



# *The Association of Nene River Clubs*

NBC OCC EBC BBC PYC MLWC MCC

## **ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018** **held at Elton Boat Club**

### **Members Attending:-**

|        | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Name</u>    | <u>Name</u> | <u>Name</u>    | <u>Name</u>   |
|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| ANRC   | Adrian Cleave   | Jeff Walters   | John Harris | Jenny Sullivan | Graham Rogers |
| EBC    | Ron Smith       |                |             |                |               |
| OCC    | Elaine Hanson   | Mark Hanson    |             |                |               |
| NBC    | Mike Thorne     |                |             |                |               |
| PYC    | David Loveridge | Josi Loveridge |             |                |               |
| MLWC   | Bernard Keane   | Sylvia Keane   |             |                |               |
| MNCC   | Tony Goodman    |                |             |                |               |
| MCC    |                 |                |             |                |               |
| BBC    |                 |                |             |                |               |
| GUESTS | Dave Peryer     |                |             |                |               |

### **Apologies for Absence**

Richard Ganderton - OCC

Adrian opened the meeting as below:-

#### **Welcome**

I would firstly like to welcome you all to the new ANRC Team meeting. As has been said before I would like us to be a working team of friends aiming to keep all the clubs informed of our activities and to receive updates from the clubs about their activities. There is no "I" in team and we look forward to working with you all. This will be a great opportunity to share activities that all the clubs are holding and to try and publish them in such a way as to avoid clashes with other events up and down the river.

I'm sure we probably know each other; however I would like us to go round the table introducing ourselves and letting each of us know who we represent and our role.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

A.C. asked everyone to establish if they had read their minutes, which the reply was yes. A proposer and Seconder were requested to verify the minutes as a true record.

Proposer: Sylvia Keane

Seconded: Jeff Walters

### **Matters Arising:-**

The new P.A. speakers have now been purchased and have been agreed as a good purchase. The agreed spend was £1600 not £600 as minuted and were purchased from Wisbech.

A discussion followed on the method of recording minutes and preparing agendas in a more structured manner. This was agreed by all.

Adrian reported that any chance of CRT taking over E.A. waterways was unlikely to happen in the immediate future due to financial reasons

J.W. reported that he is still unable to access the ANRC Facebook page but hopes to sort this out soon

A discussion took place regarding updating the membership list which is an ongoing project but with help from all of the club reps should hopefully be achieved fairly soon. A.C. has already started a spreadsheet to this end.

The ANRC trophies were discussed as to where they all are at this moment. J.L. mentioned that PYC have a photo log of all their trophies and this would be a good way to proceed. This system is also used at NBC and works well. The question of ANRC flag etc. to hoist at Rally's and the location of ANRC Burgees, lanyards etc. was also discussed.

G.R. suggested that we need a definitive list of everything owned by the ANRC and where it is located to enable clear management of equipment and stock.

J.W. offered to try and compile a list of flags, banners and bunting etc.

J.L. reported that there is a container at PYC for the use of the ANRC to store marquees and other equipment, this container has been racked out and is waiting to be used

### **Website:-**

A.C. reported that between April 2017 and April 2018 7,369 people visited the ANRC website page.

The new committee contact details have been updated on the website as has the new application for membership form which includes the obligatory GDPR statement as per the new Data Protection regulations.

G.R. stated that to conform fully to the new regulations we should get all existing members to sign a new application form to allow us to hold their personal data. The new forms are available to download from the website.

### **Captain's Report**

The first week has proved to be a busy one. Not only have I hit the floor running but so have all the new Committee. Our first challenge was finding out that Western Power had decided at short notice to disable the power to Upper Barnwell Lock on Saturday 19 May, 1 week prior to the Rally. Following telephone calls and e-mails with Western Power and the Environment Agency, indicating our surprise at their timing, I found out they hadn't given the required notice of 4 weeks prior to the work being carried out in order to close the lock. In an emergency 7 days is all that is required but they recognised this wasn't one and after support from Sue Cant they have postponed the work until after the Rally, a good result.

A man called David Sands, also known as Islip Dave, who bought Ashton Island and the adjacent buildings, spoke to me in a panic to ask if we could add a supporting comment to his application for a shed to house his mowing and forestry equipment on the island at Ashton. The difficulty was all comments had to be in prior to Friday i.e. today. David has offered us the use of the moorings at no cost and he wants to keep the grass cut and accessible to boaters. Some Ashton residents don't want him to put any buildings up and of course lodged a negative comment on the East Northants website. I made the following comments on our behalf in favour of the building: -

"On behalf of the Association of Nene River Clubs, a group which represents members of 8 boat clubs (400 Members) along the length of the River Nene. As Captain of the Association, I would like to offer our support to this application.

Ashton cut has been used by our members for many years as a peaceful tranquil mooring for boaters from Northampton to the March, to use for short stays visits. Boaters enjoy the beautiful countryside and wildlife. Ashton Estates and the Environment Agency, with whom we work very closely, have previously maintained the river bank to allow boaters to have access to the island by mowing the path, which gives access to boaters and walkers to the lock and footpath to Oundle and the pub at Ashton.

