

Moody Owners Association - South West
AGM Minutes
Sunday 24th February 2019
At the Doubletree Hilton, Bristol

Meeting was opened by the Captain – Tony Wildig at 10:00am

Apologies received from: -

David Lawson, John & Jill Bray, Richard & Sally Stafford,
Patricia & Simon Brody & Peter Roberts

Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The previous 2017 AGM minutes were available online and Tony asked for them to be approved as correct.

Proposer: Eric Lowe

Seconder: Paul Kennedy

Accepted by all

Matters arising:– There were no matters arising.

Captain's Report: - Delivered in an informative and lighthearted manner by Tony Wildig.

Each rally was reported in turn using a PowerPoint presentation illustrated with photographs.

Given the superb weather throughout the summer, the rallies have been well-supported and most importantly, very enjoyable. Some new and some previously-inactive members did join the rallies, although we hope to attract even wider participation in the future.

The Fowey Mayday Rally (4th to 7th May) was attended by 15 boats and their crews who enjoyed glorious weather. The pontoon party was followed on the Saturday by an exploration of the River Fowey by dinghy. A lunch stop was held at the Fisherman's Arms in Golant. The rally dinner took place at the Gallants Yacht Club and by all accounts it was a great evening. Lynn Gould took us on a Daphne du Maurier guided walk on the Sunday which was fascinating. The Monday departure to home ports was met by very wet and windy weather.

The Pantaenius Plymouth Fireworks Rally (7th to 10th August) was again well attended. Graham Marsh did an excellent job running the rally this year. Berthing was arranged at Sutton Harbour Marina where the Pontoon Party took place on the Marina balcony. A visit to the 19th century Mining village at Morwellham Quay was well supported and the rain did not manage to spoil the occasion. A visit to the Princess Yachts Hangar to view the 70ft Motor yacht production line was followed by the Rally dinner at the Waterfront Restaurant where the attendees enjoyed an unrestricted view of the Fireworks competition.

The Falmouth/Malpas Rally (14th to 16th September) was extremely well arranged by Len Cheshire included a visit to the National Trust Trelissick House with the Rally dinner being held in the Pandora Inn, Restronguet. Transport to the Pandora Inn was provided by a ferryboat whose skipper impressed everyone with his shallow water pilotage.

The Hereford Boat-Less Rally (13th to 14th October) was the last rally of the year and was arranged by Bob Keys who had nothing to do with the arrival of Storm Callum! The Saturday's guided tour of Hereford Cathedral and the Mappa Mundi was well supported. The Rally Dinner was held at the 3 Counties Hotel with an after-dinner talk arranged by the Old Gaffers Association on "Old Gaffers". During the dinner a demonstration was given of a Stirling cycle engine running on ice. A visit was arranged on the Sunday to see a large-scale Cycle engine at the Waterworks Museum. The lady members found all this technology rather daunting!

Although the committee was instrumental in putting together most of the branch activities, the rally programme relies on members stepping forward to organise or assist with the events. Tony made particular mention of Graham and Pauline Marsh for arranging the Plymouth rally, Len and Pauline Cheshire for the Falmouth/Malpas rally and Bob and Ruth Keys for the boat-less rally in Hereford. Their efforts and those of others who have assisted with the programme including the club officers, are much appreciated.

Treasurer's report and Branch accounts

Once the hand-outs summarising the accounts for the correct year were handed out (2018 in place of 2017!), the Treasurer, Keith Bunker, gave a summary of the report, confirming that all accounts were in order with little change in the balance from last year. Most of the Branch funding is by subvention from the MOA as a whole. This requires that only a small proportion of the subvention can be carried forward within the Branch accounts. However, funds from sponsorship (in our case from Pantaenius) can be carried forward, allowing us to keep a reserve for special events.

Frequency of the election of officers and their terms of office

Tony stated that the role of Captain is the only Official Branch Officer covered in the MOA Constitution - the relevant rule was shown in a PowerPoint slide. Paul Kennedy pointed out that there are paragraphs covering the other officers, he however agreed with Tony that flexibility was important and, where possible, staggering the terms in such a way as to create continuity in the committee. Tony suggested that we follow the basic principles used by the National MOA with terms of 2 to 3 years for Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer and 3 to 4 years for the Captain. However, each position should be endorsed annually and, should other candidates wish to stand, a formal election can be held at the AGM. This proposal was endorsed by a show of hands.

Nomination & Election of Officers (Captain, Treasurer & Secretary)

The current Officers are willing to stand for a further year.

Tony, Peter & Keith were endorsed to remain in office for a further year. A separate election had been already advised for the new position (for the SW) of Vice-Captain.

A motion was proposed to endorse the current officers for a further year:

Proposer: - John Oldham

Secunder: -Paul Kennedy

This was accepted by all with relief and thanks!

The position of Web-master for the Branch is ex-officio. John Oldham was thanked for his sterling work in maintaining our web presence. He has agreed to continuing in that position for a further year.

Nominations and election of Vice Captain

Most MOA branches have the additional post of Vice Captain to assist with spreading the workload and to stand in for the Captain in the latter's absence. Nominations have been requested and Mary Allen has come forward to stand for the position. In the absence of other nominees, a motion was put forward to confirm Mary Allen in the position:

Proposer - Tony Wildig

Secunder - Rob Barnfield

The motion was carried unanimously, and Mary has been duly elected as Vice-Captain.

Programme for 2019

The Captain then showed a slide illustrating the programme of rallies and events planned for the 2019 sailing season:

3 rd – 6 th May	Salcombe
24 th – 27 th May	Fowey
28 th – 30 th June	Falmouth
13 th – 18 th July	Cherbourg/Guernsey with the Solent Branch
13 th – 16 th August	Pantaenius Plymouth Fireworks Rally
13 th – 15 th September	Torquay
Tba October	Minehead Boat-less Rally
15 th February 2020	MOA South West Branch AGM – Worcester

He went on to request for volunteers to contact himself and Peter to assist with the running of these rallies and he also mentioned that the Solent branch have extended an invitation for South West members to join their Bastille Day Cherbourg and St Peter Port rally in July and anyone interested should contact either himself or Peter. Also, on the topic of rallies Tony said that he and a few other boats were planning on extending the Falmouth rally by making a short cruise to the Isles of Scilly and further boats were welcome to join this "sail in company" especially anyone who had not been there before.

He also said that we are all keen to encourage more people and boats to join in the rallies as this adds to the vibrancy & enhances the experience for all.

Presentation of SW Trophies

The following awards were presented by the Captain:

- Achievement Trophy** - Rob Barnfield for his general and generous support for both the SW Branch and the MOA GC. Also, for diligent watch duties (whilst resting eyelids)!
- Manoeuvre Trophy** - Peter for waking all the Marina Meerkats around his home berth in an unconventional approach to docking.
- Confession Trophy** - Eric for his balletic pontoon dismount for the entertainment of Ardglass Marina.
(the event excellently told with a witty PowerPoint presentation)

The award ceremony was enjoyed by all and the good humor of the recipients especially Peter's story even though he was not in attendance.

A.O.B

Paul Kennedy thanked Tony on behalf of all those attending the AGM and Tony responded by saying that he greatly appreciating the sentiment whilst adding a last encouragement for members to be more generally engaged in the organising of events and the branch management.

There being no further business the meeting was then formally closed at 11:15 am.