



The Association of Nene River Clubs

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ANRC Committee Meeting Friday 16th March 2018 at Elton Boat Club starting 8pm

Members Attending

John Brown – J. B. – (ANRC Captain),
Karen Scrivener – K. S. – (ANRC Secretary),
Paul Scrivener – P. S. – (ANRC Treasurer),
Adrian Cleave – A. C. – (ANRC Web Master),
Ron Smith- R. S. – (E. B. C. Rep),
John Harris – J. H. – (O. C. C. Rep),
Bernard Keane – B. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Sylvia Keane – S. K. – (M. L. W. C. Rep),
Elaine Hansen – E. H. - (O. C. C. Rep),
Mark Hansen – M. H. – (Guest),
Jeff Walters – J. W. – (Guest),
Brian Gowler – B. G. – (M. C. C. Rep),
Mike Lyons – M. L. – (M. C. C. Rep),
Josi Loveridge – J. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep),
Dave Loveridge – D. L. – (P. Y. C. Rep).

Apologies for Absence

Dennis Sacker (ANRC Vice Captain), Mick Blackwell (N. B. C. Rep)

Minutes of Last Meeting Friday 12th January 2018

J. B. 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: J. H.

Seconded: J. B.

Matters Arising

A. C. mentioned that the website information was sent to him by K. S.

J. B. mentioned that quite a few strange invoices were being received through the ANRC website email addresses. These are fictitious invoices requesting money and unable to do anything. K. S. asked if this had anything to do with the ANRC bank account being linked online with the bank. A. C. answered that he did not think so, that it is a classic thing that people do and will try it on. J. W. mentioned that he also gets them through the EAWA. A. C. advised not to reply.

J. H. announced that he had been looking into information about speakers, and had passed on the information to J. B. which has been lost due to J. B.s' computer problems. J. H. advised the meeting that the cost would be about £350 for 2 speakers with a mixer that has an amplifier built in. A power supply and a plug in or wireless microphone would be needed. The cost is with everything complete, from a shop in Spalding.

J. B. asked if they were all weather speakers, which J. H. replied yes. J. B. added that these are needed for future Rallies and events. J. B. also asked if the speakers were supplied with stands, which J. H. replied that the shop may throw these in. J. H. mentioned that they are not tannoys and of good music quality. J. B. initially suggested purchasing 3 speakers, but increased this to 4 speakers if the shop can do a good deal. A. C. added that 4 speakers would be needed for stereo sound, with 2 wireless radio microphones. J. H. said that additional equipment can be purchased at a following date. Cable is also required. The cost of the sound system with 4 speakers would be around £600. A. C. offered to work alongside J. H. J. H. advised that there are 2 systems, Studio Master Drive and the shops own model. A request for a seconder, for the proposal of the purchase of the sound system with 4 speakers and 2 microphones.

Prop: J. B.

Seconded: D. L.

J. B. asked for a proforma, which the ANRC would pay. J. H. suggested that he pays through O. C. C. with the ANRC refunding the money via a cheque.

J. B. mentioned that there was no news on the official opening of Islip Bridge. All the donations have now been paid.

J. B. asked for clarification on what was decided regarding the Dinner and Dance. J. B. was reminded the event was to be held at O. C. C. again. E. H. asked for a decision on a date at this meeting, as would need plenty of notice if a formal event was taking place as caterers etc would need to be organised in advance. J. B. added that last years' event went very well, and felt that the same format could be done again. J. B. asked the meeting. P. S. suggested doing something during the day into the evening, which J. B. agreed, but on a Saturday. J. L. suggested something done in September because of the weather, and P. S. suggested a possible games day. J. L. added that it would be difficult to run an event from the afternoon into the evening as 2 food functions would have to be organised. J. W. suggested an evening event otherwise members would need feeding twice. J. B. suggested that the event start at 5pm, starting a couple of hours earlier. Time agreed by all. The EAWAs' 60th Birthday Celebration is taking place on Sunday 23rd September 2018, celebrated with a trip on the bunion. J. L. mentioned that P. Y. Cs' Charity Day is usually the second Saturday in September, which would be Saturday 8th September 2018. K. S. mentioned 3 possible dates of 1st September, 15th September or 29th September. J. L. asked if the 15th September would be better because of the weather. J. B. mentioned that the 29th September would possibly be too late, and asked if the 15th September would be better. J. B. asked the meeting what they thought. The meeting agreed to the 15th September 2018, starting from 5pm, with dinner starting from 7:30pm onwards. E. H. suggested doing a quiz, which J. B. suggesting possibly bingo, or playing 'Oi!'. J. L. suggested advertising it as mixed entertainment. E. H. asked what everyone wanted food wise, something like a buffet or a sit down, and also suggested getting a quote from Divine Food. A hot buffet was agreed on, but a quote from Divine Food will be sought. J. L. asked what cost would O. C. C. be looking at. The cost of last years' event was £16, and some Members still felt that this was too expensive. J. B. asked E. H. if the Marquees had been collected, which E. H. replied yes, they have been collected and is currently in storage. J. L. offered 2 freezers to O. C. C., and N. B. C. has offered a few bits also, including plastic glasses.

