

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: TERRY BRANSTON c/t, STEWART WARREN v/s, PAUL COMLEY r, DAVE ARNOLD, TANYA WARREN

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DEE HILLIARD, GEFf BRIANT p. ALEX NICHOLAS, DEREK MOORE, ANDREW DAVIDSON.

MEETING START: 19:42

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Tanya seconded by Dave

MEMBERSHIP 2025: 16 Full + 2 Hons + 27 Distant = 45

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank balances: Current account £2232.89, Deposit £1034.57.

60 pounds paid to RNA.

TB/TW

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

8th May Sailing around St Lucia and St. Vincent. A talk by Terry Branston. He discussed sailing the Caribbean coasts, the customs clearance that was involved in sailing from one island to another and the local culture. Good talk plenty of content and very interesting.

TB

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

12 June Paul Gillions RNLI Water Safety Officer will give a talk covering the RNLI's history and organisation but focusing primarily on the day-to-day operations of the lifeboat and lifeguard service illustrated with filmed footage of actual rescues and the stories that go with them.

GB

10 July Dingy Sailing & BBQ Paxton Lakes, 18:00, organised by BOSG
Paxton lakes dingy and bbq. PE19 6EY

AN/PS

14 August Barbecue venue Dave provisionally available.

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 2026 Dave Arnold Narrow boat Coventry and Ashby (or Feb?)

DA

13 February Sea survival on Wednesday 7 Jan or 11 Feb

TW/DA

12 March AGM

TB/ALL

IDEAS FOR MEETINGS:

JR Talk: Canal / Caribbean **TW**

Tides video / Discussion **AD**

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

Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG? AN**

AED + Bleed kits **TW**

Ropes / Visiting speaker - Zoom **GB**

Ocean Clean UP videos etc **TW**

TRAINING:

Sea survival Try to book pool for Life raft event with divers Hatfield pool. **TW/SW**

EVENTS:

Experience Gliding Friday 11 July 2025, 1800hrs An event organised by BOSG at the Cambridge Gliding Club. See website for more info.

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY:

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 and events **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

Geff to send updated rules to committee

Welcome to new SOCA member Derek Moore (& Trish)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 19th June 2025 @ 19.30 RNA

MEETING CLOSED: 20.30

Stewart Warren, Secretary