



The Association of Nene River Clubs

NBC OCC EBC BBC PYC MLWC MCC

ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 12th May 2017 at Northampton Boat Club starting 8pm

Members Attending

John Brown – J. B. – (A. N. R. C. Captain),
Karen Scrivener – K. S. – (A. N. R. C. Secretary),
Adrian Cleave – A. C. – (A.N.R.C. Web Master),
Paul Scrivener – P. S. – (A. N. R. C. Treasurer),
Mick Blackwell – M. B. – (N. B. C. Rep),
Ron Smith- R. S. – (E.B.C. Rep).

Apologies for Absence

Dennis Sacker (N. B. C. Rep), Josi Loveridge (P. Y. C. Rep), Dave Loveridge (P. Y. C. Rep), Bernard Keane (M. L. W. C. Rep), and Sylvia Keane (M. L. W. C. Rep)

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 10th March 2017

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

Prop: P. S.

Seconded: R. S.

Matters Arising

P. S. asked if anyone had looked into a Remembrance Book, as Brian Gowler was going to look into it but he is not here. P. S. said he had found one on Ebay being sold for £18.95, with our own inscription. J. B. asked everyone if one was needed, and A. C. asked where would the book be displayed? P. S. replied the Rallies. J. B. put forward the proposal to purchase a Book of Remembrance.

Prop: P. S.

Seconded: J.B.

ANRC Website

A. C. was asked how many hits the Website had got so far. A. C. replied that there had been 1,174 hits since 1st April 2016, which is reasonably steady. J. B. added that he has had people asking for invites to the ANRC Facebook page. P. S. also added that we are getting genuine comments from the posts that P. S. and J. B. share on Facebook. A. C. mentioned that he is still not receiving any updates regarding Clubs changing of Committees, and is seriously considering using the links to direct to the individual Clubs for more information.

Captain's Report

J. B. apologised as there was nothing to report.

Vice Captain's Report

J. B. advised that there was nothing to report as no report had been received prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Report

K. S. apologised as there was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

P. S. was introduced as the new Treasurer, and began with stating that he had banked £146, made up £66 in Membership, £30 in scratch cards, and a cheque received from M. L. W. C. for £50 towards Islip Bridge. There has been no expenditure. Income from Islip Bridge donations are as follows: P. Y. C. £250, A. W. C. C. £500, M. L. W. C. £50, and Jenny Sullivan £100. The A. N. R. C. are to write a cheque for £900, plus the ANRCs' donation of £1,000, making a total of £1,900. There is currently £10,893.31 in the bank. Bank has been contacted to add P. S. as a signature on the cheques. J. B. suggested as the Treasurers' job is a long hard job, is it possibly time to propose a longer standing time for Officers to 2 years, and what did everyone else think? P. S. replied that it makes more sense, and A. C. added that the Officer is just getting into the position, and then it changes again. J. B. also added that everyone, including the Reps, should think about this. M. B. mentioned that it is the same Reps all the time. Trustees have been sorted. K. S. mentioned the AGM proposal to send the A.N.R.C. Accountant, Terry Pacey, a £25 Marks and Spencer gift voucher. This is to be sorted and sent to Terry.

ANRC Rally 2017

No report received as Reps were not available.

J. B. mentioned that the ANRC Rally 2018, J. B. was hoping that M. L. W. C. and M. C. C. would join forces to work together to run the Rally 2018.

Navigation Updates

J. B. stated that this is still being done, by both J. B. and P. S. A. C. mentioned that Titchmarsh lock has been closed, and that there is a temporary wheel put on. It is unclear what the problem is, or how long it will take to fix the problem.

