



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Held at The Bull, Great Totham, Maldon on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 14.30 and attended by 34 Members.

1: Apologises for Absence.

The Branch Secretary, Roger Price, reported that twenty members had sent their apologies for non-attendance and a list could be seen on request.

2: Branch Captain's Report.

Alan Giles gave his report:-

It is good to be able to say that we had almost a full season of sailing activities this year.

The start of the year saw us run our first on-line AGM for the branch. Thanks to Colin running the technicals, that all went off well. With Covid we deliberately didn't arrange any shore events for the start of the year and unfortunately had to cancel our first planned sailing event to the Medway with apologies to David Brookes for all the planning he had undertaken. But we had a number of quizzes to keep our minds active thanks to Kevin Remington.

All the other sailing events took place, pretty much as planned and were very well attended as you can see from the reports on the website. Comparisons with previous years are never easy, as weather and variations in dates mean that exact comparisons can be

misleading. However, I think it is worth saying that events appeared to be at least as well attended as previous years and better than most, despite many people catching up on visits to friends and family. This year included a trip to the Walton and Frinton Yacht club which was a new venue to a lot of people and proved to be one of the highlights.

The committee are appreciative of all those who stepped up to organise the various rallies. Especially as covid rules and venues struggling with staffing issues, presented many challenges and last-minute changes for a number of the organiser to tackle.

Thank you to; Patrick and Gillian Rogers; and Peter & Marta Wright, who took on the tasks for the first time. Also to Derek and Elaine Grant for another great time at Titchmarsh.

Thanks are also due to your committee who as well as overall planning, secretarial, financial, and website duties also helped organise various rallies.

Of course, the events didn't stop at the end of the sailing season but culminated with our laying up Lunch at the Royal Corinthian in Burnham. We had 54 members attend which is the most anyone on the committee could remember and made a fitting end to the season. We did decide to cancel our last shore-based event due to difficulties finding a venue we felt was covid safe. In the end this proved a fortuitous decision given the Omicron outbreak.

I do want to take this opportunity to apologise on behalf of the MOA – to some, particularly new members, who have not been receiving our e-mails. This is due to some major investment and changes to the IT infrastructure run by the MOA. Covid and some technical issues have delayed the original plans and the amount of work required by the central officers has been somewhat overwhelming. To the extent that keeping the central database up to date, has proved difficult. As a consequence, the branches have not had up to date information for our mailing lists. We are told this should start to be rectified in the next few months so hopefully we will be able to get back to a better service to all our members.

During all this Mike Ballinger has done a fantastic job adding names and manually amending mailing lists where he was passed information, as well as responding to enquiries from members, but

without the relevant information from the central databases the branches have no ability to overcome the underlying issues. I want to pass on my personal thanks, along with the thanks of the committee, to Mike for his stalwart continuation with our mailshots despite all the issues he had to deal with.

You will see that we have a full plan of events for the coming year. However, some rallies do need volunteers to organise the details in order to proceed. It is relatively straight forward to organise an event near your home base but much more difficult for those not familiar with the area. It would also be useful to have some committee members from or further afield in order for us to plan events for those on the Humber for example. Please don't be shy the committee are always willing to help but can't do everything themselves.

So, it just falls to me to wish you all a great season this year and remind you that our next event is the fitting out supper on the 19th March at the Frinton and Walton Yacht Club.

There were no questions or comments.

3: Treasurer's Report.

The Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris presented the members with the year's accounts and gave his report saying that due to the Covid restrictions in restaurants etc. over the past year we had not spent as much as usual. This, he said, would result in a larger than usual sum being returned to the Center.

As there were no questions, acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Woolgar, seconded by June Price and passed unanimously. The accounts can be found below these minutes.

4: Presentation of Trophies.

The Branch Secretary announced that there were three trophies available to be presented, two for sailing and one for supporting the Branch, but, as in previous years, if no one advises the Officers or Committee of anybody worthy of recognition they don't get presented.

This year the Branch Trophy was presented to Derek & Elaine Grant for their assistance in running events at Titchmarsh Marina over a considerable number of years. The branch Captain announced that they were, unfortunately not with us as they had decided to stay out of circulation before going on a big holiday abroad. It would be presented at a future time and place.

It was then announced that the Clark & Carter Trophy for sailing was this year presented to David and Linda Woolgar for their circumnavigation of the British Isles including the Orkneys. As the Secretary said with no short cuts through Scotland. The Trophy was presented to David and Linda by the Branch Captain.

5: Any Other Business.

There was none,

6: Election of Officers and Committee.

The Branch Secretary asked if anyone present would like to volunteer for the Committee as it could do with some additional members. As in previous years there were no takers so the Secretary announced that the complete committee, including the Branch Captain, Treasurer and Secretary were prepared to stand again and he would hold a vote for them en-mass. (Members of the Committee and Officers can be found on the Web Site, East Coast section.)

They were proposed by Dick Holness, seconded by David Woolgar and elected unanimously.

The meeting ended at 15.10.

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.