ATYC

ASSOCIATION OF THAMES YACHT CLUBS

Officers Meeting

Held at the Bray Cruising Club
On 5th March 2012 Commencing at 20:00

Minutes

Meeting started at 19:55

Officers present

Michael Shefras	MS
Peter Hasler	PH
David Jones	DJ
Warwick Morgan	WM
Jeremy Schomberg	JS
Andy Soper	AS – Officer Elect
Mike Chambers	MC – Guest
Bob Smith	BS – Guest

1. Chairman's opening statement

A personal note from the chairman;

Thank you to all that have attended, no opening statement for this meeting.

Onto the Business

2 Apologies

Apologies received from Dave Eatwell, Gaby Chambers, and Terry Sharpe

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.

PH **Honorary Treasurer's report**, The Nationwide account is showing £13,405, cash at £2,140.00 with overall current assets at £15,545.36

A number of outstanding accounts will now be written off as we feel they are never going to be received, these will be shown in the accounts for the AGM.

Confirmation that the BMYC and Riverside Marina Boat Club are now no longer in existence and have been removed from the register
Confirmation that the Cruising Association Riverside Marina Boat Club has had their debt written off and they have been struck from the register

To enable us to change to internet banking we require a rule change, the wording will be supplied by **AS** this must be notified to members by 14th March

ACTION AS – new wording for the rule change for the AGM

DJ report to follow on under item 14

6. Officer Resignations and New Appointments

In the constitution we have a provision for an honorary secretarial assistant. It is proposed that this post is not taken up but that it makes way for another flag position.
BS is a yes for a Vice-chair position to be voted on at the AGM working on the RYA and EA
Colin Law from Windsor has been nominated to stand as a Vice-chair to be voted on at the AGM
David Hansell from Swan Radcote has been nominated to stand as a Vice-chair to be voted on at the AGM
DJ suggested that Linda Crocker should be asked to find somebody else from the Upper Thames.
A new committee member is sought from the Bray Cruising Club

DJ Would like to see vacant positions filled by candidates from the lower and upper Thames. He again suggested that we should target specific people and then make contact with them and discuss future position.
DJ also suggested that the fixed number of vice chairs should be removed and new people recruited on the basis of location. Once recruited then duties can be allocated according to ability and location

ACTION DJ – To populate a list of candidates for Vice Chair positions

MS commented MS Commented that a Deputy chair is to be found during 2012 and early 2013 in order that he/she can be in place to take over from him at AGM 2014 when he intends to retire.
It is important that we look at all of the current and future political interfaces and the requirements that we will need to work with them.

MC would like to see more of the politics to be seen as being ATYC, it is currently too middle of the road. He would like to see the ATYC as strong for boating on the river as the RYA is for sailing.
MS noted that the TUGn is leading the way on current politics and the ATYC is a apart of it.
It is important that we now find ourselves a committee member that is PR focused and with experience to be able to push us out further to the boaters.
If the ATYC did not exist who would care for and support the motor boaters.
John Forsyth of Windsor yacht club was mentioned as another possibility to approach for the ATYC.

7 Annual Dinner Dance – 3rd March 2012

WM reported that the dinner dance went well with 150 people in attendance. It was noted that there was a poor start with the bar, some of the service was a bit slow. The toasting went down well and was good fun. Next year it was thought that Hailing would be brought in with boat names as well as club names.
The hotel rooms were very good with an excellent breakfast, both were very good value.
On the money side there was a small overall loss of £54.70.
The band cost £125.00 more than last time and we had 13 people less than last year.
The preferred date for next year is the 2nd March and the hotel is offering the same deal. They can cater for up to 250 people and if we drop to 100 then they will cut the room in half.
It was suggested that we should source a new band and we should start to consider if we want any guests next year. This can be discussed in our September meeting.
MS thanked **WM** and **LC** for an excellent job.

8 Agenda items for the General and AGM – 28th March 2012

To go through the process of updating and changing some of the rules
To ensure we carry out the election of the officers
There is to be a presentation by the Police, this will take place in the General Meeting.
AS to present an update on the latest Red Diesel position
MC to present an update on the RYA's latest position

9 Annual rally – Beale Park – August 25th-27th – MS

After this meeting **MS** will publish the Revision 2 version of the management plan.
Messer's Howell and Biggins from Swan Radcote and Upper Thames will carry out the necessary plan for the Saturday night.
Linda Johnson confirmed for catering, further follow up in April
Current level of advertisers is expected to be £3,000.00, we require another advertiser to take up a further £650.00 to meet our normal level of revenue.