Dinner and Dance 2017

P. S. stated since the last meeting, he had contacted Barnwell Village Hall and booked the Hall. They require a deposit of £50, which is non-returnable, which is to be paid at the end of the month. The hall will be available between 5pm and 12am, but can gain access to the hall earlier to set up. P. S. has also got the prices for the menu. Menus start at £19.95 per head, with subsequent menus increasing in price. There is also a menu which choices can be made, which P. S. chose items based on the previous years' menus from the Dinner and Dance, which the cost came to about £15 per head. As an example, items chosen were Prawn Cocktail for a starter, traditional roasted sirloin of local mustard beef with Yorkshire pudding and horse radish sauce with carrots and another vegetable. J. B. added that we can only choose one of each, we are unable to have a choice of two. P. S. read out the email, in regards to the choices option. A. C. added that he seemed to think that the caterer has been confused at the request, but is ok with two choices so long as they know prior to the event. J. B. asked if they require notice of about two weeks beforehand, which P. S. replied possibly. J. B. confirmed that at £16 per head this would include the hire of the hall and the cost of the food, which P. S. replied yes. J. B. also added that the number of members attending this event over the years have been averaging around 50. The entertainment was discussed, with a suggestion of using Sim, an entertainer who is hired by P. Y. C. for their functions. Sim will be contacted to see if she would be able to do the entertainment. It was suggested that she is paid her normal rate plus 2 free meals would be offered. The charge for the tickets could be around £20 to £21 per head to cover everything. The date for the Dinner and Dance will be 30th September 2017. A. C. suggested to get an idea of possible members attending, is to give plenty of lead time and enquire. J. B. suggested doing sheets ready for the Rally, give all the Reps a copy, to ask members and get deposits. A. C. suggested another catering company that M. N. C. C. use regularly. J. B. asked if the room hire included the cutlery, etc., which P. S. replied yes. A team will be needed to clear up. P. S. mentioned that the hall has a bar licence but no bar. The options are to take a bar there, or a take your own drink. J. B. asked about companies who set up a bar, and who take the bar profits, a mobile bar. P. S. suggested the boxes of alcohol, with Officers and Committee Members doing a 30 minute stint behind the bar, to increase the ANRC profits. P. S. mentioned the brewery in Oundle and the one in Towcester.

R. S. suggested using the brewery in Barnwell, or Oundle Wharf, for supplying barrels. P. S. suggested getting in touch with Rick Loach, with J. B. suggesting Sue Sacker and Dennis Sacker. The owner of the Hall is also the owner of the B&B in Barnwell. P. S. stated that the Starter would be either Prawn Cocktail or Saffron and Lemon soup, one main, possibly two on clarification with the caterers, and the choice of two desserts.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

J. W. has had the ANRC sign for nearly 3 months, and still has to be done. A. C. suggested opening the conversation about dropping the idea of moorings, as there is a lot of maintenance and work to keep up, and that it is a commitment to maintaining them all the time. A. C. went on to suggest that the ANRC should concentrate continuing the goodwill between the Clubs. The EA have indicated there is 3 new moorings going up if they are successful with their bid, with Chester Farm and two others. After a long discussion, it was suggested that the ANRC should not take on anymore moorings for the time being. The continuing of obtaining/keeping moorings will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Boat Watch

There has been a recent theft of a narrowboat from Blisworth. This was put on Facebook and on Boatwatch.

Memberships

J. B. mentioned that he is still waiting for the Membership lists from N. B. C.

AOB

P. S. asked A. C. to change the Officers contact list on the website.

P. S. also suggested, on Navigation Advisory link, putting lock closures on the stop press link on the Website. A. C. replied he could do it if he is available.

R. S. mentioned that anyone using the A605 to travel to the Rally to be careful, as there has been a couple of accidents.

K. S. asked about the storage of the ANRC Marquees. J. B. asked if P. Y. C. adamant not storing them there? K. S. replied that she was unsure, but would ask at the next P. Y. C. Committee meeting, which is taking place on 13th May 2017. J. B. suggested the idea that if P. Y. C. were in agreement to store them there, to gain access to the container to see what is no longer used and what could be disposed of.

A. C. suggested writing an open letter to M. N. C. C. Committee suggesting, as an act of goodwill, whether they would like to hold the Rally at their Club, using their excellent facilities and increasing their bar takings etc. inviting them to rejoin the ANRC. J. B. suggested, agreed by A. C., that a letter be sent to invite M. N. C. C. back into the ANRC, and to suggest holding the ANRC Committee meetings there again.

Meeting concluded at 9:10pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at M. L. W. C. on Friday 14th July 2017 at 8pm.

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