K. advised that MLWC have asked for planning permission on Skouldings Rest for toilets, changing room, a store room, etc.

J. B. asked J. L. how much profit was made at the Rally, which the reply was £3,055. J. B. then asked what the outlay was, which J. L. replied for the entertainment was just under £2,000. Possible total outlay was approximately £3,000.

J. B. reiterated that the ANRC should now concentrate on the Clubs and not on the moorings. J. B. then asked the Reps how the Clubs could involve the ANRC more. J.L. suggested posters and events. J. B. asked that any ideas to email J. B.

Meeting finished at 9.23pm.

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

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