

<b>Moody Association Irish Sea Branch AGM 2015</b> <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Boathouse, Sale.</b>		
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions</b> Members present were asked to complete the signing form. There were 22 members attending.	<b>Action by</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Brendan and Ann Dunlevy, Geoffrey Chesters, Michael Dunwoody, Peter and Tina Mirley, Peter and Susan Haslehurst, Richard and Susan Forder, Martin Williams	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the last AGM 2014</b> The members were asked if the minutes were a true and accurate record: Proposed by Mike Ousbey seconded by Graham Woodcock. All in favour	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> None	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Captain's report</b> Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch which was following the AGM  Currently there are 98 members in our branch and National numbers are expected to hit the 2000 mark this year. Howard explained that members are allocated a branch when they join, based on their regular sailing area.  Howard briefly announced the results of the recent on-line members' survey. The results were broadly similar to last year's survey, and most members like informal shore based events, such as a meal in a private room, and sailing events centred around North Wales. 19 members had filled out the survey, of which 12 were based in Conwy.  A social and sailing programme had been arranged in 2014.  There had been two social events, held in the Mulberry at Conwy Marina; the early season supper was attended by 21 and 23 members attended the end of season supper. These were very pleasing numbers. The first sailing event in Conwy was hampered by the weather and only one boat ventured out. A more successful event was a get together in Fleetwood marina where four members went out for a day sail on 'Patsy Ann' with Howard and Barbara.	

	<p>Howard hoped that members continued to support events during the coming year and asked members to put forward any suggestions to the committee.</p> <p>The National 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and the National AGM are being held at the end of March 2015 in Stratford-on-Avon. There are a few rooms left in the venue hotel, so Howard encouraged members to book quickly if they were planning to attend.</p> <p>Another event of interest is the Liverpool Boat Show on the weekend of 5-7<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Howard closed his report by thanking the committee for their support and work over the year, to Sally for organising the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch and to Graham for arranging the guest speaker, Graham Wood</p>				
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report</b></p> <p>Sally expanded on the numbers of members. The overall number remains the same as last year, but there have been some members leaving and new ones joining.</p> <p>Sally has been sending a welcome e-mail to each new member once she has had the details for the membership registrar, and hopes that we meet up with some of them during the coming season.</p>				
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>Barbara presented a statement of account at the meeting. These accounts are submitted to the MOA.</p> <p>The bank account is now set up for internet access and to receive on line payments from members for events.</p> <p>Monies have been spent during 2014 to support events for the members.</p> <p>The income for 2015 will be £5 per member, £490, from National funds</p>				
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Election of Branch Officers</b>		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	All in favour
	Branch Captain	Howard Weeks	Sally Ousbey	Dave Kitchen	
	Vice Captain	Dave Kitchen	Graham Woodcock	Barbara Weeks	
	Secretary	Sally Ousbey	Howard Weeks	Carol Woodcock	
	Treasurer	Barbara Weeks	Colin Kendall- Torry	Dave Kitchen	

	Committee Specific role for the branch website -	Perri Lauanders	Graham Woodcock	Sally Ousbey	
	<b>Election of Branch Committee</b>				
	Port Officer North Wales, Conwy	Graham Woodcock	Mike Ousbey	Dave Kitchen	
	Port officers –Whitehaven/Maryport	Howard Weeks			
	Port Officer - Liverpool	Dave Kitchen			
	Port Officers Fleetwood, Glasson,	Not represented			
	One member asked about the role of the Branch Captain. Howard explained that this role is to coordinate branch activity and to represent the views and needs of the branch members to the National Executive Committee. There are three or four National meetings each year, which are attended by himself as Branch Captain or a representative. The role of Port Officer is to maintain contact and coordinate activities with the local members.				
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Discussion of any formally proposed business</b>				
	None				
<b>10.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>				
	There was a general discussion about future activities by the branch Suggestions were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat successful social events</li> <li>• Graham expanded on the success of the sailing visit he and Carol made to Fleetwood. The wide geography and tidal restrictions in our sailing area makes it difficult to meet up for weekends sailing in company. We all agreed that we should build on the success of the 'Fleetwood' event and arrange to host other members to MOA sailing events in our home ports.</li> <li>• There is a Festival in Whitehaven in June and this was suggested as a possible date to run an event in that port. Howard and Barbara will be based there next season.</li> </ul> <p>Barbara had made a themed cake for the Anniversary Lunch and everyone congratulated her on the super design.</p>				
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Close</b>				
	The meeting closed at 12.50				