

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: GEFF BRIANT c, TERRY BRANSTON v/tr, STEWART WARREN r/s, ANDREW DAVIDSON p, DAVE ARNOLD, ALEX NICHOLAS, PAUL COMLEY, TANYA WARREN.

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DEE HILLIARD.

MEETING START: 19:43

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Terry seconded by Andrew

MEMBERSHIP 2024: 13 +2 Hons +1 Distant = 16. **Waiting for BOSG to rejoin. TB**

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank balances: Current account £1978.44, Deposit £1030.92

PAST MEETINGS/EVENTS: *See website for full details*

Photo competition. Good attendance. Raffle made 69, calendars 251.80 for commodores charity. Great selection of photographs and enjoyable social.

9 January Judith (& Haakon) Jacobsen's talk on Zoom was enjoyed by 16. Stunning photographs of exploring Patagonia. Thanks Paul Bragg for organising. We have found an Ocean Cruising Club webinar for those who missed our event:

vimeo.com/1034374764

FUTURE MEETINGS: *Seven thirty start!* Zoom - Ask all to turn off Zoom cameras

Bring sound amp to future meetings

13 February Paul Bragg on exploring the Rivers of Western France.

TW

13 March AGM.

GB/TB

10 April Greek Ionian flotilla sailing week. Tanya send photos.

GB/SW/TW

IDEAS FOR MEETINGS:

Message Soca members for ideas for meetings.

TW

Sailing the Broads **DA**

Sailing in St Lucia (Nov or Jan) **TB**

Wells & Norfolk Coast Sailing (Nov or Jan) **PC**

JR Talk: Canal / Caribbean **TW**

AED + Bleed kits **TW**

Tides video / Discussion **AD**

Ropes / Visiting speaker - Zoom **GB**

RYA talks and presentations 150 year? **GB**

Ocean Clean UP videos etc **TW**

Vende Globe chat JR, SW

Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG? AN**

TRAINING:

First Aid Course Ashley 8th February £60pp **payment required**

Stewart, Alex, Adam, Paul C, Terry, Alicia (Min 4, Max 12)

TW

Sea survival Life raft event (from Dave A)

TW/SW

EVENTS:

Fitting out lunch at Cowpers Arms date tbc 26/27 April

TB/GB

Ideas for club promotion fetes, local events, press, pr etc

ALL

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY:

May Spring Bank holiday shake down **East Coast** June tbc

AN

Summer trip **Holland** with Martyn, Alex. Paul as crew mid June

AN

Sept/October Holiday Sailing 25 tbc

TB/SW

South Coast weekend Terry, Martyn (Stew and Tanya as crew) late Aug/Sept.

TB

SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:

Geff requires info, pics and articles to publish. Extracts from past news letters?

Volunteers for write up of talks when Geoff unavailable

ALL

All to look at website regularly to boost listings

COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GB

Subs to remain 25 Pounds, 10 pounds for Distant members.

Publish Vende Globe News from time to time.

AGM & April meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Terry received thanks from RNLI for Christmas table and donations

TB

Geff to send updated rules to committee

GB

Discussion on treasurer/commodore joint role

TB

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 20th Feb 2025 @ **19.30 RNA**

MEETING CLOSED: 20.35

Stewart Warren, Secretary