

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: GEFF BRIANT c, STEWART WARREN r/s, TANYA WARREN, ANDREW DAVIDSON p, ALEX NICHOLAS, DEE HILLIARD, PAUL COMLEY.

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DAVE ARNOLD, TERRY BRANSTON v/tr.

MEETING START: 19:40

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Tanya seconded by Paul

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank balances: Current account £2241.27, Deposit £1030.92.

Have we Paid RNA lately? Purchase pay-as-you-go 4G dongle (100). TB / GB

PAST MEETINGS/EVENTS: See website for full details

13 February Paul Bragg on exploring the Rivers of Western France was a great meeting though wi-fi had a few problems. Good to see a few from BOSG on Zoom. Committee passed buying a 4g dongle for next meeting the agm.

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

13 March AGM. Presentation Geff, Crib sheet from Stewart. See p3 **GB/TB/SW**

10 April Greek Ionian flotilla sailing week. Require Log from **TB/GB SW/TW**

8 May Terry Sailing in Caribbean waters - St Lucia **TB**

12 June Summer Sabbatical (Bedfordshire?)

10 July Summer Sabbatical (Bedfordshire?)

14 August Barbecue venue tbc

11 September tbc **ALL**

09 October Jeramy Batch. **RW**

13 November tbc

11 December Photo competition. Soca Calendar. **TB/TW**

Ideas for meetings:

Sailing the Broads **DA** 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**

Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG? AN**

TRAINING:

First Aid Course 8th Feb with Ashley and 7 students at Tanya and Stewart's. A long day with huge course content made enjoyable by our dynamic instructor. Evening dinner was supplied to those who wanted it Moroccan Shepherd's pie.

Sea survival Life raft event (from Dave A)

TW/SW

EVENTS:

Fitting Out Lunch at Cowpers Arms on Saturday 26 April Book your place. **TB/GB**

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

Geff to search on line for Boating Activities Local to us **GB**

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY:

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

Summer trip **Holland** with Martyn, Alex. Paul, Geff 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 Geff unavailable **ALL**

All to look at website regularly to boost listings

COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fitting Out Lunch

Summer Sailing Trips **GB**

Subs to remain 25 Pounds - pay before voting at AGM

RNLI AGM 7pm Sun Hotel Hitchin Wed 12 March Tanya & Stew to attend

April meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Geff to send updated rules to committee

GB

Discussion on treasurer/commodore joint role voted no problem.

ALL

4G Dongle see previous

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

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

MEETING CLOSED: 20.22

Stewart Warren, Secretary

AGM

Circulate crib sheet **TW/SW**

TROPHIES:

Presentation

Astrolabe - Paul Bragg - presenting **Exploring The Rivers of Western France** and organising **Around The Horn** presented by Judith & Hakoon Jacobsen.

Support for club

Kelphil Bell - Dave Arnold - Talk on trip to the Southern Oceans including Antarctica and Falkland Islands, numerous talks to the club, always has inspiring photos for the calendar and many years of service on the committee.

Log/Nav

Joseph Evanson - Alex Nicholas - Ostend Trip.

Special Commendation

Commodores Cup - Peter Sackett - Bosg liaison.

On the Water

Belaying Pin - Just Fleur - Bob Leonard - Stalwart participation and comradeship at the Summer East Coast Cruise 2024.

President - Geff

Commodore - Terry Branston

Vice - Stewart Warren

Rear - Paul Comley

Treasurer - Terry / Geff ?