



**Moody Owners Association - South West
AGM Minutes
Saturday 15th February 2020
At the Pear Tree Inn and Country Hotel, Smite, Worcester.**

Meeting was opened by the Captain – Tony Wildig at 18:30

Tony began the meeting by welcoming everyone who had made the effort to attend in view of the inclement weather with Storm Dennis approaching and hoped that everyone was happy with their rooms in the hotel.

Apologies were received from: -

Graham and Pauline Marsh
Pat and Simon Brody
Jacky Neild
Bob and Ruth Keys
Peter and Cynthia Griffiths
Ian and Barbara Petty
Keith and Nicky Bunker
David and Clarissa Rymer
Gavin and Lucy Caldwell
Colin and Viv Smale
Gordon and Valerie Bendall
Mark and Dee Cornish
Len Cheshire

Tony mentioned that Mark Cornish was ill in hospital having just undergone a heart operation. We were waiting for further news on this and he was sending Mark a get-well card from the members of the branch.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The previous 2018 AGM minutes were available online and copies were available on the tables. Tony asked for them to be approved as correct.

Proposer: Eric Lowe

Secunder: Paul Kennedy

Accepted by all

Matters arising: – There were no matters arising.

Captain's Report: - Delivered by Tony Wildig with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation including pictures taken during the events together with cryptic comments.

The first rally of the season was **Salcombe** which had the best turn out and so proved to be the most popular venue. The pontoon suffered under the strain of too many people at the join and almost went under water! The weather for this rally was good but very cold. The walk to Overbeck's was participated by many with some taking the ferry. The only let down was the poor quality of the catering at the Salcombe Yacht Club on the Saturday evening.

The Fowey Rally (24th to 27th May) was arranged by Peter Roberts. The pontoon party was held in very cold conditions. Margaret's catering was extremely well appreciated by one and all. The Saturday event was a trip to the Eden Project which was well attended and enjoyed by the group as could be seen in the picture of them returning happily on the coach.

Prior to the dinner we were entertained with the departure of a German cruise ship, Hanseatic Nature.

The rally dinner was held in the Gallants Yacht Club again this year. The Sunday event was to be a repeat of last year's successful dingy trip up the Fowey River but as the weather was so poor some people went into town and the remainder gathered on Sea Pigeon enjoying each other's company and much liquid refreshment.

The Falmouth/Malpas Rally (28th June to 1st July) was again extremely well arranged by Len Cheshire. With a visit to the Truro Cathedral and a very enjoyable dinner at the Heron Inn, Malpas. Some of us left on the 2nd July to sail to the Isles of Scilly with a stop in Coverack for 4 boats. Eventually only two boats (Maui 4 and Kasuku) made it to St Helens Pool followed later that afternoon by Mark Cornish in his Moody Eclipse 33 "Shinroc" this was after an epic trip to collect a new battery for his boat. The weather was wonderful with a picture showing the group on St Martins having lunch. The afternoon was taken up with a visit and climb to the top of St Helens Island.

The Pantaenius Plymouth Fireworks Rally was cancelled this year to due to a poor take-up.

Torquay Rally (13th to 16th September) This event was well attended and was blessed with good weather for a change. A visit was arranged to go underground at Kent's Cavern to see Sabre Tooth Tigers and Bears. The evening entertainment was a visit to the theatre to see The Mousetrap. Tony did not fully enjoy the event as the seats were most uncomfortable. A picture was shown of Neil in Maui 4 with John instructing him on how to repair Maui 4's auto pilot.

The Minehead Boat-Less Rally (11th to 14th October) was the last rally of the year and was arranged by Keith Bunker. Keith had arranged for us to go from Minehead to Bishops Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway by steam engine where we visited the Bishops Lydeard Mill and that was followed by a visit to St Mary's Church which we all enjoyed. That evening Mark Cornish gave an illustrated talk on sailing in the vicinity of the Bristol Channel which Tony correctly said

had definitely put us off sailing in that area owing to the tides and moving banks!
The following day we drove ourselves to the Castle and village of Dunster where we were given a guided tour of the staff quarters and kitchens.

Treasurer's report and Branch accounts.

The Treasure, Keith Bunker was not present to make his report. This was carried out by The Captain, Tony Wildig in his absence.

