



The Association of Nene River Clubs

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ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 13th January 2017 at Peterborough Yacht 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),
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),
Mike Parsons – M. P. – (M. C. C. Rep).

J. B. began the meeting by announcing the passing of Ralph Sullivan, which J. B. felt honoured to be a friend of his. The funeral will take place at St Pauls on Friday 20th January 2017 at 12.00pm, which the announcement is currently on Facebook. The funeral will take place at Thrapston, with the wake following at the Bridge Hotel. A condolence card will be sent to Jenny Sullivan. D. L. asked if the ANRC had a remembrance book, which J. B. replied no but would like D. L. to propose that the ANRC has one. J. L. also added that P. Y. C. are to also purchase a remembrance book. J. H. stated that O. C. C. will purchase a wreath.

Apologies for Absence

Kay Westmorland (ANRC Treasurer).

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 11th November 2016

J. B. asked K. S. to speak first, as there was something that she wished to say before continuing with the meeting. K. S. asked that in future that in the meetings that we wait until someone has finished speaking before they actually speak themselves. This is because, on going through the dictaphone from the last meeting, it was a nightmare. J. B. and P. S. noted that there were 7 pages to the minutes, which K. S. replied that these were condensed.

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

Proposed: P. S.

Seconded: D. L.

Matters Arising

M. L. raised the subject of the damaged Marquee. M. L. stated that he was not there at the time, but B. G. was. B. G. stated that it was not damaged, and that it was just stained from standing too long in long grass and that there was no damage. J. L. stated there was mildew, and J. W. stated that one of the bars was broken, which has since been replaced. J. B. added that because of wind damage, one of the eyelets had been ripped. J. W. added that where the Marquee had been situated, the Marquee had not been tied up properly, and water had been sitting on the roof. M. L. stated that he just wanted to ask, which J. B. replied that the Committee has just changed the Rules reference hiring the Marquees, that 6 people is required from the hiring Club to help. It is now getting too much for a small team to continually do all the time, albeit that the small team who regularly erect them are now proficient at erecting them and dismantling them, it is the washing and drying that takes most of the time. J. W. was in agreement. J. L. stated that following P. Y. C.'s Charity Day, dismantling, washing and drying and packing away the Marquees was over 2 days work. J. B. mentioned sending them away to have them professionally cleaned, but P. S. stated that this would cost around £700.00. S. K. suggested having this done at the end of the season before storing them, but agreed with everyone that at this price, you could purchase another one. J. L. added that the problem is in between events, as if the Marquees are put away wet, either by rain or sweating causes mildew and you cannot get rid of it. J.L. suggested large vacuum packs.

ANRC Website

J. B. had asked for everybody's comments at the last meeting, regarding the ANRC Website. J. H. stated that, following the last meeting, he had now found the information.

P. S. stated that on the Website we have Stop Press where there is nothing on there and hasn't been for a while. P. S. suggested if we could use the Stop Press for navigation updates. P. S. continued that you click on a link which sends you to a website, which takes an extra 5 mins to find what you are looking for. P. S. stated that when updates are added to Facebook, to have these also added to the Website. J. B. answered that when he had asked Adrian Cleave, a direct link was set up to EAs' navigation. This does not cover the Ouse or the Middle Levels. J. B. he will send an email. P. S. also suggested the Boat Watch updates to be added also. J. B. agreed.

T. G. suggested more information is needed along with newer photographs. T. G. also mentioned that there had been a problem as the old Membership Form was appearing on the Website. This has been sorted. J. B. added that the Website does need modernising for the younger generation.

J. B. raised the subject of members still approaching him saying we have 2 Websites for the ANRC. We don't. It was explained that one site belongs to Jim Shead, and have been trying to get rid of this. Countless emails have been sent to Jim Shead from J. B. and Adrian Cleave, along with money, asking to remove the unused website. J. L. stated that the site cannot be removed, and that P. Y. C. has the same problem.

Captain's Report

J. B. stated that he had attended the last meeting discussing Islip Foot Bridge, where the final bridge design was announced, couple of copies were passed around the table. Disabled access, via a ramp, will also be available on the sailing Club side. Bollards will also be installed to prevent motor bikes using the bridge. The height has been adjusted from the requested 3 metres to 2.8 metres, or possibly 2.9 metres. There has also been a possible donation of £10,000.00 from an unnamed source. So far only one ANRC Club has donated towards this project, along with EAWA, and is a worthwhile project which is for the use of every single river user's benefit. Canvassing has taken place on bridge. Current donations have been advised from the following sources:

Northamptonshire County Council £100,000 – EA £25,000 – East Northamptonshire Council £50,000 - Councillor Wendy Brackenberry £1,000 – ANRC £1,000 – Islip Parish Council £1,000 – Thrapston Parish Council £2,000 – P. Y. C. £250 – EAWA £500 – Individual donations £55.

