



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Held at The Bull, Great Totham on Saturday 25th January 2020 at 14.45 and attended by 40 officers and Members.

1: Apologies for Absence.

The Branch Secretary, Roger Price, reported that he had received fourteen apologies for not attending and that a list of their names was on display in the entrance.

2: Branch Captain's Report.

Twelve months ago we elected Giles as our new Branch Captain -unfortunately due to family and work commitments he had to stand down. Your Committee asked if I would stand in until a new volunteer was found.

During the year we had five shore based and seven sailing events. I will only briefly comment on each.

The AGM was attended by 36 members and thanks go to Roger for the organisation. This was followed by the Fitting-out lunch held at the RCYC and attended by some 50 members, a magnificent turn out and again our thanks go to Roger for the organisation.

The last shore based event before the sailing season commenced was held at the MLSC who did the 20 members proud with the catering, well done Robin for the organisation.

The first sailing event was over the Bank Holiday weekend with 9 boats along with various members making the tack up the A12 to Ipswich – 28 members being looked after by maria and Adam at the Ols Yacht Club and on board their magnificent Moody 54.

Next came the Rally at Heybridge, which alas the weather seems to have a down on over the past couple of years – June & Roger stepped in to help as Pete and Phyl had sold their boat and were awaiting the launch of their new one. 22 members attended as they had heard about the cakes that were on offer. Many thanks to June & Phyl for the catering.

Titchmarsh saw 9 boats with 20 members hosted by Derek and Elaine on board Wispa then on to a BBQ at what must be one of the best marina based BBQ area on the East Coast.

Back south for the Rally to Bradwell with yours truly being a late stand in vessel on Sansofe with 12 boats present. Early arrivals on Friday enjoyed a meal at the Green Man. Saturday saw 38 members on board or alongside for the rally followed by a BBQ at BQYC in the evening. Thanks go to them for allowing the use of their facilities.

The final Bank Holiday of the year, moving south saw Chatham as the next Rally destination. Organised by David & Jacqui Brooks, some 10 members enjoyed drinks and nibbles in the marquee by the side of the lock. The evening saw 15 members having an enjoyable meal in a local restaurant.

Heading north again 10 boats visited Shotley Marina with John and Chris Cooper being host boat on Sea Dawn with the over spill on Sansofe moored next door. An excellent evening meal in the Bristol Arms was attended by some 20 odd members.

The last sailing event in our calendar is a fixed date due to the Burnham Carnival. Alas the weather gods intervened with only two crews making it to the marina. Thank goodness for land yachts as some 30 members and guests attended the gathering for the music and food in the marquee laid on by the marina. Many thanks to Adrian & Jan for being host and organisers.

The laying-up Lunch again held at this popular venue, The Last Anchor in Ipswich Marina, was attended by 35 members for what was a very convivial get together. Thanks again go to John & Chris Cooper for organising this popular event.

It was down south for the last event of 2019 to be held at the Royal Cinque Ports YC in Dover. This is a joint event with the yacht clubs from Dover Calais and Boulogne, although a small contingent attended it included Kay & Trevor Parish travelling from Grimsby. By all accounts a good time was had by all, well done Linda for the organisation.

In closing I must thank my wife Jill for her help on the web site, which is at times a little onerous and time consuming and Sally for taking all of the photos along with all of the organisers of events without whom the success of the East Coast

Branch would not be what it is. On a personal note thank you for sending me copy for the emails which go out 4 and 2 weeks in advance of all our events. This made my life a little easier.

There were no questions.

At this point Mike abandoned the agenda and introduced and proposed Alan Giles as Branch Captain. Seconded by David Woolgar, Alan was elected unanimously.

3: Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Robin Harris, presented the accounts for the year and explained that they were much the same as last year. Robin then explained that the subvention figure from the centre was always the same as they paid us for the number of members who had actually paid their subscriptions. Every year there were some late payers and those who had resigned.

There were no questions so Robin proposed acceptance of the accounts. This was seconded by David Brooks and passed unanimously. The Accounts can be found on the Web Site.

4: Presentation of Trophies.

Alan Giles, Branch Captain, presented the Paddington Trophy for Seamanship to Andrew and Diane Conway for their cruise on *Essex Skipper* and excellent log of their trip to the Scilly Isles last Season.

The Branch Trophy for service to the Branch was then presented to John & Chris Cooper (*Sea Dawn*) for their assistance in organising rallies and the Laying-up Lunch for the past two seasons.

5: A.O.B.

Alan thanked Mike for the work he had done over the past years and then went over the program for the new season. He thanked those who had already volunteered to organise a rally but reminded those present that we were still in need of organisers for the Chatham Lowestoft and Heybridge rallies. Also a couple of volunteers to administer the Web Site and members emails.

There was no other business.

6: Election of Officers.

The secretary, Roger Price, asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for the Committee but he drew a blank.

So with Linda Jessup, Adrian Oliver, Robin Harris (Treasurer) and Roger Price (Secretary) prepared to stand again, Alan Giles proposed them and with a number of seconds they were elected unanimously.

The meeting ended at 15.35

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.