



Moody Owners Association (East Coast Branch)

Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Held at the Bull Great Totham on Saturday 28th January 2016 at 14.45 and attended by 41 officers and members.

1: Apologies for Absence.

The Branch Secretary reported that he had received twenty three apologies and a list of names was on display at the entrance.

2: Branch Captains Report.

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

Branch Captain's Report AGM 2017

I must start by saying a big thank you to all of the Committee and to all of the East Coast members for the support at our events during the past 12 months. Most events have seen an increase in turn out.

Land Based events included:

The AGM last year was attended by 45 members. Next was Noggin & Natter at Fambridge – again a sell-out. (Thanks go to 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 was to be a Rally to the River Medway and then on to Ramsgate and Calais. Well if it could go wrong it did. Firstly Chatham marina had not finished its modifications and would not take any bookings, then Queenborough was fully booked with Thames Barges, Calais lock gates were locked. So a last minute shake up saw 19 boats booked and 35 members at Suffolk Yacht Harbour with all on board Raindance.

We then moved onto the River Colne, Brightlingsea being the destination. There 24 members enjoyed a great meal in the Colne Yacht Club which was organised by Pete and Phyll Sander from Epona.

July saw the River Blackwater and Heybridge Basin as the destination Raindance being the host boat. A meal on the Friday evening and a BBQ with entertainment on the Saturday,

thank you June, which was enjoyed by 24 members. Sunday seeing the usual sport of locking-out!

The next event was the Bank Holiday with 13 boats arriving in Titchmarsh marina – fair to say that those whose arrival day was the Friday had a magnificent sail whereas the Saturday arrivals alas had force 6 to contend with. Nonetheless Derek and Elaine from Wispa made sure everybody was well catered for with a great meal in the Harbour Lights and a soggy BBQ and a game of Boule on the Sunday. All repaid with a wonderful sail home on the Monday.

The last sailing event of the season was what is now the annual trip to the River Crouch and Burnham carnival. Following a Friday night meal in the Swallow Tail restaurant, Saturday saw the arrival of a further boats and 40 members for the Lunch time paella and pizza along with dancing in the marquee – well done to Colin Brewer and Evonne, I do not believe that any other branch lays on a 12 piece band, marquee, and a carnival in the way that Colin does!!! The afternoon hosting afloat of tea and cakes had to be split due to the numbers between two boats, Namaqua and Rockhopper.

The Laying-Up lunch which was organised by Adrian and Janet at the Blue Anchor at Feering was attended by 40 members which all agreed was a very successful event.

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 Linda Jeessup and David Woolgar, now Linda Woolgar of Gemma. Alas lots of members had gone down with the coughs, colds and flu that were around at the time nonetheless those that did arrive had a great evening

Next year's sailing programme is on the web site along with a copy on the table, which I do hope you all look at. It includes three new destinations. The River Medway thanks to Graham and Mags with berths and restaurant already booked, Dover and Bolougne, Linda and David Woolgar.

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 again to the committee whom I have called upon over the last 12 months for help and advice. A special mention to Robin and Linda for the name badges along with Roger for doing the table plans. As this WILL be my last year unless anyone wishes to take over today and Colin my Vice Captain due to personal reasons will not be in a position to follow on. So please think, if you know of a willing volunteer or would like to talk to me about being Branch Captain next season please get in touch.

There were no questions.

3: Treasurer's Report.

The Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris, presented the accounts for past year (see separate document) and explained that although expenditure was up slightly from last year there was still a modest surplus.

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

4: Presentation of Trophies.

The secretary announced that as there had been no nominations or suggestions for suitable recipients, this year there would be no trophy presentation.

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. Proposed by Ken Black and seconded by Stuart Halfhide the following were re-elected unanimously:-

Branch Captain, Mike Ballinger
Vice Branch Captain, Colin Brewer
Branch Treasurer, Robin Harris
Branch secretary, Roger Price
Web Master, Mike Ballinger
Committee Members, Linda Jessop and Adrian Oliver

The meeting ended at 15.15

Roger Price, Branch Secretary.