WM has a process of sending a letter and then a follow up of up to 3 phone calls to get any success.
Confirmation is followed by an invoice and advert copy. The letters are sent out in May.
TS knows about the programme and the format, **AS** is to act as debt collector.
WM will be away over this period as usual.
We still need to agree on the rally fee.
There will be a requirement for toilets and a comprehensive service contract
We will need to provide a water supply
Beale Park cost including the Security will be £2,364.00
We will need to factor in for addition Sunday security
We will need to factor in for a Generator (Very costly)
MC,DJ, JS to carry out a site RECCE

10 Boat Training Morning and ATYC Rally Competition

The training/demonstration session will be on 29th April at Windsor Yacht Club. There will be a Freeman from Penton Hook and **DJ** with Severa
There will be coffee at 09.00 with a 09.30 start on the briefing for the tests. The demo will only be for the two main tests.
The completion rules for "A family" will be confirmed at the General Meeting on the 28th March by **MC** – the draft for this will be on the lines of the following;
A Skipper (Husband or Wife), immediate children, grand-children, nephew's, nieces', with the possible inclusion of "A Blood Relative" to be agreed with the judges prior to the event

11 Thames Boating Certificate – Michael Chambers

BS brought up the issue of pamphlets to be found advertising the RYA training programme for Marina berths. **BS** to work with this and the EA and monitor
It was agreed that the TBC should now be passed over to **MC** with any financial commitment to be via the treasurer and the committee.

12 Customer Charter – Michael Shefras

There was a meeting in January and it was widely felt that the statistics were unrealistic and the mechanism for collecting the data was floored. There needs to be an improvement in the measurement and collection of the statistics to ensure that a realistic picture is put forward.
The Regional Director is still very keen to deliver the Customer Charter however at present they are completely overwhelmed with work load and there is a delay in publishing it.

13 Waterways Working Group - Update

This is now fully reported on the web site and as such does not need to be reported in the meeting. It will be kept as an agenda item in case there is a future demand for discussion.

However **DJ** felt that the recent acknowledgement that the rental of only 5 lock keepers cottages as a pilot scheme was not acceptable as it meant that

once in place the rest will follow. **DJ** requested that the ATYC does not support this.
MS added that we should wait and see as this was work in progress with Howard Davidson and there was a TUGn meeting on the 26th March.

14 PLA Matters – DJ

The new cruising guide for 2012 is available via the website from early April there are also short videos available illustrating the passage through the tideway.

There are new bye laws under consultation, while this is happening several elements are already in use. The most important ones to the ATYC will be the new speed limits, they are as follows;

Tedding ton to Wandsworth bridge	8 kts
Wandsworth to Margaretness (Barking Creek)	12 kts
Margaretness to Estuary	no specific Limit

Note; “Appropriate” speed/wash are just as important as actual speed limits and will be monitored both by launches and cctv/radar

Harbourmasters will issue formal warnings to offenders and these will be logged and retained for 3 years. Prosecutions may follow.

15 Q D J R Pageant 2012 / Olympics

Diamond Jubilee

If you are not taking part, KEEP AWAY !!!

Olympics

In addition to previous messages regarding ID’s it will help to fly an ATYC burgee, however still expect to be stopped.
Have a passage plan showing your intended destination.
There will be no moorings available unless pre-booked.
There will be a 10m exclusion zone from the North bank

16 Club Matters – nothing to report

17 AOB

It was noted that it was **PH** last meeting and all the votes of thanks and messages from the Dinner Dance were repeated and upheld by **ALL**.

MC reported that the hydro power project at Romney had been delayed and not started. The next plan is for Teddington.

MS is having an operation in early March and will be reducing his work load for a few weeks.

Thanks were offered to **PH** for sorting out the arrangements for the Bray Cruising Club to be used for the meeting.

Next meetings

Officers Meeting 19th June (Venue TBC)

General Meeting 26th June (Venue TBC)

Meeting ended at 22:15

Draft minutes completed on the 20th March and forwarded to MS by e-mail to check for errors and omissions. Signed off by MS on 21st March 2012
Confirmed by all Officers 23rd March 2012