

Irish Sea Branch Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 20th January 2018 at The Boat House, Sale	
<p>1.0</p> <p>2.0</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Dave welcomed the members to the meeting.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Apologies Mike Dunwoody, Tim & Sheila Hopper, Judith & Richard Cupitt, Carol & Derek Asquith, Chris Treanor, Steve Kelham, Don & Irene Campbell, Mike & Judith Fenton, Mark & Faye Williams, Enid & Steve Jenkins & Bibby, Mark & Elizabeth Cooper, Barrie and Sue Wilson, Jim Reed.</p> <p>Present - 22 members</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Minutes of the last AGM 2016</p> <p>The minutes have been available on the MOA website and were circulated before the meeting. The members were asked if the minutes were a true and accurate record: Proposed by: Howard Weeks Seconded by: Mark Godwin All were in favour.</p>

5.0 Branch Captain's report Dave Kitchen

Events

Dave was pleased to report that 20% of the Irish Sea Branch members were attending events organised by the branch.

He expressed that we hope to plan further events in the coming year including training, sailing and socialising.

The Peel Rally in June was a big success with members from the Irish Sea Branch, Scotland and Ireland branches all in attendance.

Sailing trips in general are difficult to plan due to the weather and the time available to members considering the long distances between all the different ports in our region. We have tried 'boatless musters' in the past where members drive to a location and then sail with members in that location. It should be possible to organise similar events in the future as these have been quite successful in the past.

Barbara had organised an event in Whitehaven which, although was only attended by a small number of people, it was deemed a success as Barbara had managed to speak to so many other members in preparation for the event. There was a lot of positive feedback about the MOA from the members she met.

Phill Eccles has tried to speak to MOA members in Pwllheli also.

There is to be a Tall Ships event in Liverpool this year.

The Northern Boat Show is to be held on 25th to 28th May.

Dave suggested that we might use these events as a focus to organising something within the branch.

Other possible suggestions for events in the coming season could be:

- a trip to the Isle of Man
- events in Pwllheli or Abersoch
- training on passage planning by Mark Godwin, (subject to time)

Dave asked that members share their experiences of trips away or any maintenance done on their boats. These experiences could be shared at meetings, on the website or in the Compass magazine.

National Meetings

Dave (as branch Captain) and Sally (as National Secretary) attended 3 National meetings.

Compass magazine - is changing its printing in order to reduce costs

Constitution - there are slight changes planned which will be confirmed at the National AGM in February 18

Financial changes - the subvention will be used in a different way. It can be used, for example, it may be used to hire a venue for a social gathering but

	<p>may not be used to subsidise the gathering itself.</p> <p><u>Moody Archives</u> - putting technical drawings online in an Archive is ongoing and should be useful for Moody owners.</p> <p><u>Future National AGMs</u> - The National Committee have suggested holding the next MOA National AGM (2019) in Bristol. In 2020 it is hoped that the Scottish branch will organise the event.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Secretary's report - Carol Woodcock</p> <p>The branch membership now stands at 130 members, up by 15 on last year. The branch committee held four meetings in 2017.</p> <p>Social gatherings were held in Sale, Caernarfon, Conwy, Liverpool with new people attended each of the gatherings and many regulars continuing to attend.</p> <p>Carol reminded members to change details on MOA website but if they have any difficulty in doing so, to contact the Membership Secretary. Details are on the MOA website.</p> <p>Carol reminded members that the National AGM is in Ironbridge on Sun 25th February 2018. Some members are also staying overnight on Saturday 24th and attending a dinner that evening. There are still places available.</p> <p>Currently there are 79 members attending the weekend in total with 6 of those coming from the Irish Sea Branch.</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Treasurer's report - Barbara Weeks</p> <p>Copies of the accounts for 2017 were circulated before the meeting and Barbara discussed the figures.</p> <p>Income - £600 from the MOA Subvention</p> <p>Deposits - the amount paid by members for events</p> <p>Expenses - the amount paid to venues for holding events</p> <p>Surplus - £241.45</p> <p>These accounts did not take account of the costs and expenditure of the AGM today. These would be shown on the following year's accounts.</p> <p>We have £100 more than this time last year.</p>

8.0	Election of Branch Officers	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
	Branch Captain	<i>Dave Kitchen</i>	Carol Woodcock	Ken Timmis
	Vice Captain	<i>Graham Woodcock</i>	Dave Kitchen	Wayne
	Secretary	<i>Carol Woodcock</i>	Mark Godwin	Anne Timmis
	Treasurer	<i>Barbara Weeks</i>	Dave Kitchen	Graham Woodcock
	Branch Committee			
	<i>Mike Ousbey</i>	<i>Port Officer for Conwy, North Wales</i>	Dave Kitchen	Clive Roberts
	<i>Howard Weeks</i>	<i>Port Officer for Whitehaven & Maryport</i>	Dave Kitchen	Phill Eccles
	<i>Dave Kitchen</i>	<i>Port Officer for Liverpool</i>	Phill Eccles	Kevin Brindle
	<i>Not represented</i>	<i>Port Officer</i>	Fleetwood, Glasson, IOM	
	<i>Perri Launders</i>	<i>Website support</i>	Dave Kitchen	Howard Weeks
	Phill Eccles	<i>Port Officer for Pwllheli</i>	Dave Kitchen	Clive Roberts
9.0	Discussion of any formally proposed business There was none.			
10.0	AOB Dave suggested the following events for the coming year, to be arranged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tall Ships visiting Liverpool • Training with Mark Godwin • Sailing to the Isle of Man • Sailing from Conwy 			

	<p>Mike Ousbey is a member of the North Wales Cruising Club and reported that they had already published a programme of sailing event for Conwy. MOA members were welcome to attend. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conwy River Festival in the summer • LALA weekend • A cruise out to the Tall Ships from Conwy and Deganwy <p>Clive asked if the LALA trip could be amalgamated with the Royal Welsh Yacht Club (RWYC) in Caernarfon. Mike suggested there could be a buffet at the RWYC. Carol asked if MOA members have to be members of the RWYC to take part, to which Mike replied that they didn't.</p>
<p>11.0</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a hot buffet lunch.</p>

Signed by

Date