ATYC

ASSOCIATION OF THAMES YACHT CLUBS

Officers Meeting

Held at 3 Kingswood Creek
Wraysbury, TW19 5EN
On 25th September 2012

Minutes

Meeting started at 20:00

Officers present

Michael Shefras	MS
David Jones	DJ
Jeremy Schomberg	JS
Mike Chambers	MC
Dave Hansell	DH
Bob Smith	BS
Gaby Chambers	GC

1. Chairman's opening statement

MS Thanked officers for coming to the meeting and in particular for being flexible in changing venue to his house

On to the Business

2 Apologies

Apologies received from

Dave Biggin	DB
Warwick Morgan	WM
Andy Soper	AS

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3. Confirm Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were passed by consensus. Minutes were signed by **MS** and archived

4. **Matters Arising**

All action points from the previous meeting have been carried out, however due to the nature of some of the action points they will be dealt with during the process of the meeting.

5. **Officers reports**

JS **Honorary Secretary** – Just to re-iterate the point that if you have a report or information that you wish to have recorded in the minutes can you please supply this by e-mail so it can be added. This will avoid items being misrepresented or missed out.

AS **Honorary Treasurer's report – (**JS in AS absence)

Current surplus from the Rally is £401.00
However we are expecting a refund from the toilet hire of £516.00
Payment due from an auction item from Hany Mustapha £150.00
Cost of medals £204.00

Expected surplus is going to be £863.25

i Deputy Chair 2013

DJ – has shown an interest, however not for a long period. JS also interested. BS could do it for a 1 year period. However it is felt that there needs to be a period long enough to maintain some stability along with options to be able to change, perhaps at an annual renewable vote. With a fixed maximum of 3 years with the proviso that if there is no successor a further term may be acceptable to allow the association to continue.

<u>ACTION MS –</u> to work on the constitution so we can discuss further in the December meeting. To move forward to the AGM in 2013

Advise the membership in the December 2012 General Meeting that DJ will be standing for a 1 yr deputy chair role with a 1 yr Chair role to follow.

Ii Replacement for Warwick – find a volunteer
DJ referred to his org chart to offer an insight into what duties should be picked up by this role.

DJ felt this was a more democratic way, MS sees a need to try and find the people to fill the space in the org chart. The first target must be to find these

officers.MC – we must prioritise – we must have a commercial man. MS - how do we find the right people?
BS suggested that 2 officers go to targeted clubs and give these clubs the opportunity to put their people forward.

ACTION MS – to set the ball rolling for 7,8,9

ACTION DJ – to carry on with the work for items 2,3,and 6

DJ – ATYC web site must be more effective – we need to own it or create a new one?

JS – this is now very important, but also officers must remember that any of them can submit material for the web. Terry takes his instructions from the Officers.

ACTION – TS to be made an officer, co-opted until next General Meeting.

GC – Communicating with clubs and as advised update the data sheet, notice Board and Messenger. All copied over to TS for the web site.

Special effort must be made to recruit the Commercial Officer.

6. Annual rally – Beale Park – August 25th-27th – (JS)

JS advised that all in all the rally was a good one, it was well attended and well received by the majority. We had 2 very good functions.
The main feedback was surrounding the path and the ludicrous issue of not being able to use the park for access. There were comments made on the catering, some felt that it was not as good as it had been or could have been. Some tables had to have a reduced menu by the time they were fed due to shortages. Dave Hansell and his club Swan Radcot were the last to eat and this was an issue.
No water supplied on the tables in jugs, and couldn't buy wine by the glass. Windsor where disappointed to be moored so far away, DJ explained that this was due to various alterations on the day of arrival and size of boats. There was no other reason and it was felt that at the next rally there should be some changes to the mooring plan to reflect Windsor's desire to be in a more favourable location.

MC – competition review – de-brief.
MC announced that the next meeting for the competitions team would be on the 9th October.
It was disappointing to see only 3 clubs entering, we had 5 last year, he was very concerned as to the dropping numbers of clubs entering. We must all consider the future and how we might do this better to attract more clubs to enter.

It was discussed that we should move the rally back to the August bank holiday as we would not want the Dinner Dance to be at the end of the year.

Swan Radcot indicated that they would not be able to attend the May B/H due to the possibilities of bad weather and river conditions.
So the decision was made to revert back to the August B/H and keep the Dinner Dance in March as normal. Possibilities for future rallies would be considered such as Henley, Fawley Meadows. The problem with this location to date is that it is restricted on the number of late licences it can have each year. Therefore the Henley regatta events take the allocation and we would not get a licence from the Local Authority.

JS is to continue with organising the WID rally for 2013.

JS suggested a blind competition, DH agreed that this would spice things up. MC indicated that it used to be like that however the numbers decreased even more. MC wants to retain the training element.

7. Thames Boating Certificate – Michael Chambers

Nothing to report at this meeting

8. Customer Charter – update – Michael Shefras

Nothing to report at this meeting

9. Waterways Working Group – MS

There was a strong meeting. It was a very heavy interactive meeting which followed by a heavy TUG meeting. However it was positive and both covered a lot of ground. There will be feedback available for the next General Meeting. From the River Thames Alliance meeting was a request to provide main subject matter such as was “What aspirations do you have for the next 10 years”.

10. PLA Matters – DJ

Nothing to report at this meeting

11. <u>Support from Clubs currently not attending</u>

Already discussed, however the target should be London River, Middle Thames and Bray as a starting point. Questions should be as simple as why do they not support the rally for example?

MC – has received a nice letter from Middle Thames apologising for not attending, they will be at WID in 2013.

12. Club Matters

Nothing to report at this meeting

13. AOB

ATYC matters are sometimes difficult to find and also promote.

It was said that items such as the Windsor and Marlow moorings costs that have doubled should be targeted as an issue for concern. “and what do you get for this increase”?
Windsor park users do not pay to use it. The ATYC should write a letter. Abingdon increased their prices and no one went there, they lowered the prices and boaters returned, proving a point.

DH – the date for the next RUG 1 meeting is 17th October, this clashes with the ATYC General Meeting and therefore he will not be attending the General Meeting.

There is to be a general Meeting on the 4th December, venue to be confirmed but suggested to be Windsor.

Next meetings

Officers Meeting 20th February

Annual General Meeting 20th March

Officers Meeting 15th May

General Meeting 19th June

Officers Meeting 24th July

Rally 24th/25th August

Officers Meeting 25th September

General Meeting 23rd October

Meeting ended at 22.00