

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

16th January 2019

At the Saltisford Canal Trust, Birmingham Rd, Warwick CV34 5RJ

The meeting commenced at 12.35.

Action

CBOA Matters

Present: JD, BH, DL, RH, TW, BM (Brian McGuigan).

1. Apologies for absence: KM, GH, NH, PH, DH, DQ, NT, PA.
2. Minutes of last meeting, section 10A 3rd line should say VC role, not VP. Agreed by all.
Matters arising: Section 2 – the Kilnhurst meeting did not take place and Mainmast were content with the situation as it is.
3. Finances (PH) – cash balance & management accounts: quarterly update provided.
Matters arising: some entries were questioned with regard to which financial year they correctly belong - JD to follow up with PH. JD
Agreed by all. Accounts seen to be generally in a healthy position. Also agreed by all that we will individually approve the amended accounts by email before the AGM, by a set deadline. The committee offered thanks to PH for his sterling work throughout the year.
4. Membership
 - a. Subs renewal and list (TW/all). Several members had been chased by JD and DL. DL to follow up the remainder both Trade and Associates. DL
Trevor Maggs' name to be removed (shown as crossed out). TW
TW to chase Louise Hall. TW
MMS (Hull) and iRecycle (operating on Paddington Arm) are new Trade members. DL to add their contact details to CBOA web site. DL
DL reported that member Ian Thompson had passed away.
 - b. Recruitment/ likely losses
5. CBOA News (RH). Next Issue:- to printer – 1st March; printed – 3rd week March (latest, hopefully earlier) and sent to Wynns for distribution; sent out with AGM notice etc – by end March (AGM Tues 30th April). RH
RH asked for comment on CBOAN style/appearance - darker headings needed, slightly larger font perhaps. A point of view was it not too readable. However it is an informative overview of the industry. Social media now contains industry activity which we are missing out on – there is scope for someone to be involved with this on behalf of CBOA, who could then pass suitable items to RH. Sally Weston was suggested (Wynns). BM to contact Sally Weston. BM
The CBOAN lead item should be Peruvian wharf news – JD to get info from PLA. (Ref DH's ERSTU article). JD
6. Marketing & Publicity
 - a. Recycling & Waste Management Exhibition. Report inc enquiries.
Should we repeat in 2019? (JD/all) New pop up banners have been produced. JD has booked CBOA to attend in 2019.
 - b. Other? None proposed.
7. AGM April 2019. Location? Speakers? DL has booked 182 Fazeley Street. DL to ask Elliot Lancaster (iRecycle) to speak. Also ask Chris Evans (for Yorkshire input). DL
Someone to speak about battery power? BH keeps in touch with transport sectors on this – BH perhaps to provide talk on summary of the status quo? BH
It may be that CBOA members' engines will one day become non compliant. CBOA should be seen to be educating at large on this. BH – to contact Heather Clarke CRT about the emissions

issue.

BH

Committee members DL, RH, PA to be re-elected at the AGM; BM to be elected.

8. Regional reports inc. SW initiative (PM), Report received.
NE (NT), Report received.
NW inc Weaver closure & recent enquiry (MC), Nothing to report.
London/south inc Freight & Development Working Group (GH/JD), Report received.
WM (BH), Nothing to report.
EM (LR) Report received.
9. Secretary (KM). Useful meeting; KM will have more time later in the year possibly to carry out secretarial role. KM appointed as Secretary at this meeting. Agreed by all.
10. Other committee
 - a. Vice-Chairman (TW) TW appointed as Vice Chair. TW said that he would not however want to take on the position of the Chair in future. Agreed by all.
Maintenance, Stoppage & dredging (co-option of BM) BM co-opted as committee member, and to take on role as Maintenance and Stoppages Officer. Agreed by all. The committee were grateful for BM stepping forward for this role.
 - b. President (DQ) John Rutherford is indicated as being a possible CBOA President. DQ will meet him to discuss arrangements on 21st January and will be standing down at the AGM. The committee were very grateful for DQ's input and assistance during his tenure and thanked him for his valuable contribution to the running of the CBOA.
11. Emissions (BH) Covered in 7.