Since acquiring the land, David Sands has agreed to maintain this facility, but needs a secure building to house the equipment.

We hope you can give support to a building for these purposes, which allows visitors to this beautiful area.

Adrian D. Cleave JP

Captain"

The next task was to create official e-mail addresses for all of the Committee and then update the website with all the new contact details, not bad for the first week. Mike Daines from MLWC has written a piece for the local

boating papers and magazines, highlighting the changes to our Committee, alongside a photo which he took at the AGM, many of you may have seen him there

A.C. also reported that he has been talking to other river clubs with a hope to getting them to rejoin the ANRC

### **Vice Captain's Report**

J.W. reported that there was to be a work party the next day to erect the marquees. He also stated that he had prepared a plan as to the positioning of the marquees.

Nothing else to report as most subjects had already been reported on

### **Secretary' Report**

Thank you Good evening everybody. Firstly I would like to thank Adrian and the committee for their support in nominating me for the position of secretary.

For those of you who do not know me I am currently the secretary of Northampton Boat Club and have previously served as Vice-commodore and social secretary

As I've only been secretary since the AGM I am busy acquainting myself with ANRC procedures and so have little to report this time round.

I have sent out some group emails to all committee members and all reps so if you haven't heard from me before tonight please let me have your correct contact details and I will keep you informed of what's going on

Going forward I would like to adopt a new system of dealing with minutes of meetings. Quite simply I will endeavour to compile the minutes within 1 week of the meeting and email to all concerned. You can then read them whilst they are fresh in your mind and send me any suggested corrections.

I will also ask for a proposer and seconder so that minutes can be published to the website within two weeks of the meeting rather than over two months later.

This is the system we use at NBC and it works very well so I hope I will have your support on this.

*This suggestion was discussed and then formally proposed by J.W. and seconded by E.H. A vote showed all in favour provided all members respond to email.*

That's all for this meeting

Thanks

### **Treasurer's Report**

J.H. presented the financial report. After much discussion it was agreed that the information was up to the point of the AGM where John took over the accounts.

Various categories of the accounts were discussed and John stated that he will be working to present the information in a clearer format and to produce a bi-monthly report for each meeting.

Current figures, whilst showing a small loss of £65.85, leave us with a total fund of £9,606.26 including Bank account and cash on hand but excluding major assets e.g. the marquee etc.

J.H. to organise validation of new signatories for Bank account

### **ANRC Rally 2018**

E.H. thanked Adrian for averting the problem of lock closure at Upper Barnwell

Due to the fast approaching date of the Rally much discussion took place on the organisation of this event. The rules for the decorated boat event were clarified. Offers of equipment from other clubs, in particular PYC, were accepted and arrangements for collection of equipment were in hand. It was reported that John Brown, former captain of the ANRC had offered to erect the Marquees as a final act of his captainship. Results of individual events were to be recorded by the event manager and handed to Rally Control who would keep a running scoreboard as usual. Volunteers needed to run Rally Control. Arrangements were discussed regarding availability of alcohol supplies over the event weekend.

Food arrangements include Breakfast, BBQ and afternoon tea. Caravans etc. to be accommodated at Barnwell Country Park.

Entertainment was arranged including a live band over the weekend

### **Navigation Updates**

A.C. explained that there is a link on the ANRC website that leads to the EA navigation updates.

Barnwell Lock issue has been resolved, Titchmarsh Lock is operational again.

E.A. to cone off the shoal by Wadenhoe Lock prior to removal of the shoal.

J.W. gave a report on the E.A. charges consultation document that is now available to read on the E.A. website. The method of calculating license fees from next year will possibly include the width instead of just length of boats.

J.W. also reported on the Middle Level Bill which is currently being considered. This will include the supply of more facilities on their waters and the introduction of a boat license fee.

### **Dinner Dance 2018**

Catering arrangements are underway for this event which is to be held at OCC on 15<sup>th</sup>. September

There will be a quiz to take part in. and Band will be booked.

### **Boat Watch**

The boat watch form was discussed. G.R. recommended that this was a useful form for members to use for their own records but not a good idea to keep within the ANRC as we would then be liable to procedures under the new GDPR regulations

### **Memberships**

J.S. is working on producing a new membership list as discussed previously. A.C. handed over all the lists inherited from previous committee. Jenny needs updated lists from all clubs. PYC and OCC are up to date.

All members should sign a new membership application to cover the Data statement.

### **A.O.B.**

1. Blackthorne Marina and Whitemills Marina have expressed a desire to join the ANRC. This will be followed up after the Rally
2. The possibility of combining all club events on Google Diary with a link to ANRC website will be investigated
3. Remind Clubs to provide a Raffle prize for Rally
4. Rule book needs to be reviewed and updated by the committee
5. Recommended that each club give a report at committee meetings
6. T.G. reported that he had suffered a theft of fuel from his boat and it was agreed that Boat watch should be emphasised to all club members

**Meeting Closed.....10.24**

**Next meeting.....July 13<sup>th</sup>. at EBC**

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