The next ANRC Diary Dates were passed around the Meeting, venues to be confirmed by the Clubs. Once confirmed, these dates will be displayed on the ANRC Website.

J. B. ran through the dates, adding at the end the Dinner and Dance date and venue is to be confirmed, and that it is an event he would like to see continue. J. B. had asked the Reps if they had gone back to their Committees to enquire if they would be happy for the Dinner and Dance be held at one of the Clubs. D. S. stated that N. B. C. had been asked and were happy for the ANRC to use the Club House and the facilities.

The Committee are aware that the Club House is open to all the Members, and Club Members who have not paid for the event will have access to the venue, which is a problem. However, these Club Members would not be having a meal, and it is something that is unpreventable. J. L. raised a concern regarding holding the Dinner and Dance at P. Y. C., that it would be a logistical nightmare with the gates, J. L. would like to enjoy the evening and would not be doing the catering and would mean hiring a catering company. Also, being a Members Club, there are some Members who would attend and would enter to enjoy the entertainment for free, once the dinner was finished. J. L. felt that this was unfair, and suggested hiring a hall with kitchen facilities, to get caters in. J. L. suggested looking for a venue around the middle of the river. J. B. suggested that everyone looks for a venue, possibly around Titchmarsh area. P. S. suggested taking the Dinner and Dance back to The Bridge Hotel. J. L. and J. W. answered that they did not particularly like it at this venue. J. B. then asked that all Reps investigate in their own areas and around Titchmarsh area, and send any suggestions by email to him. J. W. asked when would the date for the Dinner and Dance be, as it is normally held between September and October. J. B. asked for suggestions. The Committee settled on sometime in September, either the 3rd or 4th Saturday in September.

J. B. announced that, on the subject of raising funds for the ANRC, that R. S. and Harold have donated 37 large white disposable overalls, with zips and hoods, to sell at the ANRC Rally. R. S. also added that he may have about another 20 extra large disposable overalls. The cost was discussed and was decided that the overalls would be sold at £3 each or 2 for £5.

Proposed: J. W.

Secunder: D. L.

J. B. thanked R. S. for their kind donation.

J. B. then mentioned that a venue is need for the ANRC Rally in 2018, and that N. B. C. has been asked already. J. B. also threw the suggestion open to the Club Reps, on proviso that this would be discussed with their Club Committees. N. B. C. would like to leave it for a month to gather the views and reactions of the Club Members, to be able to gauge whether help would be available, following the Rally, at this event. M. L. offered to approach M. C. C. at the next Committee Meeting. J. B. then added that manpower would be supplied, and would come up a couple of weeks before. J. L. asked if this event would be run by the ANRC, with the theme being set by the ANRC, which J. B. replied yes, it would be just like the event run in 2011. All that would be needed Club facilities, unless a Club would like take this on off their own backs, but would still receive the help anyway. The ANRC would finance it, or lend money interest free to a Club that does not have the finances. J. H. mentioned that O. C. C. is struggling at the moment, they do not know what is happening and the whole marina site has been going downhill. J. B. replied that a Rally would help boost the Club, and T. G. added that it would help to boost Club Membership.

T. G. mentioned that he has just signed up 4 new members, and that Individual Membership numbers are about 58.

Vice Captain's Report

J. W. stated that not a lot has happened. The big trailer has now been removed from P. Y. C. and taken back to March. The damage to the ANRC trailer is to be repaired. J. L. confirmed that the trailer is not covered. J. W. added that he would take the old trailer to sell at a boot sale. J. W. also stated that he has not been able to sort the mooring sign, as he does not have a key to the field. J. W. added that he still has not had his car back yet. J. L. then mentioned that at the last P. Y. C. meeting, one member had brought up that the three trailers were still onsite. Unfortunately the decision was made that the trailers can be stored there only until after the Rally. There had been 3 trailers stored at P. Y. C. and there should have only been 1. A new storage venue is needs to be looked into. P. S. asked if the Marquees could go into the container, which J. B. replied no, and J. L. added that there is no space in the containers. Clubs are to collect the Marquees when they are hired, if not then Clubs would be charged a delivery charge.

J. W. updated the meeting on Project Hereward, and that a Facebook page has been launched and has picked up well. J. W. also invited members to attend their meetings, which take place at the Oliver Cromwell Hotel every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Project Hereward are looking for a Minutes Secretary at present.