CRT/MCA/Navigation Matters

12. MCA Humber estuary partially smooth water limit (DL). Although Prof Hardesty thinks he has completed the project, CBOA need to keep going to see it through with the MCA. **DL to ask the Prof to follow up, or provide the name of another academic who will (it is preferable to be seen to have the sound technical grounding for the smooth water limit case from a respected academic).** (Subsequently: done)
13. CRT Freight Steering Group (update) (DL/JD) inc Stourton MDS Report/Planning Application. DL said they think it should go through. The choice of wharf operator is being discussed.
14. CRT Navigation group (MC) / CRT Stoppage programme (BM) 10th Feb next meeting with CRT.
Maintenance reports (BM) Pre-Christmas stoppages went to plan – negative feedback was received to BM's input; but one stoppage cancelled and a couple moved as a result. Hurlston bottom lock 4th months closure. Marple lock 11 pulled in will hopefully open in March, but doubtful. Rodbason lock – 10 week closure for the lock landing; uncertainty over whether the navigation would be closed or not, but subsequently closed it.
BH said that at Napton, the operation had been praised by a well known CRT critic, for both effectiveness and efficiency of the operation.
JD discussed the issue of the necessity of continual negotiation process between waterway engineers, planners and users and how it is necessary to get this process right.
TW asked if we should officially notify CRT of who is now representing CBOA – DL said that this was already done.
15. CRT NAG 'Developing the Trusts Vision and Strategy for Boating' workshop. Commercial operators must be still considered and included as they are boaters too!
16. CRT Regional Advisory Boards. Nothing to report.

DL

BM

Freight/Traffic Updates

17. New Traffics/Enquiries - Marine aggregate to Heck etc, no action.
Scrap etc AMA, still awaiting meeting.
Recycled resources/Carbon Action initiative – Marshalls (DL), working on a project to see what can be moved by water UK wide.
DL said that some wharves and loading locations are missing from the CBOA waterways map – this will be amended. Can use the new map on website.
CRT lock transport (RH) Bradley investigation still in progress.

London – contractor initiative (BH), landscaping contract – BH to check up. BH
Icknield Port (RH) No response so far but RH had emailed this week advising that we have a member who can offer safety training and services. RH continuing with contact from time to time. RH

Lobbying and Strategic Projects

18. Central Government (TW) inc changes proposed for AIL movements. Issues were discussed with wharves near to a number of power stations and the size/weight of items required for AIL water shipment. It may be possible to break items down to 330 tonnes or less.
Can *Inland Navigator* pass Keadby lock on the level for wharf above the lock – width?
(Subsequently: yes, lock has 6.86 m beam).
DfT response – they do not have freight expertise in house; the applicant for large loads including water transport would need to pay each application; a transport specialist will not be appointed, so therefore water transport may well be by-passed in favour of road pressure/action. Economic tests are now being applied, meaning that it may well disfavour water transport with the low road costs given.
TW will wait a couple of weeks before responding again. TW
MDS Transmodal is undertaking study for DfT to see how more goods can be carried by water. JD to be added to consultee list.
The Paul Gosling report – how is this to be used/what is the intended readership?
19. Local Government:
Planning matters (RH) Report provided. BM was present at the Marple wharf planning meeting – despite the controversy the application was rejected by councillors given the high risk of being granted on appeal, if lodged.
20. Other Organisations/Projects (all)
- FTA/FbW/CRT event in Leeds. FbW had second annual industry award before Xmas; winner is CBOA member John Spencer of GPS, who is very pleased. FbW is to be upgraded to a water freight council – will mean water freight is higher up the recognition list. Coastal shipping is being ignored.
 - IWFG /NUF/NUUF/NINF/NABO/ESO (should we retain membership?) IWFG reports received from PA. Generally agreed we should stay members of ESO. However what information do we get from it? PH to advise please. PH
RH
 - ERSTU (DH) RH to text scan DH article sent to ERSTU and distribute.
 - Major ports Group meeting (JD). British Ports Association seminar – Xmas meeting had coastal emphasis. Some ports e.g. Shoreham are taking an energetic fresh look at how to attract more traffic.
 - NBT exhibition – CBOA to participate? 50th anniversary of the NBT this year – focussing on the history of canal transport. It was felt it should also consider the wider water transport industry and how we have arrived to have the industry in all its facets that we have today. Agreed. It should not present the subject romantically, as the summary/précis suggests. Agreed. DL to liaise with NBT. DL
21. Committee Meetings 2019. Next meeting immediately prior to the AGM on 30th April; 4th July at CRT Hatton – Heather Clarke to be invited; Thur 24th October – **note change in date**.
22. AOB. DQ standing down from Presidency was discussed. DH to be invited to become a VP. DL to ask him. DL

The meeting closed at 15.30

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