ANRC Website

The website is being updated all the time. P. S. asked A. C. if the Individual Membership fee stated on the website could be changed from £6 annual fee to £7 annual fee. A. C. is currently reviewing online forms, of having them sent to email addresses, as the company who manages the online forms are pulling out. A. C. is looking into doing this with all the websites that he manages.

J. L. mentioned that John Crisp has had notification of a change in the law, regarding the disclosure of other email recipients email addresses through group emails, to ask for prior permission, to use their data. J. W. suggested looking on the AWCCs' website. There is a template available. This is supposed to be in place from the end of April. J. B. mentioned that the ANRC Membership forms are to be revamped.

Captain's Report

J. B. stated that there is nothing currently happening. J. B. asked if the locks were still being reversed in strong stream, which J. W. and R. S. confirmed that they were being reversed. R. S. added that as there has been a new weir put in near E. B. C., the water levels are currently being monitored.

A. C. has a meeting on Wednesday 21st March 2018, with Sue Cant from the EA, regarding the failed proposed takeover of the EA by the CRT.

There has been an increase in the boat licences this year of 7% to 7 1/2%, the proposed increase was between 13% and 14%.

J. H. asked J. W. for an update on the middle levels. J. W. replied that the proposals have had the third reading and the objectives meeting in Parliament. At the objectives meeting amendments have been advised, that must be entered into the bill. The proposals have now progressed to the Lords. Any objections to the proposals need to be sent to the Lords, which will be sometime next week. B. G. had been following the discussion in Parliament, and added that the proposals have passed the Lords and has now been returned to House. B. G. mentioned that anyone on benefits would not be charged. J. W. disagreed and replied that it was still with the Lords, as one amendment is that the navigation group must be formed, and should consist of navigators and not just fishermen or anyone else, that the group should consist of people who are paying the fees. J. H. queried the applicability of the EA licence on the levels, which J. W. stated that the EA should be involved in the discussions. The proposed fee is possibly £300 to £400. B. G. added that this could cost £600 to £700, which would discourage boaters. J. W. also added that if a fee is charged, then more facilities must be made available.

Vice Captain's Report

No report received.

Secretary's

RYA certificate for 2018 has been received, which K. S. will scan and send to A. C. to put onto the website. An updated Committee contacts list has been received from S. K. J. L. mentioned that she was not able to pass on any update on P. Y. C.s' change in Committee as the AGM is not due until tomorrow, 17th March 2018. Otherwise not much has been happening.

Treasurer's Report

P. S. began by stating income consisted of the following:

Individual Membership of £146, Club Membership £220, Brain of the Nene Raffle £147, making a total income of £513.

Expenses consisted of the following:

Petty Cash £60, RYA Subs £125, making a total expenditure of £185.

Petty Cash payments included Brain of the Nene Raffle Prize (1 bottle of Jim Beam) £13, 6 Bottles of wine for the winners £21.8, making total Petty Cash payments of £34.85.

Total in the bank of £9,977.14, and total Petty Cash £49.19, making a grand total of £10,026.23.

J. B. asked if all the Clubs had paid. B. G. replied that M. C. C. had not yet as one of the signatories unavailable, as away on holiday. J. H. stated that he had Individual Membership money to be forwarded on, that J. H. had some but is still waiting for a few others still to pay. R. S. stated that E. B. C.s' will not be available until after E. B. C.s' AGM at the end of the month. P. S. confirmed that payments are still waiting from M. C. C., and that P. S. has picked up that there is a discrepancy between the bank statements and the accounts, with regards to P. Y. C.s' payments, and is awaiting confirmation from J. L. A. C. stated that he has spoken to Tony Goodman, regarding M. N. C. C. Individual Memberships, but Tony has not been at the club very often. J. B. asked A. C. if Tony was still continuing as a Rep. A. C. replied that he would think so, when he is feeling better.

ANRC Rally 2018

E. H. stated that O. C. C. will be liaising with A. C. regarding the programmes. E. H. had sent out an email to everyone, regarding the Decorated Boat. J. H. has spoken to the Council, with regards to legality of using proper glass drinking glasses outside. J. H. was advised that if it is a Private Club and it is not specified within the licence that proper glasses cannot be used, then proper glasses could be used. J. H. added that proper glasses and plastic glasses could be used, but not recommended single use plastic glasses. J. H. added that proper wine glasses would not be used, as these are easier to break because of the stems, otherwise there is no restriction. J. H. stated that he was unsure of what skip size to hire, which D. L. and J. L. replied that they had an information leaflet on a company that P. Y. C. used. The company information sheet, which showed the size of the skips that were available, was given to J. H. E. H. added that that ladies toilet is to be refurbished and has toilets on order. E. H. asked if an email should be sent regarding stalls, which J. B. replied yes, and E. H. added that an email will be sent regarding donations for the boat auction also. E. H. mentioned that there had been a discussion on the purchase of T-shirts, but this was not agreed on. J. W. suggested possibly hats or caps instead. E. H. asked for an idea of how many children (juniors) would be attending the Rally, as they were thinking of doing something for them such a raft building, using barrels etc. J. B. added that this would be good idea, keeping the younger members into boating. J. B. and J. L. replied that there was not many really, but J. L. knows of someone who is a good childrens' entertainer, with bubble machines, etc. E. H. mentioned that a bar rota was sent out, setting out the coverage of 2 hour slots. S. K. replied that the bar stint is too long at 2 hours, and will not enable members to enjoy themselves. J. B. stated that the bar will be covered. B. G. asked about booking forms as he does not do online. B. G. was given a form.

