



## *The Association of Nene River Clubs*

NBC OCC EBC BBC PYC MLWC MCC

### **ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 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),  
Paul Scrivener – P. S. – (P. C. C. 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),  
Adrian Cleave – A. C. – (A. N. R. C. Web Master),  
Dave Peryer – D. P. – (M. N. C. C. Rep).

#### Apologies for Absence

Josi Loveridge and Dave Loveridge (P. Y. C. Reps), Jeff Walters (A. N. R. C. Vice Captain), Kay Westmorland (A. N. R. C. Treasurer), Bernard Keane and Sylvia Keane (M. L. W. C. Reps), Ron Smith (E. B. C. Rep).

#### Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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

Proposed: P. S.

Seconded: D. S.

#### Matters Arising

J. B. asked if anyone had any matters arising, as he had one item regarding the insurance for the Marquees. P. S. stated that he has been looking into this but require a permanent storage address to obtain insurance quotes. J. B. replied that Jeff was supposed to be doing this but then asked P. S. to do. K. S. asked if it was worth looking into short term storage until a permanent storage address could be found. K. S. mentioned that there are two storage places in Northampton. J. B. then asked what K. S. meant about storage, P. S. asked like a lock up, which K. S. replied yes. J. B. mentioned that he was hopefully going to discuss this with P. Y. C., as the A. N. R. C. already have a lock up there already. P. S. added that all he would need is the address and then he could continue with the insurance quotes.

## ANRC Website

A. C. mentioned that the site is slightly out of date, as some of the club contacts need to be updated. K. S. to update A. C. with current Clubs Committee contacts. J. B. suggested the A. N. R. C. Reps and the A. W. C. C. Reps, with their contact details, to be put onto the website. K. S. to send out an email for up to date Club contact details. K. S. stated that B. B. C. do not have a Committee, but have a generic email address. A. C. asked J. B. and the Committee that as D. P. and A. C. are co-opted into their roles on the A. N. R. C. Committee whether they have voting rights. J. B. replied that, as an example, D. P. has been voted into his position as he is representing the A. N. R. C. Individual Members of M. N. C. C. and thus should have the rights to vote. A. C. suggested that we put this forward as a proposal that anyone co-opted onto the Committee is automatically allowed voting rights. J. B. asked if everyone was in agreement with this, or if anyone had any objections. Majority of hands were shown in favour of this proposal.

Proposed: A. C.

Seconded: J. B.

## Captain's Report

J. B. began by mentioning the ongoing project of Islip Footbridge, an old Bailey bridge design which, for the past 3 years, the ANRC and the EA had been trying to find out the owner of the footbridge. Then about 2 years ago, the owner of the bridge was found, Northamptonshire County Council. A campaign was started quite a while ago, and now the bridge is to be replaced at a cost of £200,000 as it is over a 14 metre span. If the bridge was over 7 foot span then the cost would have been about £7,000. It took 7 plans before the land owner, Mr Ingles, with the Council's promise to rebuild a wall that was collapsing, before plans for the new bridge were agreed. Funding was then withdrawn, following interference from another party. Another meeting convened in October, following which J. B. had received an email from Sue Cant. J. B. handed out copies of the email to all in attendance, and then read the email out loud. J. B. then proposed that the ANRC contribute £1,000 towards this project to show willing. This means the project needs to find another £24,000. J. B. then went on to state that this is for the good of our boaters, and also suggested that a letter be sent out to all the 7 River Nene Clubs, and to also include those Clubs who are no longer part of the ANRC, along with Friends of the River Nene, asking for a donation, even if it was only a couple of hundred pounds each. P. S. asked if it was worth writing to ask some of the marinas, which J. B. replied yes.

Proposer: J. B.

Seconder: J. H.

The vote was unanimous by show of hands. Letters are to be sent out.

J. B. went on to mention the 3 marquees, 12m x 6m, which could be joined together and put in any combination. Clubs who are holding the Rally can use them for free that there is a team of 6 who would erect and disassemble. Should an individual club wish to hire a marquee the charge would be £50 per marquee. The only exception is P. Y. C.s' Charity Day, where they will only be charged £50 for the hiring of the 3 marquees. The £100 that would have been charged will be a donation from the ANRC towards the Charity Day.

