



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Held at The Blue Anchor, Feering on Saturday 25th. January 2025 at 14.00 and attended by 30 Members.

1: Apologises for Absence.

The Branch Secretary, Roger Price, reported that there had been only one apology received.

2: Branch Captain's Report.

Peter Wright gave his report saying:-

Thanks all for coming. Thanks Roger for organising, this seems a big improvement on last year's AGM lunch.

Despite a difficult start with the AGM lunch, last year's shore based events were popular and successful. Following the AGM, we had:

*Linda's Noggin and Natter at Medway YC, both popular and enjoyable, I would encourage the Essex & Suffolk members to get to this year's version for which invites have already gone out.

*The fitting out lunch at Pin Mill, where the 30 person limit for the Butt & Oyster resulted in some members being turned away, including the club Commodore, but he was able to join us for the laying up lunch.

*A midsummer dinner at the Last Anchor in Ipswich which, at Colin's suggestion, we combined with the Ipswich rally.

*The laying up lunch at the Royal Corinthian YC, which was popular as always and will be repeated this year.

Events afloat were less successful:

*Most disappointing for me was that the Netherlands cruise into which Linda and David had put a significant amount of work, having started out with a good number planning to join, by a fortnight before departure had fallen to just the organisers and Wild Thyme, so we canceled that.

*The Medway Rally attracted only Wild Thyme as a participant and so was canceled.

*The Brightlingsea Rally never got off the ground as we did not find an organiser for it.

*The Crouch Rally was a success organised jointly by John Holliday at Burnham and Giles Ford-Crush at Fambridge and included one participant less than 1 year old who had sailed with Mum & Dad from the Orwell. John took us for dinner at the Royal CorinthianYC and Giles entertained us with a tour in dinghies of the creeks opposite Fambridge which provided much entertainment and several groundings.

*The Ipswich Rally which, as I have said, was combined with a midsummer dinner. Some kind soul arranged the Pin Mill barge match for the Saturday, providing some spectacular views as we headed up the river and we made a visit to Christchurch Mansion to learn a little of the town's history.

*The Heybridge Basin Rally, organised by Roger, was also a success with some attending the BBQ by car.

*The Deben Rally was broken up by bad weather so only organiser Steve Hillyard made it to the Tide Mill in time for the BBQ by boat, all the way from his mooring at Felixstow Ferry SC. Others, leaving their boats at Suffolk Yacht Harbour and Shotley, attended by car.

As a result, we are organising the same number of shore-based events this year, but fewer events afloat. In short we are planning:

Today's AGM

Linda's Noggin & Natter at the MYC

Fitting Out Lunch hopefully at Felixstow Ferry SC, organised by Andy Robinson

Crouch Rally

Ipswich Rally and midsummer Dinner

Deben Rally

Laying up Lunch at the RCYC

There were no questions or comments.

3: Treasurer's Report.

The Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris presented the members with the year's accounts saying he could repeat last years report as little changes year on year. He only had to add that the subventure had already been received.

As there were no questions, the acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Robin Harris, seconded by Colin Shead 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 Branch Captain, Peter, presented the trophy to Colin Shead and thanked him for his sterling work as Branch Webmaster over the past years.

5: Any Other Business.

Peter announced that as this was his third year as Captain he would be standing down at next years AGM.

6: Election of Officers and Committee.

The Branch Secretary then announced that Alan Giles and Colin Shead were both standing down from the committee

The Branch Secretary asked if anyone present would like to volunteer for the Committee as it could do with some additional members. As a result Ian French agreed to join the committee. The Secretary announced that the existing 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 June Price, seconded by Chris Groome and elected unanimously.

The meeting ended at 14.40.

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.