



South West Branch, Minutes of the 2017 Annual general Meeting

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the South West Branch of the MOA was held at 19:15 on 3rd February 2018 at Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset.

Present

Keith Bunker	Chris Horsley
<i>Branch Treasurer</i>	Christine Horsley
Nicky Bunker	Paul Kennedy
Mel Bush	<i>Commodore</i>
Sue Bush	Ann Kennedy
Mark Cornish	Robert Keys
Dee Cornish	Ruth Keys
Bob Dow	Eric Lowe
Penny Dow	Pat Lowe
Jack Griffiths	Terry Marks
Elizabeth Griffiths	Oriel Marks
David Harris	Graham Marsh
Judith Harris	Pauline Marsh
Jacky Neild	Rob Bamfield
John Oldham	Peter Roberts
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Lesley Oldham	Bob Prunty
Brian Sharp	Jean Clark
Pam Sharp	Tony Wildig
Kevin Morgan	<i>Captain</i>
Mary Allen	Margaret Wildig

Apologies

12 apologies for absence have been received. These are recorded below.

Pat Brody	Simon Brody
Pete Satchel	Roger Taylor
Rick Spencer	Jo Spencer
Richard Stafford	Sally Stafford
Brian Bourke	Adele Bourke
Barry Gasson	Yvonne Gasson

Welcome

The meeting was opened at 19:40 hrs with a welcome from our Captain.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Eric Lowe proposed, and John Oldham seconded the approval of the minutes for the 2016 AGM that was held at Bath on 4th February 2017. There was no dissent to the unanimous approval of the minutes.

Matters Arising and Correspondence

There were no matters arising or general correspondence.

Captains Report

The Captain opened his report on the events for the 2017 season with a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the five rallies that took place at the following ports - Fowey on 28/4 to 1/5, Guernsey from 9-12/6, Plymouth from 8-12/8, Salcombe from 9-10/9 and the non-sailing rally at Powderham from 21-22/10.

The Fowey Rally was attended by 8 yachts in largely poor weather conditions. Nice weather for the walk to Polruan and an excellent dinner compensated, and a good time was had by all. The Guernsey rally suffered more from bad weather in the preceding week, but the crews of the 4 yachts (of an original 12) who attended enjoyed an excellent programme.

The Plymouth Gala Rally was attended by 50 members and their partners with a full programme of events from the Pontoon party in the Sutton Harbour Marina, a visit to the Devonport Docks including a tour of a Nuclear Submarine and, of course the magnificent firework displays. Pantaenius kindly sponsored the viewing of the fireworks from their office balcony together with a fine spread of food and drinks. A very cold BBQ was held on the QAB lawn followed by viewing of the second night of fireworks.

The final night of the Gala Rally took place in the National Maritime Aquarium where the Gala Dinner was held in the Eddystone Room. The evening was a great success.

The Salcombe Rally was attended by only 4 yachts due again to the weather with the pontoon party being held in Maui 4's saloon. 14 members, some arriving by road, enjoyed a talk held in the Salcombe Yacht Club on the History of Smugglers in the South West, followed by an excellent dinner.

The Powderham Rally was attended by 25 members and a talk was given by a Raymarine representative on Navigation Technology with dinner at the Exeter Court Hotel. The stormy weather on arrival had not deterred the attendees – all arriving by road! The guided tour of Powderham Castle on Sunday was blessed by sunny weather and much enjoyed by all who attended.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer gave his report on branch finances and reported that they were in a healthy condition. Eric Lowe proposed and Paul Kennedy seconded acceptance of the report which was approved unanimously.

Election of Treasurer

The post of treasurer was due for re-election. The present treasurer, Keith Bunker agreed to stand for one more year. This was unanimously approved.

Venue for next year's AGM and events for 2018

4 th to 8 th May	Fowey Rally
25 th to 28 th May	Plymouth to Torbay and return, cruise in company
7 th to 10 th August	Plymouth Pantaenius Fireworks Rally
7 th to 10 th September	Falmouth/Malpas Rally
October	Boat less Chepstow Rally

Next year's AGM will be held in conjunction with the National AGM at a common venue in Bristol on 23rd to 24th February 2019. It was made clear by the Captain that the AGM's would be held separately and not both at the same time, enabling SW members to attend the National AGM too.

Prize Giving

There were three potential prizes on offer and only one was awarded. The Confession Award went to Mel Bush who had to explain how he had managed to leave his berth in Cherbourg without having his steering wheel attached. He gave an amusing account of the events in which he managed to avoid a disaster. Mel was unable to take the trophy home with him as he was flying home to Glasgow. The trophy comprising Flying Pig's damaged propeller mounted on a wooden frame is too large to fit in the airlines overhead locker!

Any Other Business

Paul Kennedy advised the Treasurer that the limit on carrying forward monies from one year to the next applies only to the subventions from subscriptions. The carry forward should be classified as part of the sponsorship funds, on which there is no restriction.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20:15 hrs.

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