

Thames Vintage Boat Club

AGM Minutes 2015

Venue: Penton Hook Yacht Club

Date: Thursday 26 March 2015

After a fish and chips supper the AGM commenced at 8.15pm.

Attendees: Robin Newlands, David Lister, Jane Percival, Patrick Prince, Peter Scrutton, Theresa Scrutton, John Llewellyn, Jeannine Llewellyn, Pam Chart, Phillip Chart, Carol Reed, Martin Reed, Evelyn Lewis, Malcolm Jones, Janine Jones, Steve Bil, Dilly Bil, Terry Blake, Pauline Blake, Adrian Mettem, Colin Davis, Bryan Cox, Bob Bossine, Michael Watson, David Driver, Margaret Driver, Paul McCarthy

Apologies received: Roger Boyland, Mike Stanton, Jan Stanton, Ed White, Jonathan Sheldon, Andrew Flower, Paul Hopley, Davin Wakeford, Mervyn Loynes, Diane Loynes, Gillian Nahum, Stuart Wilkinson, Quentin Hoodless, Roy Hamilton, Sally Hamilton, Mike Phillips, Christine Wheeler, Jim Wheeler, Chester their dog, Leslie Bossine

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.

Commodore's Report

After a very wet winter the sun finally came out in spring to herald in the start of one of our best seasons. The club visited the Mary Rose and Spinnaker Tower in April and in May, Dick Mayon- White led a 4 - 5 mile tour around Runnymede. In June the Beale Park Boat Show was under new management; the club was given a better position and we had a better tent for our display. Many thanks to the members who took their boats to the show and paraded round the lake. Beale Park is becoming one of our most popular events.

Also in June was the new Hurley Lock rally organised by Patrick which incorporated a visit to Peter Freebody's. There were mixed reports about the number of boats that attended but there were a maximum of 6, with 4 mooring overnight. For this year's rally Patrick is organising a meal at a local pub.

There followed in July the Henley Royal Regatta and Henley Festival and then the Swan Upping which is also becoming very popular with our members. As the Trad Boat Rally had been cancelled due to the floods earlier in the year, our club held its own rally on Temple Island Meadow, just below Henley and this was very well attended.

Then came our two regular fixtures, Boveney and Cookham. At the latter we were kept warm in the evening by the tons of firewood that David Driver had brought to the site and

we enjoyed our annual cruise up to the Bounty which included a mini parade, with the TVBC boats going back up to Henley.

In November we held our dinner and awards evening for the last time at Leander. This occasion was not the best subscribed but the food was by far the best probably because of the new Chef.

We look forward to a new venue next year, which Theresa will tell you about later.

David Lister

Honorary Secretary's Report

The calendar of events for this year is now established and I've displayed copies around the club house for you to look at. A copy has also been emailed and posted out to everyone. There will of course be some small amendments and additions throughout the year and I will keep you all posted.

Our social at Penton Hook last year was cancelled because of the flood. Last month was a different story, however, and a large number of us enjoyed a talk by Dr Simon Wenham on the history of the Salter Bros in Oxford. Peter and I attended the ATYC dinner at the Crowne Plaza in Marlow on 7th March; we joined the Richmond Yacht Club table. This was the second ATYC dinner we have attended and we very much recommend it to our TVBC members. Let's try and make at least one table of ten to represent the club next year.

In two week's time we'll be going on the club coach trip to Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu Motor Museum. There's still time to sign up for this trip so please see me for further details if you want to do so.

In May Thames River Warden Dick Mayon Smith, has very kindly agreed to lead us in a guided walk along the Thames. We thought we would go further up river this time, and are very much looking forward to exploring the Dorchester/Days Lock area. Jane will be co-ordinating this. I recently sent out details.

Beale Park will be taking place this year in early June after all. Last year's organiser, David Read, of Stately Solutions, sadly died, but new organisers, See it For Real Productions, in association with the Beale Park Boat and Outdoor Show have stepped in and so the future of the Boat Show seems secure for this year at least. Last year we were allocated a new plot on flat land down by the moorings to pitch our display which we found better as it gave us immediate access to the boats and more space. About 11 of our boats attended and took part in the Sail pasts and we're hoping that we will have a similar positive response from TVBC members this year.

Our popular Boveney and Cookham rallies will as usual be taking place in August, and Patrick will be running the Hurley Lock rally for a second year in June. Please support the new Hurley rally, especially those of you who live further up river - we're hoping it will become firmly established in the annual calendar just as Boveney and Cookham have done so. The biggest meeting, the Trad Boat Rally, which has been restyled the Trad Boat Festival, will be taking place in Henley in July; TVBC will be there and we will be holding our club's BBQ on the Sunday evening. The TVBC always has a large presence at this event and this year a significant number of our members are contributing to its organisation. I strongly urge you all to either bring your boats to the rally or at least attend on foot. The rally really requires our utmost support if it is to break even and survive another year. Dramatic as this sounds, this is the stark fact facing the trad boating fraternity. There will be more up to date details about what the Festival committee is planning from Jane/Patrick later on this evening.

