

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1300 hrs 13th February 2020

At the offices of Robert Wynn & Sons Ltd Eccleshall.

The meeting commenced at 12.50

Action

### CBOA Matters

**Present:** DL, TW, TS, RH. Maik Brown in attendance. DL introduced Maik Brown, briefly outlining his background.

1. Apologies for absence: DQ, JD, GH, PA, BM. MC, BH, DH.
2. Minutes of last meeting. Agreed by all. Matters arising: under Planning and consent... it should say “Kier building it” instead of “running it”. RH
3. Finances (TS) – cash balance & management accounts: current balance £14,821 (CRT payment received). TS very busy this week so had not had the chance to produce income/expenditure statement.  
Matters Arising. None.
4. Membership
  - a. Subs renewal and list (TW/all).  
Associate: Outstanding non payment of subs being followed up. TS/TW  
Retired coal boat business operator John Jackson to go on the free list, with his past sterling work for CBOA.  
Invoices to go out in June, then non payments chased in July.  
RH to put note in CBOAN about subs due in June. RH
  - b. Recruitment: MB to see whether John Dean will join. RH  
Losses: 4 members will no longer be renewing. MB
5. CBOA News (RH). Next Issue being put together now.  
12 pages this issue will be the maximum – not much material. To printers by mid March; posted early April with the AGM notification. For the last issue RH used an online PDF converter which produces better quality graphics in the printed issue instead of the standard MS Word PDF converter.  
Article is needed covering the coal boats, (as the narrow boat operators do not get much attention in CBOAN). BM is requested to put this together please; if not for this issue due to short notice, then the autumn issue please. BM  
TW to provide article on Wynn’s barge activities please. TW
6. Marketing & Publicity
  - a. Recycling & Waste Management Exhibition, 16/17 Sept 2020. Organising and manning discussed. 2 people minimum required. CRT should be invited to attend. DL to email JD to arrange. DL
  - b. Other? Let’s Recycle in 2021? DL reported that Let’s Recycle have positively responded. It was suggested that we ask people at the RWME event to see what other exhibitions exist, so decide if CBOA attendance would be useful.  
The APF forestry exhibition will be Sept 24-26<sup>th</sup> - is a possibility for the future. TS to check it this year to form a view. TS
7. AGM 2020 – Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April proposed. (Post meeting note: now changed to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, to ensure the President’s attendance).  
Anderton was requested to support Weaver and NW. Marquee hireable. £150 day hire. £12.50 per head for extras. Comparing costs it is similar overall to the Bond.  
Possible Speakers/Presentations: Steve Higham CRT, Antoon to provide update on Blue Line, Chris Evans CRT, Jason Nichols (Loach), Peel Ports, Graham (Esprit). DL to arrange. DL

BM cooption error at previous AGM – need to make mention that this was an en-bloc cooption. RH to check the AGM minutes. (*Post meeting note*: BM has been omitted from the 2019 AGM minutes – to be mentioned as a correction at the 2020 AGM. Also the date is missing from the title of the AGM Minutes). **DL to include into 2020 Agenda items.**

DL

A discussion followed about the need to keep the AGM business-like and relevant to the industry today. All agreed.

8. Regional reports

NE (NT), Report received.

NW (MC), Nothing to report.

London/south inc (GH/JD), Nothing to report.

WM (BH) Nothing to report.

EM (LR) Nothing to report.

9. Appointment of CBOA representative on CRT Council. (Council appoints the CRT Trustees). TW is proposed to be CBOA representative. All agreed. Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March.

10. Appointment of Maik Brown as a CBOA officer. Was CBOA Northern Chairman about 15 years ago. His grandfather ran barges; knows the barge operators today. Is knowledgeable of canals, business and liaising with people and can provide useful support to CBOA. CBOA should establish something like Terms of Reference for MB; this would mean that MB can be confident that he is on the right track and also that CBOA knows what it can expect. **TW to draft it.**

TW

“Business Development North” to be MB’s title.

**TS to set up a CBOA email address for MB. RH to add to the Officers list in COAN. MB to provide contact number(s) to RH for back page of CBOAN.**

TS/RH/MB

DL mentioned that the salt industry is in dire need of addressing for water transport. Also marine sand from Liverpool to Manchester.

11. Emissions (BH). Future propulsion systems: the 'Transport Engineer' (IRTE) reported that movement towards electric traction in heavy goods vehicles has galvanised a number of major players so some of it may be applicable to water propulsion if adaptable, alongside the 'gas' brigade and gas/diesel combinations.

DL reiterated that for new engines at least the issue has to be addressed. Whether older engines should be updated is contentious due to the additional CO<sub>2</sub> produced with engine manufacture.

### CRT/MCA/Navigation Matters

12. MCA Humber estuary partially smooth water limit (DL/DQ/TW). ABP not currently on board with it. Once PoL is active, then perhaps ABP can be involved. The “free ports” issue (taxation) may alter the landscape.

13. CRT Freight Steering Group (update) (DL/JD) inc Stourton. Progress with the Stouton site was outlined and ongoing.

14. CRT Navigation group (MC) / CRT Stoppage programme (BM) Maintenance reports (BM). Report received.

### Freight/Traffic Updates

15. New Traffics/Enquiries -

Marine aggregate to Knostrop etc,) (DL). Looks very positive. *Farndale* to run for 4 weeks, then *Fusedale* in addition after that.

Other ongoing possibilities were discussed.

### Lobbying and Strategic Projects

16. Central Government (TW) FTA meeting tomorrow. West Burton C power station on the Trent – TW gave presentation on benefits of AIL; Bassetlaw District Council local plan.

17. Local Government: Planning matters (RH). Report provided. In addition RH mentioned the ongoing planning applications for the Regents Wharf site near Islington, where the planning officer has been recently in cooperative contact with CBOA, wanting comment on use of the canal, which CBOA provided. A Canal Transport Study had been carried out by the applicant’s

consultants PBA, which quoted very high costs for using Powerday to take material to. JD and GH pursuing; GH with Tfl also.

JD/GH

18. Other Organisations/Projects (all)

a. IWFG moribund

NUF. DL attends.

NNUF. PA attends.

NINF. DL attends.

NABO. CBOA is invited, MB perhaps may wish to attend. DL to advise MB.

DL

ESO (DH the contact).

IWI. (PA). CBOA was asked if we can support IWI.

b. ERSTU (DH) The CCNR Economic Committee has recently published a short note on the state of play regarding the Horizon Europe partnership “zero-emission water borne transport” and DH will get a copy to CBOA. CBOA members should be interested in what the Europeans are doing in this respect, and could follow it up either on their own or through the CBOA.

More belatedly than he had hoped, Wolfgang Hebenstreit, ERSTU’s General Secretary and Editor, has now completed and mailed the latest issue of ERSTU Navigator.

c. John Moore’s University / ST4W project (Smart Tracking 4 Waterways) London visit.

TW/JD. Finance received and looking at waste traffic on the Thames.

19. Transparency Register EU (TS). TS keeps this up to date.

20. Committee Meetings 2020. Apr 29<sup>th</sup> (before AGM). Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Saltersford.

DL to arrange.

DL

21. AOB. None.

The meeting closed at 15.50

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