

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: TERRY BRANSTON c/t, STEWART WARREN v/s, ANDREW DAVIDSON, DAVE ARNOLD, ALEX NICHOLAS, DEREK MOORE, (TANYA WARREN z).

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DEE HILLIARD, PAUL COMLEY r, GEFf BRIANT p.

MEETING START: 19:45

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Andrew seconded by Alex.

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank balances: Current account £2223.09, Deposit £1034.57.

60 pounds to go to RNA.

Tanya to get invoices from Ionos.

TB/TW

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

10th April Greek Ionian Flotilla sailing week. Log from Terry.

SW/TW

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

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

AN/PS

14 August Barbecue venue tbc

ALL

11 September Paul Comley Wells & Norfolk Sailing

PC

09 October Jeramy Batch

RW

13 November Colin Green Ref BOSG Tank Landing craft

GB

11 December Photo competition. Soca Calendar

TB/TW

8 January TBC or DA

ALL

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

DA

12 March AGM

TB/ALL

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 held at Cowpers Arms was well attended, good food and service was enjoyed by all. Well organised by **GB**

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY:

May Spring Bank holiday TBC

Skippers

June East Coast Shake down Cruise If boats are ready

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 on hold - try phone hotspots

Welcome to new SOCA member Derek Moore (& Trish)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 15th May 2025 @ 19.30 RNA

MEETING CLOSED: 20.25

Stewart Warren, Secretary

Addition since meeting:

Alex has repaired **Honfleur** coachroof and is now painting & preparing to raise mast

Ray on **MissBehaving** repaired GPS & Radio, & installed new domestic batteries

Stewart & Tanya report **Wabbit** has sold to 3rd party and no longer a club boat