

Irish Sea Branch	
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7 th January 2017 at The Boat House, Sale	
1.0	A short announcement was made to convene the meeting by the Secretary, Sally Ousbey
2.0	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Branch Captain, Dave Kitchen, welcomed the 25 members: 23 Branch members and Paul Kennedy, the National Commodore and his wife, Ann.</p>
3.0	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Derek and Carol Asquith, Donald Campbell, Rob and Helen Cooper, Mark Clark and Elizabeth Cooper-Clark, Michael Dunwoody, Phil Eccles, Michael and Judith Fenton, Richard Forder, Perri and Debbie Launders, Steve Kelham, Gordon Hersey, Andrew Kirwan, Paul and Gaynor Trematick, Carol and Graham Woodcock.</p> <p>Present - 25 members</p> <p>Paul and Ann Kennedy, Dave and Jeanne Kitchen, Peter and Lucila Merson, Howard and Barbara Weeks, Wayne and Kerry Versfeld, Kevin Brindle, Mike and Sally Ousbey, Richard and Judith Cuppitt, Clive Roberts, Colin and Pat Kendall-Torry, Barrie and Sue Wilson, Ken and Ann Timmis, Mark and Lesley Godwin, Irene Campbell.</p>
4.0	<p>Minutes of the last AGM 2016</p> <p>The minutes have been available on the MOA website and were circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>The members were asked if the minutes were a true and accurate record: Proposed by: Colin Kendall -Torry Seconded by: Irene Campbell All in favour</p>
4.1	Matters Arising None

<p>5.0</p>	<p>Branch Captain's report Dave Kitchen</p> <p>Dave thanked the members for their support this year. He then went on to summarise the 2016 season. It had been a difficult year to plan branch sailing activities with many factors affecting this, in particular the weather and time constraints. But members had undertaken many passages either with other Moodys, their clubs or on their own. Destinations included Isle of Man, Scotland and Anglesey.</p> <p>Some Moodys took part in the international sailing charity event, 'Bart's Bash', with the local event taking place in Conwy Bay.</p> <p>The National AGM was held in Liverpool in 2016 and proved to be a well-supported and enjoyable event. Many members from the Irish Sea Branch attended.</p> <p>Social events included the early season supper in Caernarfon at the Royal Welsh Yacht Club. A super venue where we were taken up the flag turret to the roof and admired the stunning views down the Menai Strait. The end of season supper was held at Conwy Golf club, with the usual great catering and nautical entertainment in the form of a photo quiz and a flag quiz.</p> <p>Dave was keen to encourage members to visit other Moodys in ports in the Branch sailing areas. He would like to encourage members to share their experience and local knowledge. There is a strengthening branch membership in Whitehaven and an event is being planned there. At the end of June, the Scotland Branch, the Ireland Chapter and the Irish Sea Branch are planning a cruise in company to the Isle of Man. Details will be posted on the website for all the events as more information is available.</p> <p>Dave wished everyone a great season for 2017 with better weather and favourable tides!</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Secretary's report - Sally Ousbey</p> <p>The branch membership now stands at 115 members; We have gained members this year and lost only a few. (+15 on 2015)</p> <p>The Branch committee held four meetings in 2016.</p> <p>Sally reminded members to go to the MOA website if any of their details needed updating.</p> <p>Sally also reminded members that the National AGM is in Winchester on 19th February 2017.. She mentioned that it would make a great Valentine weekend away. As Honorary Secretary for the MOA, Sally would love to see Irish Sea Branch members attending; 6 people have currently booked in.</p>

7.0	<p>Treasurer's report - Barbara Weeks</p> <p>Barbara presented a statement of account at the meeting. This has been sent to the Honorary Treasurer, who had requested the final accounts by end of December. Some monies had been received into the account after the final account had been completed, but this income was for the AGM lunch. The branch accounts for 2016 showed</p> <table> <tr> <td>Brought forward from 2015</td> <td>£36.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income 2016</td> <td>£951.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure 2015</td> <td>£828.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance at 20/11/2016</td> <td>£123.05</td> </tr> </table> <p>Barbara had asked the question at a previous committee meeting for clarification on the date for receiving the branch Subvention. Paul Kennedy, MOA Commodore, responded and said the branch could request it at any time after the National accounts had been completed - around early February. Dave Kitchen will ask for this formally.</p>	Brought forward from 2015	£36.60	Income 2016	£951.60	Expenditure 2015	£828.55	Balance at 20/11/2016	£123.05
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8.0	Election of Branch Officers	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
	Branch Captain	<i>Dave Kitchen</i>	Howard Weeks	Wayne Versfeld
	Vice Captain	<i>Sally Ousbey</i>	Lesley Godwin	Jeanne Kitchen
	Secretary	<i>Carol Woodcock</i>	Sally Ousbey	Irene Campbell
	Treasurer	<i>Barbara Weeks</i>	Ken Timmis	Clive Roberts
	Branch Committee	All members currently in post and are happy to remain		
	<i>Mike Ousbey</i>	<i>Port Officer</i>	North Wales, Conwy	
	<i>Howard Weeks</i>	<i>Port Officer</i>	Whitehaven/ Maryport	
	<i>Kevin Brindle</i>	<i>Port Officer</i>	Liverpool	
	<i>Not represented</i>	<i>Port Officer</i>	Fleetwood, Glasson, IOM	
	<i>Perri Launders</i>	<i>Website support</i>		
	<i>Irene Campbell</i>			
	<i>Graham Woodcock</i>			
9.0	<p>Discussion of any formally proposed business</p> <p>None</p>			

<p>10.0</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Dave invited MOA Member, Mark Godwin, <i>RYA Principal and Chief Instructor</i> at North Wales Cruising Club, to tell us about his role and the training courses available.</p> <p>Mark introduced himself and his background and the NWCC club location in Conwy.</p> <p>Information on future courses is available on the website and Mark also handed out a flyer with dates of forthcoming Day Skipper/Yacht Master theory. http://nwcc.info/training/</p> <p>Courses are provided at a reasonable cost and not profit driven. Cheaper than other local providers. Courses are available to non-members.</p> <p>Mark mentioned that he is planning to offer ICC assessments later in the year, for those sailors chartering abroad. Mark may also offer the RYA course 'Essential Navigation and Seamanship. This is a valuable theory course for sailing partners who may not want/need to do Day Skipper</p> <p>Mark can provide practical assessment on owners' own boats.</p> <p>Mark is keen to get involved with members individually or in groups to support any training needs.</p> <p>Irene Campbell put forward a suggestion for refresher courses/ sessions to update those sailors who had undertaken courses and had the certificates, but felt they would benefit from a recap on prior learning. An interesting discussion followed and it was apparent that this type of event/training could be well attended.</p> <p>Mark commented that he would look further into this but also asked the member to contact him with their suggestions.</p> <p>Prior to closing the meeting, Dave asked Paul Kennedy to say a few words.</p> <p>Paul thanked Dave Kitchen, Sally Ousbey, Barbara Weeks and the committee for their hard work and active participation.</p> <p>He thanked the branch for inviting him and Ann to join us at our AGM and lunch.</p> <p>He commented that our branch was one of the best supported comparing the % of numbers attending events to the total number of members in the branch. He felt the branch was very buoyant and wished the branch committee and the members every success in growing it further. He commented that the National Executive Committee is always available to support the branches.</p> <p>He closed his address by wishing everyone a great 2017 sailing season.</p>
<p>11.0</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 12.55</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a hot buffet lunch.</p>

Signed by

Date