Tony explained that we have to give details to the main committee on what funds we receive from both subvention and sponsorship. For the last few years we received £500 per annum from Pantaenius. The subvention funds cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol, but the sponsorship funds can. Chris Allcock confirmed that the accounts as presented had already been approved by the National Committee. This year we will receive a lower subvention due to the lower number of paid up members. The subvention this year being only £1360.00. Tony explained that it was possible to run a rally cash neutral. Paul Kennedy said that as a past Commodore we should not worry about the funding.

Tony explained that we had a little sponsorship funding in the kitty, and it would be used to purchase a few bottles of wine for the dinner that evening.

Rob Barnfield proposed we accept the accounts and Kevin Morgan seconded his decision.

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

The retiring committee members are:

Captain – Tony Wildig
Secretary – Peter Roberts
Treasurer – Keith Bunker

Tony explained that due to his continuing health problems he was having to stand down. Only one nomination had been received for the position of Captain and that was for Neil Ewins to take over. Tony explained that Neil had not been an MOA member for very long but had experience in other clubs and it was appreciated that he was a good few years younger.

Tony Wildig proposed Neil Ewins as the new Captain, and it was seconded by Peter Roberts. A show of hands for all those in favour was held with all hands being raised unanimously. Tony then welcomed Neil as the new Captain.

John Oldham had previously agreed to take over from Keith Bunker as Treasurer. Chris Horsley proposed the motion and it was seconded by David Harris.

There were no nominations for Secretary and Tony asked for someone to come forward if only as a stop gap for a year and then explained what the secretarial duties were. Rob Barnfield expressed a wish to take over the Secretarial role and Tony asked Mary Allen (as vice-captain elect) if she would be happy to support Rob in the role. She agreed to assist in every way

possible.

The motion to accept Rob Barnfield as Secretary was Proposed by Neil Ewins and seconded by Eric Lowe.

Tony proposed that Mary Allen be re-instated as Vice-Captain (having stood down during last year due to poor health), and this was seconded by Rob Barnfield.

The newly Elected Committee is as follows:

Captain – Neil Ewins
Vice-Captain - Mary Allen
Secretary – Rob Barnfield
Treasurer – John Oldham

The new bank account operators will be:

Treasurer – John Oldham
Captain – Neil Ewins

Programme for 2020

Tony then invited the new Captain – Neil Ewins to take over the meeting and go through the programme for the rest of the year. Neil explained that he was keen to use a web site that would simplify the rally booking procedure with drop down menus which were easily completed.

Neil went on to say that he thought the MOA undersold itself and that it was good value for only £22 per annum.

John Oldham then raised the issue of Port Officers. Tony explained that we only had one port officer left – Len Cheshire in Falmouth. Tony expressed a wish that we should revitalise port officers. Tony said he would be happy to become Port Officer for Dartmouth.

Neil confirmed that we should be looking at making the rally marina and pontoon reservations especially for Plymouth and Fowey as soon as possible.

Neil went on to ask if members enjoyed coming together at short notice and maybe just anchoring somewhere and enjoying each other's company and socialising. Paul Kennedy explained that he did not think this idea would work in practice due to the 3000 mile coast length that the South West branch members were located along he went on to say that we had to have a core plan for the rallies. Tony said that a WhatsApp group for the rallies may be a way forward to get interest at short notice. Neil asked for a show of hands for those already using WhatsApp and many hands were raised. Peter Roberts said that we had to not only rely on a WhatsApp communication system but should also continue with the mailing to all members as had been done in the past. Paul Kennedy mentioned that there was a WhatsApp limit to the number of members in a group and it was in the region of 250 (subsequently confirmed as 256) so the idea of having a larger group may not work. John Oldham suggested that a brief description of WhatsApp and how it worked should be given to members when asking if they would be interested in joining the group.

The Captain said that we should hold the next AGM in Exeter or closer to the South Coast and it was agreed that Worcester was a little far to go for an AGM. Neil introduced his wife Maxine who was going to assist him in his future duties as Captain. The date for the next AGM would be decided at a later date and all members would be advised.

Presentation of the SW Trophies

The following awards were presented by the Captain:

Achievement Trophy - Len Cheshire was presented this trophy in his absence for the effort he has put into running two Falmouth Rallies.

Maneuver Trophy - Remaining with Peter Roberts as there was no other outstanding maneuvers.

Confession Trophy - Remaining with Eric Lowe as there were no other confessions to consider for the award.

Any Other Business

Rob Barnfield expressed his wish to thank Tony Wildig and Peter Roberts for all the effort they had put into the Branch over the last three years and thanks also for making him feel so very welcome.

There being no further business the meeting was then formally closed at 19:20