One event that is not yet on the Calendar is the Teddington River Festival on Sunday 26th July and sited round Teddington Lock. The organisers have offered us a complimentary stand space on the day and Patrick, our Rear Commodore is very happy to run this but will need some volunteers to join him. We think that this will be a good opportunity for lower Thames members to get together. The Festival organisers are also looking for skippers and crew interested in displaying their boats in the Barge Lock for the day.

After five years of holding the annual dinner and awards at Leander Club, the committee decided a change of venue was now due, and to make it an assessable location for the majority of our members with regard to travelling we have chosen to hold this event at the runnymede on thames hotel which looks onto Bell Weir Lock. Having experienced the food first hand on another occasion I can thoroughly recommend the buffet that will be on offer. Further details about this event will be sent out shortly; it will help very much if we have a fair idea what our numbers are sooner rather than later so please keep Saturday 14th November free in your diaries and book early with me.

Finally it remains for me to thank you all for coming tonight and to wish you all an enjoyable boating season this year. The committee hope to see as many of you as possible out and about on the Thames and at our rallies and social gatherings this year.

Theresa Scrutton

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The finances of the club continued to remain healthy in 2014. I draw your attention to the following:

The Annual dinner made a small loss due to a reduced number of attendees whilst the fixed costs of providing accommodation for the speaker remained the same.

Production of the boater was delayed resulting in less than the normal number of issues, therefore the cost of production was reduced. The printing cost of one issue was also reduced as the printers used incorrect artwork and agreed to a reduction.

Subscription income increased slightly compared to 2013 partly as a result of the additional members who joined in order to take part in the replacement Henley Rally.

There was a very successful trip to The Mary Rose which was well attended. The club made a small subsidy to help with the cost of the coach.

Overall, the club made a surplus of £2,727.88 this year resulting in a balance of £12,890.19.

It will therefore not be necessary to increase subscription rates next year or in the near future. The TVBC remains one of the best value Boat Clubs in the area.

I am pleased to say that most members have now renewed their membership; there are eight who have not.

We have produced a new promotional leaflet to attract new members which is available to members, please take some and hand out to anyone who you think might be interested in joining.

Peter Scrutton

Membership Secretary's Report

After many years of enthusiastic service, Sean Wiles has resigned as Membership Secretary. Theresa thanked him on behalf of the Committee and Membership.

Webmaster

Mike Phillips was unable to attend the AGM.

Election of Flag Officers and Committee

The following were nominated, proposed and elected:

COMMODORE: David Lister (3rd year)

VICE-COMMODORE: Jane Percival (3rd year)

REAR-COMMODORE: Patrick Prince (3rd year)

HONORARY SECRETARY: Theresa Scrutton (re-elected)

HONORARY TREASURER: Peter Scrutton (re-elected)

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Theresa and Peter Scrutton will share this office

BOATER EDITOR: Jane Percival

WEBMASTER: Mike Phillips

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (all re-elected): John Llewellyn, Pam Chart, Phillip Chart

NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Colin Davis

Flag Officers	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Commodore	David Lister	<i>Third year</i>	
Vice – Commodore	Jane Percival	<i>Third year</i>	
Rear Commodore	Patrick Prince	<i>Third year</i>	
Hon Secretary	Theresa Scrutton	John Llewellyn	Patrick Prince
Hon Treasurer	Peter Scrutton	John Llewellyn	Jane Percival
Membership Secretary	Peter Scrutton Theresa Scrutton	Volunteered Volunteered	Agreed by majority vote at the meeting
Boater Editor	Jane Percival		
Webmaster	Mike Phillips	Patrick Prince	David Lister
Committee			
	John Llewellyn	Theresa Scrutton	Jane Percival
	Pam Chart	Jane Percival	David Lister
	Phillip Chart	Peter Scrutton	Theresa Scrutton
	Colin Davis	Mike Phillips	Theresa Scrutton

Amendments to the Constitution

David advised the floor that the committee had been working on the updating and revision of the Constitution for over three years. The revised version had been distributed to all members by email and post for perusal prior to the AGM. No objections were received either before or during the AGM so the revised Constitution was deemed to have been accepted and takes the place of the previous version.

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Theresa presented Malcolm and Janine Jones ('Topaz') with the Silver Salver for Best TVBC Boat of 2014.

The meeting was closed by the Commodore, David Lister at 9pm

The next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd April 2015
at Clewer Boatyard Summerhouse, Clewer Court Road, Windsor, SL4 5JD
7.30pm for 8pm start

Theresa Scrutton
Honorary Secretary
29th March 2015