



## **Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)**

### **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

Held via on line Zoom on Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 16.30

Although 24 members requested links, unfortunately only 11 logged-in to the meeting.

**Please note that the reports and accounts were emailed to members before the meeting but are reproduced here for clarity and archiving.**

#### **1: Apologies for Absence.**

Sixteen members registered their apologies for not attending the meeting.

#### **2: Branch Captain's Report.**

The year started with a good AGM in January. Roger and Robin were as efficient as usual in getting through the business leaving plenty of time for socialising among the 40 guests, which is what it is really about.

This was followed in February with a Spring get together in the Maldon Little Ship Club with 26 of us trying to arrive when it wasn't pouring. Some managed it and some didn't. Whatever the weather though everyone seemed to have a good time. The East coast also had a reasonable representation at the International AGM in Dundee. There were some good visits laid on and some of us were paying particular attention to the organisation in preparation for the AGM scheduled for Kent this February

Needless to say, events then overtook all the planning. The Central committee made it clear that the number one priority was the safety of members, particularly given the age profile.

We on the East Coast Committee kept a review of the twist and turns looking for a window of opportunity to meet up without exposing significant risk.

Fortunately, we had access to a number of the medical papers and journals so were able to understand a bit more of the detail without having to sift out the

nuances placed by nearly all the media reports in one direction or the other.

Looking back, we seemed to get the calls correct although it may have been possible to slip in one meeting during the summer but we felt better to play safe than be sorry. Some members did manage to meet up informally which was great; but of course, that is a different matter to having a larger gathering brought together officially. We did slip in a bit of fun with the Photo competition at the end of the year. We are pleased to announce the winners are:

For the Moody category: David Readman with "Mudlarkin" and In the Different Aspect category: Derek Grant with "What's going on 'ere". Congratulations to them both. Their entries can be seen on the East Coast Branch section of the website.

As was predicted by the medical profession the winter has seen a resurgence of the epidemic. The vaccines are good news but looking at the roll out programmes it is likely to be April or May before there is a real easing. We have therefore prepared an outline plan of events for the season which we will firm up as soon as we see what is possible.

We are looking forward to better times in the coming season and the opportunity to re-connect with other members again.

*Alan Giles*

Patrick Rogers asked what were the plans for the season. Alan replied that the outline program was sent together with all the details for the proposed AGM and was also available on the East Coast section of the MOA web site.

Patrick also suggested that we could have more Zoom meetings in order to stay in contact. Alan replied that the Committee would look into this with a possible date in April. Later we agreed April 10<sup>th</sup> at 16:30. It would be something to look forward too.

### **3: Treasurer's Report.**

You will be glad to hear that my Treasurer's report is so brief this year as to be almost non-existent!

The good news is that this year's accounts are very straightforward and, hopefully, easily understandable.

The bad news is that as only two of the planned events could be held, we haven't been able to spend the subvention on the members.

Regrettably, because of this, we will suffer a big deduction from next year's payment. However, the plan for 2021 is to spend more when activities can get going again.

*Robin Harris*

Robin proposed acceptance of the accounts which was seconded by Adrian Oliver and passed unanimously by those present.

#### **4: A.O.B.**

Kevin Remmington remarked that his yacht club had booked all their planned venues for the up coming season to ensure berths would be available, should MOA East Coast do likewise?

Alan replied that it would be possible but there had been some concern as to whether east coast marinas had followed south coast practice and charged for non-appearance and pre-booking. Both Kevin and Patrick replied that from their experience that during the few events run last year this had not happened.

Alan replied that the Committee would look into this, but more volunteers were still need to run these events.

Kevin suggested that for each event, the organiser should start a “WhatsApp” group for those intending to attend. The group would be abandoned after the event. This was agreed a good idea and would be implemented in future.

#### **5: Election of Officers.**

The Secretary reported that, following his request, there had been no volunteers willing to stand for the Committee and as all the current committee members were willing to carry on, he proposed that if there were no objections, they could be elected en-mass.

There were no objections and following a show of hands the officers and committee were elected for a further year.

The official meeting closed at 17.05 but the members continued to chat until the Zoom meeting ended at 17.15.

*Roger Price,*

MOA East Coast Branch Secretary.