

# SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

## MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

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**THOSE PRESENT:** TERRY BRANSTON c/t, STEWART WARREN vc/s, PAUL COMLEY rc, TANYA WARREN, GEFF BRIANT p

**APOLOGIES:** DAVE ARNOLD, RICHARD WHITE, ANDREW DAVIDSON, ALEX NICHOLAS

**MEETING START:** 19:32

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Proposed by Paul seconded by Terry

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Bank balances: Current account £1746.37 Deposit £1041.46.

Sailability £200 Paid, RNLI £200 still to be paid.

**TB/TW**

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

**13th November** Andrew Davidson **Navigating the Crinan Canal**

Great meeting, well presented with enthusiasm and interesting pictures, looking forward to the rest of the talk at a later date. Attendance 11 live, 10 zoom = 21

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

**Bring sound amp to future meetings**

**11 December** Photo competition categories as last year, Soca Calendar **TB/TW**  
[Terry update 8th Dec photos coming in well 100+ so far].

TW/SW Mince pies / sausage rolls

Terry peanuts, crisps, Geff / Paul tbc

Need Raffle prizes & tickets, paper plates, wine prizes

**08 January 2026** Dave Arnold **Narrow boat** Coventry and Ashby

**DA/TW**

**11 February** Sea survival on **Wednesday** 11 Feb @ **Hatfield Pool**

**TW/DA**

**19 February** Social Drinks with committee @ RNLI

**12 March** AGM

**TB/ALL**

**09 April** Ideas Please

**ALL**

**14 May meeting** Stewart, Tanya, Richard and Terry away

**IDEAS**

Andrew and Paul to run meeting

**Meeting in January** Nominations for AGM awards.

**IDEAS FOR MEETINGS:**

Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG? AN**

Tides video / Discussion **AD**

Saronic sailing **TB**

Malta Wrecks **TW.**

AED + Bleed kits **TW**

Ropes / Visiting speaker - Zoom **GB**

Ocean Clean UP videos etc **TW**

**Check with Paul Bragg TW**

**TRAINING:**

**Wednesday 11 Feb Sea survival** Hatfield pool Life raft event with divers.

Dave and Paul have life rafts out of date. Life jackets tbc.

**TW/SW**

**EVENTS:**

**8th November Laying up Lunch Cowper arms** 13 attended a good venue

**FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY**

Looking to arrange South Coast sail in company in June 2026. Martyn & Terry

Alex East coast rally with Ray.

**TB**

**AN**

**SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:**

Volunteers for write up of talks

Geff has changed front page to attract membership

**All to look at website regularly to boost listings**

**ALL**

**GB**

**ALL**

**COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting, Dave Arnold January - narrow boat, Coventry and Ashby.

February life raft sea survival on **WEDESDAY 11th social Thursday 19th**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

AGM Minutes to be sent to club in due course.

Check on Bosc next year plan? Alex to report on BOSC intentions.

Printing for calendars

Geoff has revalidated herts directory.

**Subs to remain £25, £10 distant members.**

**Terry to pay RNA £60 room fees**

**Tanya to confirm pool for life raft night.**

**SW**

**tbc**

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Thursday 15th January 2026 @ 19.30 RNA**

**MEETING CLOSED: 20.37**

Stewart Warren,

Secretary