

Moody Owners Association - South West

AGM Minutes

17:00. Saturday, February 4, 2023

Meeting at Mercure White Hart Hotel, Salisbury

Meeting was opened by the South West Branch Captain – Neil Ewins at 17:06

Neil began the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Attendees:

Kevin Morgan & Mary Allen	Brett & Susan Whitby-Smith
Neil & Maxine Ewins	Bob Scanlan
John & Lesley Oldham	Duncan & Jackie Hall
Ruth & Bob Keys	Nigel & Karen Ellis
Mel & Sue Bush	Barbara & Mike Arnold
David & Judith Harris	Brian & Adele Bourke
Eric & Pat Lowe	Christopher Spyres
This list has been taken from the sign-in sheet. If anyone has been left off, we apologise as the count of those present was higher than the above.	

Apologies have been received from:

Peter and Julia Roberts	Gary and Vivien Lewis
Alan and Kim Stevenson	Neil and Carol Webb
Brian and Adele Bourke	Vincent and Sheila Parker-Brown
Frances Foster	Deric Jarvis
Alexander and Denise Finnon	Dave and Ruth Evans
Tony and Margaret Wildig	

Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The previous 2022 AGM minutes were available online and copies were also circulated.

Neil asked for them to be approved as correct.

- Proposer: Kevin Morgan
- Seconder: John Oldham
- Accepted: Yes

Matters Arising

The membership has been steady over the year, with a membership at December 2022 of 315, which is the number used to determine the subvention. In addition, the branch has 89 friends; that is members from other branches who ask for the South West Branch to be their second branch and are kept informed of our events.

Neil reminded MOA members to fly the MOA Burgee

South West Branch Captain's Report

This was delivered by Neil Ewins with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation slide showing a small library of Moody yacht photographs as per the rallies held in:

- Dartmouth; 10 boats, private pontoon and trips up to Totnes
- Falmouth; 9 boats, 25 people on the pontoon, dinner at the Pandora Inn
- Plymouth Fireworks; miscommunication no berths hence no rally
- Brixham; 22 people, evening meal on Friday

Neil would like people to organise rallies for 2023 as he will be sailing in and around Spain and Portugal.

Neil suggested a visit to the Plymouth University's Wave machine be organised.

The branch has resurrected the appointment of Port Officers who are asked to assist in the setting up of rallies and events in their local area. These officers will arrange berths, places to eat and local places to visit for our rallies. Currently four members have volunteered for these posts:

- Plymouth - Peter Roberts
- Falmouth - Alex Whatley
- Dartmouth – Tim Rothwell
- Fowey/Yelm – Bret Whitby-Smith

The committee and membership are very grateful to these members for offering their support and this was endorsed by the AGM.

Treasurer's report and Branch accounts

The Treasurer, Paul Kennedy presented the branch accounts and report, showing comparison between Financial Years (FY) 2021 and 2022. Pantaenius Insurance is no longer supporting the branch or the MOA, so here is no additional sponsorship for FY 2023. The accounts were then submitted to the AGM for approval:

- Proposer: Eric Lowe
- Seconder: Duncan Hall
- Approved and accepted: Yes

The Treasurer then asked for approval for Port Officers to be re-imbursed essential mileage a 40p per mile. This was agreed.

Presentation of South West Branch Trophies

The South West Branch has traditionally awarded two trophies: one for an outstanding achievement by a branch member, which is the Baton that was made for the South West Branch to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the MOA; and one called the “Confession Trophy” for the sailor who confessed to an error or getting into an unfortunate predicament. This year it was decided to not award the Confession Trophy and to designate the Achievement Trophy as an award to the branch member who had undertaken the most adventurous cruise. This year it was proposed that the award should be given to Ken Falcon (Moody 376), who at the age of 80 undertook a single-handed voyage from the South Coast to Scotland, through the Caledonian Canal, and back. The AGM resolved that:

- The Achievement Trophy (Baton) be awarded to Ken Falcon who at the age of 80 decided to sail around the UK single-handed
- To give special thanks to John Oldham for making the base for this trophy.

Paul Kennedy will arrange for Ken’s name to be inscribed onto the baton base and delivery of same to Ken.

Programme for 2023

Suggestions:

It was agreed that the framework 2023 programme should be similar to that planned for 2022, but with

- Rally to the Isles of Scilly if a suitable weather window is available.
- 2nd week of May; rally to Dartmouth and Salcombe.
- John Oldham; Brixham Rally, berth up at the top of the visitors pontoon, have a meal at the new Restaurant.
- Non-sailing event to RPCYC, Plymouth.
- Rally to River Yealm; Brett Whitby-Smith offered to organise if moorings are available.
- Consideration of a rally up the River Exe.
- Members will be advised of events with very short notice.
- Next year’s AGM date and location – ideas? Cardiff, Bath, Taunton.
- **All** Identify other Port Captains who can help reference mooring details, restaurants, places of interest etc.

Any Other Business

There followed a general discussion to cover any other business (AOB) at which members made the following comments.

- Eric Lowe – requested the mnemonics be excluded within announcements, for example using ‘Financial Year’ in place of FY. Mary suggested that the use mnemonics to continue to be used together with their respective explanation.
- As Tony Wildig continued to be unwell a card was passed around for members to add their best wishes.

Post meeting note: On the day following the AGM we were advised that Tony sadly passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023. Our sincere condolences were passed to Margaret and Tony’s family. He was a great asset to the South West Branch and the MOA as a whole and will be sorely missed all who knew him.

There being no further business the meeting was then formally closed at 17:45