Secretary's Report

K. S. began by stating that plenty of letters to the Clubs had been sent out by email and one letter by post, requesting a donation for the ANRC fundraising event at the Brain of the Nene. The letter included a reminder to Clubs that when winning Trophies at ANRC Rallies, that it is their responsibility to have the Trophies engraved. If Trophies are not engraved then the cost of the engraving plus costs would be charged to the Club.

Information regarding the hiring of the Marquees was also mentioned, that a team of 6 people from the hiring Club to erect, disassemble, wash, dry and pack away the Marquees is required. Also the increase in ANRC Individual Membership Fees was mentioned.

A letter from the EAWA was received, advising that they would be prepared to donate £500 towards the cost of replacing Islip Foot Bridge. K. S. read out the letter. The donation will be gifted on commencement of the work. The EAWA Directors also offered further funding towards the project, on proviso of further information that had been requested by email. A reply letter was forwarded onto the EAWA, thanking them for their kind donation, along with the answers to the questions they had sent in the email. Further funding possibilities were checked by K. S. for the following, The Land Fill Fund, brought up in the last meeting, requires the ANRC to pay a £100 joining fee, and that the site requires to be within a 10 mile radius of a land fill site. Lottery Funding was also checked, under the Lottery Heritage Fund. This requires in depth financial information, and the requirement to use volunteers, which we are aware that the EA will not follow. This funding is available for restoration projects, and not for the replacement of structures. Peterborough Council was also written to asking for a donation towards Islip Foot Bridge. A reply letter was received stating that whilst they agree this is a worthy cause, they are not in a position to offer any financial assistance, as they have had to reassess their policies due to the funding cuts. Peterborough Council also stated that since the bridge lies within the area of Northampton County Council, to approach them.

A letter was also received from the RYA, prior to the last meeting, giving the ANRC the opportunity to pay fees by Direct Debit. K. S. asked if this is something the ANRC would consider, or to pay in the normal way. J. B. stated that it has always been paid by cheque, which is the normal way. All agreed to continue paying the subscription by cheque.

K. S. mentioned that she has sent out letters to N. B. C. and P. Y. C. recently regarding the suggestion of holding the Dinner and Dance at the Clubs.

A letter has also been sent to Barclays Bank requesting that a second set of statements are to be sent to Kay Westmorland.

Treasurer's Report

J. B. read out Kay Westmorlands' Report. Since the last meeting the only movement on the bank account has been the cashing of cheques already issued for the engraving and for J. W. for the Marquees and petty cash. The amount in the bank is £9749.31. I have not been notified of the amount cash held by either J. B. or K. S. since K. S.'s email on the 21st November 2016, after which had received 2 receipts for Christmas Cards and Stamps. J. B. and K. S. both stated that the information is in the previous minutes, the cash amount information that was sent to Kay was that J. B. had £3.60 and K. S. had £72.47 and there is no further expenditure other than the 2 receipts she had received. J. B. added that he did not know what this was about as the information was in the Minutes. J. B. then read on that Kay stated that she had a petty cash to the amount of £13.04 in the ANRC Accounts box which was £15 received from Memberships and Pennant, of which I have spent £1.96 for posting this out to the new Member.

Kay had sent an email to the ANRC Club Reps asking about what stock of pennants they have, and have heard from some of the Clubs but not all Clubs. J. B. asked J. W. if Kay had found anything in the books, which J. W. replied that she has not found anything. J. B. added that John Crisp would have made an entry on sold pennants, and K. S. added that John Crisp is very fastidious. John Crisp would have made a note of how many were sold, at a cost of £6.05, so they must be in the Accounts book. R. S. stated that E. B. C. has held no stock of pennants. J. W. asked where have they gone, as there is nothing written down.

J. B. also added until we know how many was sold, since when the 100 pennants were bought then we don't know how many is missing. J. B. reiterated that we need to know how many were sold.

