



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Held at The Bull, Great Totham, Maldon on Saturday 28th. January 2023 at 14.30 and attended by 30 Members.

1: Apologises for Absence.

The Branch Secretary, Roger Price, reported that thirteen 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 saying:-

I want to start by wishing you all a Happy new year's sailing.

Perhaps that's also where I should finish -- but I promise I won't be long.

I think we are all glad that we had a full season last year. I won't go over the individual events that we have held. Descriptions of all the meetings are on the website and in Compass so you can see for yourself, with pictures, rather than me go through them all. When planning 2022 the committee were concerned as to the level of attendance we might get. Particularly given that so many people had Holidays postponed from previous years along with visiting friends and relatives etc. Whilst weather and tides make it difficult to compare one year with another it is fair to say that overall, we had very good attendances. Many organisations have struggled to get back to pre-covid levels but we seem to have been well served.

We are not a military operation who can demand attendance, And we don't pay you so can't coerce you to attend either. Nor are we all driven by some common goal such as solving world hunger, Saving the whales or Bees nor some other dearly held belief. As a self-interest group we are totally dependent on the willingness of members to attend and join in. So I really want to thank each and every member of the East Coast branch for the support and time you have shown to join in during the season. Thank You.

A particular thanks also to those who have organised individual rallies. These efforts are really appreciated by the members and without this help we would not be able to run the number of events that we do. These organisers are also much appreciated by your hard-working committee who can't be expected to run all the events as well as run the branch.

I see how much work your committee do. Our treasurer Robin who counts and collects the Cash for EVERY event. Roger who works throughout the year as secretary, preparing and filing all the

paperwork, not to mention running this event every year. We have Colin who constantly updates our website but who this year has also dealt with the new mailing system as well as finding time to run and analyse our survey of members. And not forgetting Linda and Adrian who contribute ideas and suggestions and step in to fill the gaps when we are short of rally organisers. This year the committee has also tried to include some of the feedback obtained from our survey, to provide more of the things you have suggested and requested. It is early days but hopefully we will try more new things this season and see what does and doesn't work. So my personal thanks go to each member of the committee who have made this year a successful return to a more normal and certainly more enjoyable 2022.

Looking forward - the plans for 2023 are published and ready so we can all enjoy the coming season and hopefully make it better than ever. I would ask each of you to consider how you might assist in the coming season. The more volunteers we get the more events we can run. We really would like to get a different person organising every event. It only takes a few hours to collate attendees and buy some provisions. And it really assists the committee in concentrating on their other tasks rather than having to run events as well. Alternatively join the committee to add some other ideas and assist with the planning of the years calendar. If we can get a little more support then we can really try and get some events organised further afield and give more opportunities to those in the north and south of our region.

So I would just like to finish by thanking you all for your support over the years, and look forward to the things to come.

Here's to: Fair winds and Firm Anchors in 2023 Thank you.

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 it was much as to be expected with all the events held this past year. We ended with a slight deficit but nothing to be concerned about.

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

4: Presentation of Trophies.

The Branch Secretary announced that we had three trophies to award annually to East Coast members but as there had been no feedback recommending recipients for the sailing cups this year, only the Branch Trophy for service to the branch would be presented.

The Secretary then asked Colin Shead (Web Master) to accompany him to the cup table and for Alan to join them. Alan then proceeded to present the cup to Colin being under the impression that Colin was the recipient. Colin then announced that the name on the cup was actually Alan's and told him that it was the Committee's unanimous decision that it should be presented to Alan for his support to the Branch over three difficult years which included the Covid Pandemic.

5: Any Other Business.

There was none.

6: Election of Officers and Committee.

The Branch Secretary then announced that Alan was standing down as Captain and Peter Wright had volunteered to take over the post. Proposed by Alan and seconded by Colin Peter was voted in unanimously.

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 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 Ian French, seconded by David Woolgar and elected unanimously.

The new Branch Captain spoke to thank the members for their vote and pleading for those present to try and encourage any younger members that they encounter on their travel to get involved with the MOA, both at Branch level and Nationally, as without younger blood the future of the Association was not too bright.

The meeting ended at 15.25.

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.