



The Association of Nene River Clubs

NBC OCC EBC BBC PYC MLWC MCC

ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 20th. September 2019 **Held at Elton Boat Club**

Members Attending:-

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
ANRC	Adrian Cleave	John Harris	Graham Rogers	Jenny Sullivan	
EBC	Ron Smith				
OCC					
NBC	Mike Thorne				
PYC	Ian Simons				
MLWC	Sylvia Keane	Bernard Keane			
MCC	Mick Lyons	Brian Gower			
BBC					
GUESTS	Dave Peryer				

Apologies for Absence:-

Jeff Walters	Anne-Marie Cairney		
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Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 12th. July 2019

Proposed by: Mike Thorne

Seconded: Sylvia Keane

Matters Arising:-

Autumn Social Event

Options for a social event were discussed and it was decided to investigate costing for a Sunday Lunch event to be held early in the New Year

Captain's Report incl. Website update

Web visits since last meeting 2.038

Thanks very much for attending the re-arranged meeting from 6 September. As you are aware, a very good supporter of the ANRC and a veteran on the River Nene, Mick Cotton, from Northampton Boat Club passed away and his funeral was held on 6 September. It was very well attended and representatives from along the river paid their respects and afterwards at the boat club. Mick could often be seen as one of the comperes at the Sunday evening Rally show and was well known along the river, as he and Leslie would travel up and down in their converted lifeboat, "Matra". He will be sadly missed.

Both I and Jeff attended the Anglian Waterways Group meeting at Brampton arranged by the Environment Agency. This was a very informative meeting with items such as: -

**Capital Works, Income Enforcement, Anglian Waterways Volunteering Scheme
Invasive Species Update, Floating Pennywort**

One of the most interesting topics was the controlling of the pennywort by a weevil which is being tested at present under similar conditions to our river. CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International) have identified a weevil, *Listronotus Elongates*, which originates from Argentina and it was initially obtained in 2014. It is now being exported from Paraguay due to export licence problems with Argentina. A comprehensive pest Risk Assessment has been produced for the weevil and has been submitted to the UK regulators; additional research is being completed to support the application. If the suitability of the weevil is approved it could be released into the environment in the near future. There have been two invasive species giving concern – foreign species of shrimp, which are not in evidence on our River and water primrose, one to be aware of, which has the potential to be as prolific as the pennywort.

Sadly we have received a letter from MNCC indicating they are not willing to re-join at this stage. They are no longer on our mailing distribution list for information obtained by the ANRC.

Both I and Mike Thorne attended the AWCC meeting on 7 September at NBC. It was a very useful meeting with an opportunity to exchange information and bring each group up to date with club activities etc.

That's all for now folks.

Adrian

Vice Captain's Report

Good evening all apologies for not being here tonight but am in Newcastle today. Just a few things to report tonight it's been a bit hectic for myself what with up and down Gateshead supporting my son and back and fore hospital for myself and Mo etc, not had a lot of time.

But myself and John have managed to get most of the stuff from PYC to the new container at Johns all that's left is the Racking which we will get soon, we have not managed to erect marquees as the planned weekend was marred by High winds and there's not been chance since, so another date needs to be arranged soon, the Facebook page continues to work well some new members joining now and then all river warnings etc get posted,

I have now sold my boat and going to take up more Caravanning as am really disenchanted with the way waterways are going, more expense no new people coming forward to help etc time I bowed out and enjoy what's left as my health is not getting better, I wish to resign as Vice Captain and let someone else take over, I will carry on with the committee as a member and sort marquees etc and help at Rally, thanks for your support over the years and wish my successor well.

Secretary' Report

As some of you will already know I have decided to sell my boat and will no longer be cruising the river except as the occasional guest of my fellow boaters.

I will therefore be resigning as secretary of the ANRC and in the new year I will be resigning from my position as secretary at NBC.

I will still remain as a member of Northampton Boat club where I shall enjoy putting my feet up outside my chalet and watching the world go by.

If anybody here is willing to take on the role of secretary from now until the next AGM I will be more than happy to assist and guide them in that role wherever necessary.

I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last 18 months and will continue to support the ANRC.

Thank you

Graham

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that it had been very quiet since last meeting but so far this year we have managed to increase our bank balance by £800 even after purchasing our new storage container. We have also made the agreed donation to OCC to supplement the costs of removing boaters refuse.

Membership Report

JS reported that we now have 158 individual members plus the Member Clubs. Preparations for the 2020 subscription renewals are now under way and we will need to order the new 2020 boat stickers.

Club Reports

- NBC** Generally attendance at club events seems to be lower than previous years but we still have a full programme for the rest of the year. We have recently had our annual sailing race, and our fishing competition. This weekend we have a cruise to Billing for lunch where the sailing race presentation will take place and October will see our Charity weekend event.
- EBC** Enjoyed a successful open day with a Hurricane fly past although attendance was not as high as we would have hoped for. The secretary has contacted other clubs asking for ideas to regenerate interest in club events
- PYC** Enjoyed a good Fun weekend and a busy Charity day event, money was raised for ‘Blood Runners’ the organisation of Bikers who transport urgent blood supplies. We have also had few film nights which have been well received.
- MLWC** A recent trip to ‘Three Holes’ saw an attendance of 5 boats and the Bank Holiday cruise also attracted five boats and twenty members. The recent Rally planning meeting went well with a possible Theme for the Rally being the 1940’s era. Enquiries for a camping area to be used at the Rally are ongoing. Event planning is well under way and now needs to be approved by the ML WC committee. Upcoming events are a BBQ and the Laying up Supper.
- MCC** All recent events seem to be well attended, next event will be a meal and quiz event. Mick reported that the cost of moorings for the club are rising annually. Brian Gower is planning a birthday bash at the Rockwoods club in March on 27th. October, all welcome to attend. A free buffet will be provided.

Agenda:-

Navigation Updates

All continue to be available via a link on the ANRC website that leads to the EA navigation updates. Also latest updates posted on our Facebook page.

A.O.B.

SK informed the committee that the Middle Level Commissioners are planning to attend next years Rally and give an update on the plans for Middle Level licensing etc.

Meeting Closed.....20.25

Next meeting.....Friday 8th. November at EBC.

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