P. S. also mentioned that surely Kay would have access to the previous balance sheets from each AGM, as the information would be from the AGM. J. B. and J. L. can guarantee that John Crisp would have itemised it as sold pennants. M. L. and R. S. mentioned that when pennants were sold they would request them from J. B., and did not hold any in the Club at all. J. B. agreed with this and reiterated that until we know how many have been sold, we would not know how many are missing. The pennants were purchased in 2010, size 13 x 8, at £6.05 each. Richard Ganderton had stated that we had made a loss of £362.10. Is this at cost price of £6.05 or at purchase price of £10. M. L. then mentioned that when he had joined the ANRC his pennant was given to him, which J. B. agreed, which J. L. agreed that she was also given a free pennant and J. B. agreed. J. B. and J. L. agreed that John Crisp would have made a record of this. J. H. asked who did the stock take, which J. B. replied John Crisp. P. S. added that this would be in the balance sheets provided at the AGM. P. S. suggested going back to the Accountant, which J. W. added that he did not think that Kay had all the records. J. B. replied that she had everything, as everything was in the box. J. B. added that all the information was on the USB stick, which J. W. asked which USB stick? Richard Ganderton had put all the account information on a USB stick which was in the box. P. S. insisted that Kay should go back to our Accountant and ask. J. B. and J. L. both agreed that the missing amount does not add up, based on either the £6.05 cost price or the £10 selling price. J. W. mentioned that Kay is due to see the Accountant with all the documents, to try to sort it out. B. G. also suggested that years ago free pennants were given to new Members, and goes back to the days when the pennants were £5, is this where the confusion is. J. B. agreed that it possibly is, and added that it will be noted somewhere. J. B. went through the Clubs that Kay had sent the email to. J. B. confirmed with the Reps in the meeting. Kay is awaiting a call back from the Auditor, and will sort the accounts as from the 31st December 2016, with the accounts to be ready to be sent with the AGM paperwork. J. B. replied that the accounts are needed before this, as they need to be passed by the Committee before this goes to the AGM. J. W. then mentioned that Kay was going to get this all sorted before receiving a horrible reply email from K. S., which all replied that there was nothing horrible about the reply email K. S. had sent. K. S. reiterated that accounts are not sent to everyone by email, that they are in printed format and brought to the Committee Meetings and gathered up at the end of the meeting. J. L. confirmed that P. Y. C.'s accounts are not given out. J. B. continued to read Kay's report quoting section 11 of the Rule Book, which states:

'At the Annual General Meeting in each year an Auditor shall be appointed whose duty shall be to audit the Association accounts for the current year. A copy of the audited accounts shall be circulated to all members prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year'.

J. B. agreed with this, but added that the balance sheets needs to be presented to the Committee prior to the AGM, to be passed by the Committee.

J. B. continued to read the Treasurers Report, and Kay's resignation as ANRC Treasurer was read out. Kay is continuing to do the accounts for this year, which was confirmed by J. W. J. B. continued to state that for the past 7 meetings a balance sheet was not provided at any of the Committee Meetings. J. W. replied that this is because nothing has happened, other than the 2 cheques. P. S. asked what 2 cheques. J. B. stated that this is unfortunate as Kay is not in attendance so that the Meeting could query her. J. B. asked J. W. where the cheque books are, which J. W. replied that J. B. had them. J. B. stated that he does not have them, and he has bills to pay. J. W. replied that he does not know, that Kay may still have them. J. B. asked if the cheque books could be posted to him so that bills can be paid, such as the decals at £189 and 500 Membership cards charged at 300 which is £90. J. B. proposed to accept Kays' letter of resignation.

Proposed: J. B.

Seconded: P. S.

Committee agreed to accept Kays' resignation by unanimous show of hands.

J. L. suggested sending Kay a letter of thanks. Another proposer and seconder would be needed for another Treasurer. B. G. added that the Treasurers' job is not easy, which J. B. and others had agreed. We need to think of a Treasurer. J. L. mentioned that the pennants should now be written off, which J. B. stated that Kay had mentioned previously that the pennants have already been audited and signed off, and that we cannot go back.

ANRC Rally 2017

J. L. announced that the Rally Meetings are starting, with the first meeting taking place on Friday 20th January 2017. The programmes are currently being set up, and within the next 3 to 4 weeks the Clubs will have all the information they need. The Sunday night entertainment will be P. Y. C. at the London Palladium, is an open entertainment, there is no theme and Clubs can enter as many times as they like. S. K. asked if P. Y. C. needs to know if or what Clubs are doing, which J. L. replied that P. Y. C. would need to know if Clubs are entering it to gauge whether there will be enough to fill the entertainment. If not then the slot could be filled with something else. B. G. suggested jam sessions, which J. L. agreed would be a good idea. J. B. reminded J. L. that he has still yet to sort the Visitors Forms.

A query was raised regarding caravans, which J. L. replied that the car park will be emptied, but unfortunately are unable to allow awnings, with tents going along the frontage. Goldie Meadow, previously used on Rallies and prone to boginess, will not be used. The event will be held at the side of the Club House.

The bar will be set up separate on the end of the Marquee. This will help stop the noise whilst members are performing. The theme is Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves. There will be a fancy dress prize. Unsure at present what the entertainment will be on the Saturday night, but will be a live band.

