

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11:00hrs Thursday 26th April 2018
at The Bond Company, 180-182 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5SE.

The meeting commenced at 11.03.

DL warmly introduced Sharon Taroni (previously Fogarty) to the committee who will be proposed for co-option as Secretary.

Action

Present: DH, DQ, DL, ST, BH, JD, TW, JJ, RH.

1. Apologies for absence: PH, NT, LR, MC, GH, PA, KM.
2. Minutes of last meeting, matters arising: Item 10. DQ Presidency – DQ confirmed his tenure as 1 more year.
Heather Clarke's presentation was thought excellent and very constructive; valuable to have CRT speakers such as Heather at CBOA meetings.
Julie Sharman CRT had asked us if she could speak to us all today about changes within CRT.
Minutes agreed by all.
3. Finances (PH) – cash balance & management accounts:
Accounts for AGM approved by all.
Agreed by all.

CBOA Matters

4. Membership
 - a. Subs renewal and lists (PH/JD) A number of Trade members have not yet paid. **TW to get reminder invoices sent by June end.** TW
 - An additional GDPR column in the spreadsheet now shows those members who have accepted the opt-in to being contacted by CBOA in compliance with GDPR.
 - RH has noticed discrepancies between who is listed as Trade members on the CBOA web site and those listed on the spreadsheet. **RH to advise differences via email.** RH
5. CBOA News (RH). Next Issue in the autumn.
6. Marketing & Publicity
 - a. Recycling & Waste Management Exhibition Sept 12-13 at NEC Brum. CBOA - DL giving presentation at the seminar 11.30 on the first day. Rota for CBOA stand manning TBA.
CBOA have been asked for a list of relevant industry classifications which best suit our purposes, so that those relevant company representatives can be invited.
 - b. CBOA PowerPoint presentation. Banners and prep. materials to be organised.
7. AGM April 2018 arrangements inc. election of committee; President and Vice-Presidents.
Amendments to be proposed: to re-elect as agreed JD, PH, TW, BH (DL, JJ, RH, PA in 2019); DH and Sharon T to be elected; KM and Gerry H to be elected. If more than the maximum are proposed (must be paid up members), then a show of hands will elect. Several speakers have been arranged.
KA has notified the Chairman via email that he wishes to raise 2 points in the AOB. Firstly after a discussion it was agreed by all that as requested by KA the meeting minutes are to be put onto the CBOA web site, after they have been approved and agreed by the following Committee meeting. RH/DL
Secondly, the secretary is to report at each AGM on how well the CBOA has succeeded in meeting the objectives of clause 2 of the Constitution. This was discussed and not seen as necessary as the Chairman reported generally on CBOA achievements and matters generally.
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9. Secretary. Sharon Taroni had been met informally by CBOA officers before the committee meeting to discuss her appointment and likely tasks/duties. After a brief discussion all agreed she is eminently suitable. As of now Sharon needs to be Secretary Elect for the purposes of the following AGM today – agreed by all.

10. Emissions (BH). **BH to start to get this function under way with respect to how CBOA should respond and position inland water transport with respect to the topic.**

BH

Air quality & emissions is a big future issue, what is in prospect? Ricardo report - survey of marine regulations – **BH to investigate.**

BH

CRT are sensitive to the emissions issue; CBOA should know where it is positioned, have a forward thinking stance and not be vulnerable. With cleaner lorry engines, barge engines generally are older, therefore not seen in good light with emissions. Comparisons need to be used for barge v. lorry emissions with per unit weight carried, or emissions per tonne/mile comparisons. Chambers wharf send weekly stats on barge use – 1091 lorry transits obviated have been quoted.

CRT/MCA/Navigation Matters

11. MCA Humber estuary partially smooth water limit (DL). MCA response received – MCA does not agree with the proposal – Professor Hardisty says we should meet them to discuss how this may be achieved and to define the way forward. £200 approx is needed for the professor's time. Agreed by all that we accept this cost and go ahead to resolve the issue.

Lobbying and Strategic Projects

18c. ERSTU (DH) written report provided to the meeting as follows (but not read out):

DH was unable to get to Berlin for the 42nd meeting of the ERSTU Committee on February 20th 2018. On June 20/21 at Lubeck there will a two day conference concerned with Short Sea Shipping.

It was reported that ERSTU now numbers 73 members from 13 countries and is now actively linked with the European Barge Union's River-Sea Committee. Together there is special interest in strengthening the inland waterways with the Baltic Sea region and ERSTU already has an active Donau sub-group with concern for Black Sea links. ERSTU's 43rd Board Meeting is to be in Vienna on Sept. 18/19.

19. Next Committee meetings for 2018 Tues 3rd July 2pm (at Leeds), Tues 9th October.

Other items not listed above were not covered due to the lack of time with the AGM following.

The meeting closed at 12.22

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