

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

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Dave and Paul have life rafts out of date.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 **TB**
Alex East coast rally with Ray. **AN**

SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:

Volunteers for write up of talks **ALL**
Geff has changed front page to attract membership **GB**
All to look at website regularly to boost listings **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. **SW**
Check on Bosc next year plan? Alex to report on BOSC intentions. **tbc**
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.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 15th January 2026 @ 19.30 RNA

MEETING CLOSED: 20.37

Stewart Warren,
Secretary