

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

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

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DAVE ARNOLD, DEE HILLIARD.

MEETING START: 19:40

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Andrew seconded by Alex.

MEMBERSHIP 2025: 15 Full + 2 Hons + 24 Distant = 41

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

200 pounds received from BOSG.

Purchase pay-as-you-go 4G dongle (100) - on hold.

60 pounds to go to RNA.

Tanya to get invoices from Ionos.

TB / TW

PAST MEETINGS/EVENTS: See website for full details

13 March AGM. Presentation by Geff, 9 at meeting, 1 on zoom.

For full details see **AGM minutes** currently under production.

SW

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

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

SW/TW

8 May Sailing in Caribbean waters - St Lucia

TB

12 June Paul Gillions RNLI Water Safety Officer

10 July Summer Sabbatical (Bedfordshire?) if BOSG would like to organise Alex / Peter to discuss possibility of meeting

14 August Barbecue venue tbc

11 September tbc

ALL

09 October Jeramy Batch.

RW

13 November Colin Green Ref BOSG

GB

11 December Photo competition. Soca Calendar.

TB/TW

8 January Wells & Norfolk Sailing (or Nov/Feb)

PC

13 February Sailing on the Broads or Cruising Coast of Africa (or Jan)

DA

[Addition since meeting]

IDEAS FOR MEETINGS:

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:

Sea survival Life raft event (from Dave A) Date to be booked at pool. **TW/SW**

EVENTS:

Fitting Out Lunch at Cowpers Arms on Saturday 29th March 20 Booked **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, Ray Geff as crew mid July. **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:

Volunteers for write up of talks Geff unavailable for next two meetings. **ALL**
Geff has changed front page to attract membership. **GB**
All to look at website regularly to boost listings. **ALL**

COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer Sailing Trips **GB**
Next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AGM Minutes to be sent to club
Ask Ashley if any availability for weekend at Barton Turf for dingy sailing.
RNLI AGM Tanya, Stewart and Terry joined as committee members.
Geff to send updated rules to committee.
4G Dongle - try phone hotspots.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 17th April 2025 @ 19.30 RNA

MEETING CLOSED: 20.25

Stewart Warren, Secretary