



South West Branch, Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the MOA South West Branch was held at 1730 on 6th February 2016 at the Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

Present

Keith Bunker
Nicky Bunker
Mark Cornish
Port Officer Burnham on Sea
Dee Cornish
Ieaun Cornish
Andrew Taylor

Branch Treasurer

Rob Cowley
Teresa Cowley
Jackie Dare
Roderick Dare
Paul Kennedy
Ann Kennedy
Vince Parker-Brown
Sheila Parker-Brown
Bob Dow
Penny Dow
Steve Adam
Sheila Adam
Mel Bush
Sue Bush
Jacky Neild

Port Officer - Dartmouth

Sylvia Butler
David Harris
Judith Harris

Eric Lowe

Branch Captain

Pat Lowe
Sue Baldwin
Mark Baldwin
Peter Satchel
John Oldham

Branch Secretary and Branch Webmaster

Lesley Oldham
Tony Wildig
Margaret Wildig
Bob Keys
Ruth Keys
Ed Tuijl
Rhona Hope
Simon Chase
Lee Kenny
David Rymer
Clarissa Rymer
Gordon Harvey
Diane Harvey
Kevin Morgan
Mary Allen
Jeff Moss
Julie Moss

Apologies

21 apologies for absence have been received. These are recorded below.

Norman Behenna
Rick Spencer
Peter Griffiths
Dennis Barber
Iain Petty
Steve Bowen

Keith Bater
Peter Roberts
Gordon Bendall
Alan Eves
Jim Currie
David Myers

Chris Allcock
Reece James
Richard Stafford
Richard Hodder
Stuart Merrylees
Geoff Pook

George Ascroft
Simon Brody
Iain Petty

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Welcome

The meeting was opened with a welcome from our Captain.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Gordon Harvey proposed and Tony Wildig seconded the approval of the minutes of the 2014 AGM that was held in Exeter, 7th February 2014. There was no dissent to the unanimous approval of the minutes.

Matters Arising and Correspondence

There were no matters arising or general correspondence.

Captain's Report

The Captain gave an illustrated view of our 2015 sailing programme. We started the year with a rally to Fowey at the beginning of May. A total of 14 boats came to the rally carrying a total crew compliment of 42 people (not including the event organiser). Carl Stansfield, our Port Officer had made arrangements with the Harbour Authority for a pontoon to be reserved for MOA South West. As has been reported elsewhere I did have problems with Flying Pig's engine in that the exhaust elbow had almost closed with calcification causing overheating. We were able to join the rally as crew on Ellen Marvel (thanks to John Oldham). A full programme of events had been organised including a guided walk around the town and diner in the Fowey Yacht Club.

A rally to the Scillies should have taken place early in June, but the weather forced me to cancel it with very short notice. One boat, Maui 4, did however make the crossing, well done Tony Wildig. There will be another attempt to have a rally in June this year – consult the website for details.

In July the Commodore organised a rally to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Association. Five boats from the South West branch joined with 18 others in Cherbourg and later sailed to Guernsey. A great time was had by all, as has been extensively reported in Compass and on the MOA website.

Our annual August visit to Plymouth coinciding with the National Fireworks Competition had a new organiser, Iain Petty amiably assisted by his wife Barbara. The new venue, King Point Marina, was very pleasant though access was a little tricky for Moonshadow of Newlyn. The Manoeuvre Trophy was awarded to Mel Bush for successfully avoiding the Brittany Ferry. Iain organised a guided tour of the City, which was well attended, despite the intermittent rain. The tour actually took us around the Barbican and gave us an interesting insight into the history of Plymouth. The rally concluded with an excellent diner in the Duke of Cornwall Hotel. Instead of the traditional raffle during the dinner, Barbara had been very enterprising in

constructing a treasure map. Contenders were required to identify coordinates on the map where they anticipated treasure would be found. Prizes had been associated with certain coordinates and the appropriate prize presented to the successful contestant. Well done Barbara.

The final rally of the year coincided with the Fishstock Festival in Brixham. The festival was organised around the new fish dock and had displays of cooking as well as live music from folk groups. Some took advantage of going aboard the Brixham lifeboat, which had been moored alongside for the festival. Brendan Jaffa had booked space for us in the Brixham Yacht Club for lunch. In the evening we had a short walk to the Berry Head Hotel for the rally dinner.

The South West's event to celebrate 30 years of the MOA was to pass a stainless steel baton around the branch. When the relay was concluded, I consulted the officers of the branch as to what to do with the baton. There was unanimous agreement that the baton should be retained within the branch. It will be named "The Achievement Trophy" and will be awarded to anyone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Branch. The baton contained several log sheets on which the progress of the baton was recorded. It began its journey in Milford Haven and finished in Brixham, after passing through 66 hands on the way. I wanted to reproduce the log sheets so that all the branch membership would have a copy of the log entries as a memento. The first page of the document was intended to show where the baton had been. I must confess that my interpretation of the log sheets as to the route taken was incorrect. It did not travel from Portishead to Helford overland, but was carried by sea from Cardiff by Sheila and Vince Parker-Brown aboard Volition. In recognition of this splendid effort, they are first to be awarded the Achievement Trophy.

Thank you all for your support to the Branch, I look forward to meeting many of you during 2016.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave his report on branch finances and reported that they were in a healthy condition with the additional donation from Pantaenius in 2015 for the branch to celebrate the Association's 30th Anniversary.

Election of Treasurer

Andrew Taylor had been pressed into service for the year as treasurer following the extended service by the previous treasurer. He was happy to relinquish the post and there was a nomination for an enthusiastic Keith Bunker to act as treasurer. There being no other nominations, Keith was unanimously elected.

Election of Captain and Secretary

Both captain and secretary had served for two years and thus their positions were available for election. There had been no nominations and both officers signalled their willingness to continue in role. It was noted, however, that though the positions are not particularly onerous, the health of the branch is dependent on new ideas coming forward and that this is best accomplished with new people in post. The captain urged people to consider standing for either of the posts next year.

Venue for next year's AGM and Events for 2016

The Captain outlined the possible programme for this year as shown below.

Date	Day	Venue	Event
27 th -30 th May	Friday to Monday	Portland	Joint rally with Solent Branch
17 th -19 th June	Friday to Sunday	Guernsey	
July		Scillies	This will be more than most, dependent on weather
17 th – 20 th August	Tuesday to Saturday	Plymouth	Including Firework competition, with evening meal and rally dinner on Friday 19 th
10 th September	Saturday	Brixham	Fishstock 2016

There was some discussion of the location and character of next year's AGM. Swindon, Salisbury, Winchester, Falmouth and Bath were all mooted, subject to finding suitable activities and accommodation for the weekend. The secretary asked if Bath would be supported, given that the hotel costs in Bath are likely to be significantly higher than recent AGMs. There was general agreement that this would be accepted. These venues will be considered by the committee in due course.

Any other business

Peter Satchel raised the possibility of a SW Branch Facebook page being created. There was some discussion of the appropriateness of this given the richness of the forum on the website, and it was accepted that this would need to be a closed group, closely monitored so that issues which more properly belonged on the website were challenged. With these provisos, it was agreed that Peter would set this up.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1810 hrs

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