S. K. asked if there would be a provision for disabled moorings as B. K. would not be able to climb over another boat if moored side by side. J. L. replied that P. Y. C. will be trying to keep them close as possible to the Club House, a wheelchair is available. All the food will be kept in the main Club House, and the drink will be kept in the bottom Marquee. Breakfasts, Lunch and Evening meals will be available. J. W. asked about the Decorated Boat and the Illuminated Boat, which J. L. replied that the Decorated Boat will be done on dinghys with a time limit, as this could be done inside during bad weather. The Illuminated Boat could be done in smaller form so that this also could be set up inside the Marquee during bad weather. P. S. asked if this would be dinghy size, which J. L. replied yes. S. K. asked if there was any particular theme, which J. L. also replied that this is open and could be anything. J. W. asked if this would have to be based on the Rally theme, which J. L. replied no, Clubs can make anything they want so they are not restricted. J. L. will inform of the standard size, and also added that if there was any further information needed that members could contact her by email or phone.

Navigation Updates

All navigation updates are advertised on Facebook and the Website. J. L. asked why Navigation Updates was on the schedule, as any business could be brought up in any other business. J. B. and the meeting agreed to remove this from future Committee Meetings.

Dinner and Dance 2017

This subject has been discussed earlier in the meeting in Captains Report.

A. N. R. C. Moorings

J. B. stated that Hillery, the EA contact, has now left. The new contact will be Roger Morris. J. B. has already sent Roger an email and replied that he will investigate our request for moorings but is currently quite busy at present. T. G. asked how many moorings does the ANRC have which J. B. replied 8, 7 of which are Club Moorings. J. B. continued to state that we are looking for a further 7 moorings, but is rather dubious as who would look after them? J. W. agreed. P. S. added that there is another possible mooring nearer towards Northampton area, but will not know for another couple of months. J. B. had reiterated J. W.s' suggestion that Clubs closest to the mooring would have the responsibility to look after them. T. G. suggested another possible mooring which requires some looking after, which the owner would like the ANRC to take over.

R. S. is to ask for the key off David.

Boat Watch

J. B. stated that there was not much happening, but anyone had any information to email J. B. and he will put the information on. J. W. added that perpetrators are being caught. T. G. mentioned that diesel from the small generator had been stolen 2 weeks prior.

Memberships

J. B. asked if M. L. W. C. had paid their extra £1 per Member, which S. K. replied yes this has been paid. J. B. thanked S. K. and B. K.

J. B. confirmed that all the Clubs had received their Membership cards. T. G. mentioned that not many members have been done at M. N. C. C. to be able to collect Subscriptions. However, T. G. had managed to recruit 4 new members. J. B. reiterated that everyone needs to encourage people to join.

AOB

Following Ralph Sullivans' passing, J. B. proposed a donation to be given to Jenny Sullivans' approved charity, Pulmonary Fibrosis, was suggested. The donation amount was discussed, and the amount of £25 was agreed. The proposal was put forward, and was passed with a unanimous show of hands.

Proposer: D. L.

Seconded: P. S.

R. S. raised that at the last Task Group Meeting it was mentioned that there is current work taking place at Weston Favell Lock. The Contractors have been asked to go back as the work was not satisfactory.

Work on the Perio shoals is proposed to be done in May, with a possibility of the trees being cut. J. L. asked if this would interrupt boaters attending the Rally, which J. B. replied yes. R. S. raised the issue of the wildlife, and the birds, as the trees are being cut in May, that this should be done now.

Telemetry systems are still being installed at locks, and have done the 2 in EBCs' cut. R. S. added that the noise created is tremendous.

There will be no increase in river licences this year.

The next Task Group Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

P. S. mentioned the scratch cards that were authorised to be purchased. P. S. has received 50, but had asked for 100. P. S. is in communication with the supplier. Cost per square on the scratch cards will be £1.00 per square, with the winnings being split as follows:

£25.00 to the winner

£5.00 to the Club Funds

£10.00 to the ANRC

Scratch Cards were handed out in the Meeting, for the reps to begin selling. P. Y. C. were given 5 cards, N. B. C. were given 5 cards, M. C. C. were given 5 cards, M. L. W. C. were given 5 cards, O. C. C. were given 5 cards, and M. N. C. C. were given 10 cards.

Scratch cards will be started on the Brain of the Nene, with a Raffle also taking place on the Brain of the Nene.

Meeting concluded at 10.15pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at E. B. C. on Friday 10th March 2017 at 8pm.

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