J. B. mentioned that the insurance for the Marquees has still to be arranged.

It was then mentioned that the last Club who borrowed a marquee had left it erected for 4 weeks, and now has tears in the roof where the eyelets hold the roof down to the framework. There is now a bent roof pole, unsure how this has happened, which P. S. stated that the pole is twisted. J. B. replied that it is deformed and the marquee was dirty, but there is mould already forming on the other marquees. Granted that the marquees were a bargain, but when taking this marquee down, the team spent a whole day cleaning this particular marquee. It was very disappointing. The other side of the team, which included 2 other members, should have made sure that it was cleaned and dried before dismantling. Following the meeting, it will be decided whether the hiring of the marquees to Clubs will continue, photographs are to be taken of the damaged marquee.

J. B. then advised that the team, and their families, are overstretching themselves between Northampton to Peterborough and onto March, erecting these marquees for £50, for no payment at all, and not charging for fuel. J. B. suggested that the team based at Northampton end would be responsible from Northampton to Oundle, and the team based at Middle Level would be responsible to erect and disassemble the marquees from Oundle to March. It is getting too much for us and our families, including the children. A. C. asked if the marquees were still going to be stored in March, which J. B. replied no. J. B. stated that the ANRC have a storage container at P. Y. C., and is due to go and have a tidy up and a look at the storage, to see if we could store them in the container. J. B. stated that it would be preferable for a Club who wishes to hire the marquees, to gather a team together, a minimum of 6 people, to wash, dry and put away. A team must be provided by the hiring Club. P. S. mentioned that the hiring Club must also collect and return the marquees, which J. B. added that they need to be towed by a suitable vehicle. J. B.'s vehicle would not be able to tow the trailer. P. S. then also added that for an ANRC Rally, he felt that there would be no problem for the ANRC team to attend to erect and disassemble the marquees, but when Clubs wish to hire them then the Clubs would need to use their own teams, to erect, inspect, clean, dry and put away.

A. C. asked about contacting the manufacturers to ask what the best solution is to clean the mould off the marquees. J. B. passed this over to P. S. P. S. explained that he had recently purchased, on behalf of the ANRC, cleaning solution for the marquees. The original delivery was incorrect, and is due another delivery of the correct item. This is a cleaner, degreaser and anti mould, and the cost is £24 for 10 litres. A. C. asked if it was recommended by the manufacturer of the marquees, which P. S. and J. B. replied no but is produced by a manufacturer of marquees. A. C. suggested to test a chlorine, bleach and soft soap mix on the mould on an inconspicuous area.

J. B. then asked K. S. to clarify what has been discussed. K. S. said that Clubs who hire the marquees outside the Rally, i.e. their own Club functions, should supply a team of 6 people to erect, wash, dry, and put away. A team from Middle Level would be responsible from March up to Oundle, and the team from Northampton to be responsible from Northampton down to Oundle. All in the meeting agreed. P. S. then mentioned that a repair kit from the manufacturer, Dancover, would be £44, which includes punch, spare material, glue, etc. A new roof pole would be £12, and postage for both items would be £9. J. B. proposed to buy the parts.

Proposed: J. B.

Seconded: A. C.

J. B. mentioned that slightly bigger marquees are on offer.

J. B. then went on to mention that Club Reps should be fund raising for the ANRC, whether it is a tombola, football cards, or something along those lines. Unfortunately funds are needed, and Committee Officers do not charge for fuel etc. It was suggested that at every Club event the Reps should be fund raising, such as selling football cards or other ways of raising money. The Reps were asked to go back to their Club Committees to ask. We need to raise funds if the ANRC are looking into purchasing another marquee. A. C. asked if the ANRC are looking into holding another Rally, which J. B. replied yes. J. S. mentioned that, following O. C. C.'s Birthday weekend, whether O. C. C. would be able to hold another Rally. J. B. replied that it must not be forgotten that a team would be provided to help wherever is needed.

The discussion was then passed over to A. C., regarding the non-reversing of locks. A. C. began by stating that a surprise announcement was made at the Anglia Waterways Group meeting, stating that the practise of reversing of locks would be stopped. A. C. then explained that reversing of locks was a practice started 60 years ago to prevent flooding and ensure navigation, and continued to explain the process. The reason for the suggestion of the stoppage of this practice was health and safety, and the liability of any claims.

### Vice Captain's Report

No report received.

## Secretary's Report

K. S. mentioned the letter that had been received by Mr Dave Monk, enquiring the whereabouts of the missing pennants mentioned in the ANRC AGM. J. B. replied that he had contacted John Crisp, who advised J. B. that he had been given less than 30 pennants. J. B. felt sure that whatever pennants he had was passed on.

