



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Held at the Bull Great Totham on Saturday 30th January 2016 at 14.50 and attended by 46 officers and members.

1: Apologies for Absence.

The Branch Secretary reported that he had received eleven apologies and a list was on display at the entrance.

2: Branch Captains Report.

Mike Ballinger, the Branch Captain, gave his report:-

It is my intention to be brief and short BUT I feel that I must say a big thank you to you all for the support at our events during the past 12 months. All events have seen an increase in turn out.

Land Based events included:

The AGM attended by 45 members. Next was Noggin & Natter at Fambridge – again a sell-out in fact we had overspill into the bar area as the dining area was full! (Thank you, Roger, for the organisation). April saw us at the Butt & Oyster at Pin Mill for a Fitting Out lunch which again was a sell out with 31 members in attendance. (Thanks to Robin).

Sailing Events

The first sailing event afloat saw us at Titchmarsh Marina kindly organised by Derek Grant – 10 boats and 26 members at the BBQ.

We then moved onto the River Blackwater with Heybridge Basin being the destination. There was a meal on the Friday evening in the pub with 14 people attending followed by 32 members on board Raindance along with a BBQ on the Saturday.

Into August and Tollesbury was the destination with Chris Hennah organising a meal in the newly re-furbished Harbour View restaurant. Six boats and some cars arrived with a very enjoyable evening had by the 18 attendees.

The end of September and carnival time in Burnham-on-Crouch saw the sailing season brought to a close. Following a Friday night meal in the Swallow Tail restaurant, Saturday saw the arrival of a further 12 boats and 54 members for the Lunch time paella and pizza along with dancing in the marquee – well done to Colin

Brewer. The afternoon hosting this time along with the tea and cakes had to be split due to the numbers between two boats, Namaqua and Raindance.

Back to land saw a Cheese and Wine party held at Humberside along with a quiz – this was attended by some 12 members some from Essex and some from Holland – well done to Margaret for her organising and hospitality.

Again on land we held our 30th anniversary celebrations, attended by our commodore and 64 members on board HQS Wellington on the Thames embankment. Going by the thank you cards and emails I believe we all enjoyed ourselves. Thanks to Roger for organising the visit to the RNLI at Westminster.

The final event of the year was at Chatham marina, The Ship and Trades, for which I would like to say thank you to our hosts Paul and Elaine Goodrick for organising this event over the past years. 24 members attended despite the weather and the winds trying to stop us crossing the Thames. Paul alas is changing his boat to something called an HR! But of course will stay a member.

On a personal note I would like to thank you all for the support and help during the past 12 months and in closing a big thank you to the committee whom I have called upon over the last 12 months for help and advice. As this will be my last year (Two years of me is more than enough!) Please think; if you know of a willing or otherwise that would enjoy being Branch Captain, please get in touch.

NATIONAL AGM

This year's National MoA AGM is being held in Liverpool over the weekend of March 5-6

I know that some of you have already booked. But these weekends give you the opportunity to meet other owners from around the country. Last year at Stratford I believe there were over 140 members. The aim is to move around the country as and when a branch volunteers to organise such an event.

There were no questions.

3: Treasurer's Report.

The Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris, presented the accounts for past year (see separate document). During his explanation of the accounts he emphasized the fact that because of the Branch Captains persistence, the branch had received a good contribution from the Executive Committee towards the 30th Anniversary celebrations and even though sizable assistance was given to an event held on Humberside the branch ended up with a surplus of £100.

There were no questions, so Robin proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Jane Giles and carried unanimously by the members present.

4: Presentation of Trophies.

Before the Branch Captain could get to his feet, the "Paddington Pot", complete with marmalade, was presented to Mike Ballinger by James Littlewood on behalf of the members. This was in recognition of Mike's contribution to the Branch in organising the anniversary event on HQS Wellington.

Mike then reported that he had a response to his email requesting nominations for trophy awards. The Cark and Carter Plate for sailing achievements has been proposed by David Woolgar to be presented to Trevor and Kay Parish, of Moonbow, a Moody Eclipse 38. They had left Grimsby on May 5th arriving in Harlingen in Holland some 35 hours later. They visited Germany, Denmark, and Sweden along with some 52 different ports before arriving back in Grimsby on September 20th having travelled a total distance of 2278 nautical miles. A fine achievement and very worthy recipients I think you will agree. Unfortunately they cannot be here today due to a prior appointment but I will make arrangements for them to receive the Trophy at a later date.

5: A.O.B.

There was no additional business to discuss.

6: Elections of Officers.

The Secretary asked if there were any nominations from the floor or volunteers for the Committee.

There being none the Secretary announced that he would hold a single ballot for all the posts. Being proposed by Chris Hennah, seconded by June Price the following were re-elected unanimously:-

Branch Captain, Mike Ballinger
Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris
Branch secretary, Roger Price
Web Master, Mike Ballinger
Committee Members, Linda Jessup and Adrian Oliver

The meeting ended at 15.15

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.