

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10:00hrs Tuesday 30th April 2019

at The Bond Company, 180-182 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5SE.

The meeting commenced at 10.21

Action

CBOA Matters

Present: DL, DQ, JD, RH, TW.

1. Apologies for absence: NH, PA, PH, NT, BM, MC, KM, LR, GH, DH, BH.
2. Minutes of last meeting. Matters Arising: Item 6a, Recycling & Waste Management Exhibition (Sep 10-12th 2019) a decision had been made to attend in the previous meeting. Item 5 ongoing. Item 6, **DL to chase up the map.** DL
Agreed by all.
3. Finances (PH) – cash balance & management accounts: Matters Arising: Only one CBOAN issue invoice listed, plus few other items also not showing due to the payable date. Agreed by all.
4. Membership
 - a. Subs renewal and list (TW/all). A review showed that the major Trade members have all now paid. Unpaid Associates have been chased.
 - b. Recruitment/ likely losses. It was agreed we keep regular contact with the larger Trade members.
5. CBOA News (RH). Next Issue October/November. Michael Stimpson (Circle Insurance) can write article for next CBOAN. **RH to contact him.** RH
RH to ask Committee members to provide articles/photos for next CBOAN. RH
Committee to receive 3 copies of CBOAN each, to distribute to interested parties.
6. Marketing & Publicity
 - a. Recycling & Waste Management Exhibition. Report inc enquiries. Wed/Thur 11/12 Sept 2019, rota to be arranged. In bigger hall this year, better position – corner stand. Banners (6 required) – with Stuart McKenzie perhaps. **TW to arrange.** TW
Other? None.
7. AGM April 2019. Arrangements discussed. DL, PA and RH to be re-elected. BM to be elected. It was agreed that Tom Foxon and NH to be given life membership and to be awarded at the AGM. Elliot Lancaster and Chris Evans slide presentations, BH and John Liley also to give presentations. Vice President – DH is willing to be proposed as VP – to be proposed at the AGM.
8. Regional reports
SW initiative (PM). Nothing to report (but see item 10 c).
NE (NT). Nothing to report.
NW inc Weaver closure & recent enquiry (MC) The Weaver has been dredged deep enough for the passenger boat *Daniel Adamson*, which will mean it will also be useful for freight. **DQ to follow up link with Salt Union and discuss with MC.** DQ
London/south inc Freight & Development Working Group (GH/JD) Nothing to report.
WM (BH) Nothing to report.
EM (LR) Nothing to report.
9. Secretary (KM). Still busy otherwise for the present to take on CBOA duties.
10. Officers
 - a. President (DQ). A potential President has been identified with a strong inland waterways and shipping/ports background and interested in the position when he retires, within two years. DQ content to remain in office until then.

- b. Treasurer. PH is to complete his term as Treasurer at the end of June. DL has 2 possible options, but for payment; Tony Seddon (historic narrow boat owner who runs a trade association management company) and David Fearnside, an accountant. Tony preferable perhaps. An honorarium may be appropriate.
 - c. SW Representative. PM needs to step down due to work pressures. Will write summary paper on status quo by the end of June. Graham Thompson? Chris Witts? There are two sides to the position – reporting/briefing and proactive action. *DL to follow up (subsequently: done. Chris is interested, meeting to be arranged)* DL
11. Emissions (BH) BH to present at AGM. CBOA need to be pursuing this. Electric or hydrogen power seen to be the future. What should be the campaign exactly? Do we need an academic/professional study carried out to clearly identify the issues? *JD to write to Heather Clarke to suggest a joint study with CRT taking the lead, with input from BH's presentation at the AGM.* JD
- Water freight group required? FTA carries out this function and now recognises that water transport is in their remit. Perhaps useful to re-visit some of the ideas produced by the Freight Steering Group, but best to wait until Port of Leeds is successfully operating. Agreed.
- E-mail suggestions received from Keith Astley re the above items and were discussed.

CRT/MCA/Navigation Matters

- 12. MCA Humber estuary partially smooth water limit (DL) MCA declined to agree with the report – more work needed; funding? Frank Rowbotham to be consulted, ABP either as the Humber Harbourmaster or the port operator. *DQ to follow up following DQ's discussion with Frank Rowbotham.* DQ
- Email received from Professor Hardisty with options and cost as to how to proceed. Perhaps Prof Hardisty to give a presentation to ABP of them to progress. Need clarity from MCA as to what their processes/requirements are. *DL to follow up.* DL
- 13. CRT Freight Steering Group (update) (DL/JD) inc Stourton. Planning consent expected in June with hopefully 24/7 operation allowed.
 - 14. CRT Navigation group (MC) / CRT Stoppage programme (BM) Maintenance reports (BM) Nothing to report.
 - 15. CRT Regional Advisory Boards. DL and MC no longer on the NE and NW boards.

Freight/Traffic Updates

- 16. New Traffics/Enquiries -
 - Marine aggregate to Heck etc). Nothing to report.
 - Scrap etc AMA. Nothing to report.
 - CRT lock transport (RH). Discussions ongoing still.
 - CRT wish to extend use of CBOA member's vessels for carrying scaffolding etc for lock works, *RH pursuing.* RH
 - London – contractor initiative (BH). Nothing to report.
 - Icknield Port (RH). A load of plants had been taken to IPL for site development. RH in contact still about construction works carrying - BREEAM points could be achieved by using canal transport. (BREEAM – Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method).
 - Steam coal. Potential difficulties facing heritage railway operators with coal sourcing issues following the Government future policy of eliminating house coal; railways suggest central purchasing and supply to overcome this. *DL/RH to investigate.* DL/RH

Lobbying and Strategic Projects

17. Central Government (TW) inc changes proposed for AIL movements. TW reported that CBOA have inputted into the draft terms of reference of the abnormal load industry liaison group hosted by HE highlighting the need to ensure that the opportunities to maximise the benefit of inland waterway freight carriage for the largest and heaviest AILs remains a strong focus.
18. Local Government: Planning matters (RH); no written report, but RH emailed Worcestershire CC in January commenting on their Minerals and Waste Plan recommending the River Severn is used for minerals transport for those sites that lie in the valley.
19. Other Organisations/Projects (all) Not covered in this meeting.
 - a. IWFG /NUF/NNUF/NINF/NABO/ESO (should we retain membership?)
 - b. ERSTU (DH)
 - c. Major ports Group meeting (JD)
 - d. NBT exhibition – CBOA to participate?
20. Committee Meetings 2019 4th July, 24th October. NB 4th July at Hatton – awaiting confirmation from Heather Clarke.
21. AOB
None .

The meeting closed at 12.45

Minutes approved by the committee on 24th October 2019

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