In regards to the ANRC Trophies, to bring them up to date with engraving, would have cost over £80. With another engraver the cost would cost just under £30 cheaper, at £54, giving the Association a massive discount.

A thank you letter has been sent to N. B. C. for holding the ANRC Rally.

## Treasurer's Report

K. S. read out the Treasurers Report sent to A. C. that up until the end of August there is nothing to report, as there has been no activity through the bank and no information received from J. B. and K. S. through petty cash. Following the Rally, in an impromptu meeting, Kay had requested that movements are to be notified by text immediately to be emailed to keep records up to date. For September a cheque has been banked for £50 for the rental of a Marquee by M. C. C., and a cheque has been written to A. C. for the hosting of the website. No sale receipts have been received by Kay for Dinner and Dance tickets.

Kay requested that a letter be sent by K. S. to the bank with J. B.'s signature, requesting that bank statements to be sent to Kay and Jeffs' office address. J. B. stated that he has some receipts to send Kay. J. B. also added that the reason that Kays' address was not used is because it is not a residential address, and that the bank statements will continue to be sent to J. B.'s home address. Statements will be scanned and sent to Kay, when J. B. receives them. J. B. asked the Committee their thoughts, which P. S. stated that statements should not be going to a business address, and Committee agreed.

Kay has spoken to Barclays Bank about online banking with 2 signatures and was informed that this could be arranged with the Bank Manager, but this would necessitate a visit to the bank where the account is held. This is something Kay could not commit to at this time.

Kay stated that she is concerned that the information that she has been given since the handover will not meet the Auditors requirements, as the where the records have come from are incomplete. Kay will get this confirmed by the Auditor by the next meeting so that J. B. has adequate time before year end to get the membership records up to date and let Kay have all the details. J. B. replied that this has never been done before, and queried the reason of the change, and had all the other Auditing had been incorrect? K. S. asked if this had any bearing on Kays' request to know the Membership names, as she had requested before. J. B. answered that Kay would only need the Membership numbers and not the names. J. B. asked K. S. to contact Kay to clarify. J. H. stated that O. C. C. keep information on Members, but never display them, but they can be accessed on request. J. B. asked J. H. if O. C. C.'s Accountant has Members details and separate receipts for every Membership. J. H. replied no, that this is entered into the Membership Secretarys' account, and then J. H. is informed of how much the Membership has been received. Individual information or receipts are not taken. J. H. and J. B. confirmed that O. C. C. and the ANRC use the same Auditor, Mr Terry Pacey. J. B. stated that what is needed is the number of members, and how much they have paid, and that over the years the numbers of members paid and the number of pennants sold were always given to the Treasurer. J. H. agreed that O. C. C. do this also. J. B. reiterated that the Membership and the Committee will not allow payment by Direct Debit, as the Reps need to be encouraged to talk to the Members and engage in conversation, to try to find out the Members thoughts on how the Association is doing. J. H. added that there is only 4 O. C. C. Members out of 70 odd who pay by Direct Debit.

## ANRC Rally 2017

The preparation for next years' ANRC Rally at P. Y. C. is going well. The theme is Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves.

## Navigation Updates

It was reiterated that current navigation updates are on the ANRC website and the Facebook page.

## Dinner and Dance 2016

J. B. updated by stating that he has only has 20 people on his list for the Dinner and Dance. D. P. asked if it was worth carrying this on, which J. B. replied no. J. B. stated that there are 14 ANRC Reps so there should be 28 minimum. J. B. stated that there will not be a lot of loss, that we will only pay for the numbers who are sitting, but the Raffle Tickets would make up the loss. O. C. C. have 8, J. B. has got 6, and from D. P. 6. P. S. mentioned that on P. Y. C.'s board there is at least 4 if not 6, depending on John Crisp. J. B. added that as far as he was aware there is only 4 from N. B. C., and that we currently had not heard from Middle Level. J. B. asked to push this that we have until the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Cost is £24 a ticket, and a good band.

## A. N. R. C. Moorings

Nothing from Jeff Walters about Fotheringhay, as he is the only one who is able to gain vehicle access, and was supposed to be putting up the signage.

## Boat Watch

J. B. stated that there was not a lot happening on Boat Watch.

A. C. added that there had been a couple of recent crimes, but nothing major.

## Memberships

J. B. informed the meeting that D. P. had got another Member, along with J. B. who also received another Membership application.

## AOB

No AOB.

Meeting concluded at 10.30pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at EBC on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8pm.

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