Navigation Updates

J. B. asked for any comments. No-one mentioned anything. J. B. added that he had not been putting anything on the website, and anyone noticed. J. W. stated that he had noticed, as he normally gets about 20 of them because of the sites he is on! J. B. stated that it was an experiment to see if anyone was checking the sites.

ANRC Dinner Dance 2018

E. H. suggested that a date should be arranged, so that O. C. C. would have plenty of time to organise. P. S. suggested starting the event in the afternoon, from 3pm onwards, which J. B. suggested from 5pm onwards. The date of Saturday 15th September 2018 was agreed, with the event to start at 5pm and dinner being served from 7:30pm onwards. E. H. suggested an interactive quiz, like the quiz which took place at the Brain of the Nene. J. L. suggested mixed entertainment. It was suggested that a buffet be supplied, which E. H. suggested a hot buffet. J. L. enquired what price were O. C. C. looking at, which E. H. replied that they are currently unsure until things are calculated. E. H. mentioned that P. Y. C. supplying a few things, one of which are 2 freezers.

Boat Watch

J. B. asked if everyone had the forms, and anything to report. B. G. mentioned that Dennis Feareys' boat was stolen, but has been returned. J. W. mentioned the theft of a generator in March.

Memberships

Membership lists are still ongoing.

J. B. mentioned the up and coming AGM, and asked for proposals to be put through. A new position of Membership Secretary has already been put forward from the previous Committee Meeting. Another couple of proposals have come forward. The proposals are that to be nominated as an ANRC Officer, the nominee has to be an Individual ANRC Member for at least 1 year prior to being nominated for a position. This was agreed to be out forward. The second proposal suggested is that the ANRC should not be associated with any other Association or Organisation that is not recognised by the EA, AWCC, RYA and other main Authorities. No agreement was reached to put this proposal forward. A. C. asked J. B. if he was intending to continue in the position of ANRC Captain. J. B. replied no. A. C. then asked to forward a proposal to the AGM that the outgoing ANRC Captain be afforded the title of Rear Captain, in recognising the dedication and hard work that J. B. has done. All were in agreement with the proposal. J. W. seconded the proposal.

B. G. advised that M. C. C. have a cup which belonged to the ANRC that is no longer in use, and had been used when Rallies were at Wisbech. The Cup was known as the 'Wash Cup' or the 'Nevana Trophy', and had been lost until a Member managed to unearth it. B. G. suggested that from here forthwith should be engraved with the outgoing Captains' name on it as Rear Captain. J. B. asked K. S. to read out the proposals, and J. B. if everyone was happy with them. K. S. read out the proposals, which are:

1 – To elect a Membership Secretary.

2 – To be elected as an ANRC Officer, nominees must be an ANRC Individual Member for a minimum period of 12 months prior to being nominated into an Officers position.

3 – To create a position of Rear Captain for outgoing Captains, with a dedicated Cup being engraved with the outgoing Captains name.

AOB

K. S. asked all Club Reps to ensure that ANRC Rally Trophies were returned prior to the Rally. J. L. replied that the Trophies won by P. Y. C. have been engraved and cleaned, and are ready to be returned.

B. G. mentioned that over the past few years, the Commodores Event at the Rally has become a little silly, and asked if it was going to be more nautical. J. B. replied yes, the event will change.

P. S. mentioned that the 2017 accounts have been returned, and proposed that a token of thanks should be sent to Terry Pacey again this year, as per last year, a £25 Marks and Spencer voucher. It was unanimously agreed.

The late start time for the Brain of the Nene was mentioned, as several members had brought this up at the Brain of the Nene, and it was suggested that the time be brought forward. J. W. suggested that in future the starting time to be brought forward to 7pm. All were in agreement. There were some complaints about the hardness of the questions. J. L. mentioned that when previous questions had been set before, each Club had to send in questions on a given section, and that whoever set the Clubs' questions were not allowed to enter the team.

J. W. announced that it is J. B.s' last meeting, and proposed a vote of thanks for all the things that J. B. has done over the years as Captain. A round of applause was received. A. C. added that it is not just J. B. but his loyal team that put so much into this, such as family and friends. J. B. feels a little humbled, and at this point feels that he is not able to do anymore for a little while, and will be off in different directions. J. W. hoped that J. B. will still be around, which J. B. answered yes, he will still be heavily involved and will always help out. The boating community is a big family, and all inter mix and should help each other.

Meeting finished at 9:40pm.

Next Committee meeting will take place at E. B. C. on Friday 11th May 2018 starting at 8pm.

ANRC AGM at O. C. C. on Friday 27th April 2018 starting at 8:00pm.

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