



OUNDLE CRUISING CLUB.

Oundle Marina, Barnwell Road, Oundle, Northants. PE8 5PA

MEMBERS OF ANRC and AWCC

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OCC AGM Minutes. Sunday, 24th March 2019.

Apologies

Harry and Helen Wright, Mick McCoy, Isabella Thomson, Stephanie Ledger, Richard Ganderton, Jenny Sullivan and Stewart and Vicky Marshall.

The Commodore opened the meeting by welcoming members

Approval of Minutes

Proposed by John Harris seconded by John McNichol

Matters Arising

Following the “allowing dogs into the clubhouse” trial the members voted to allow this rule change. Dogs will be allowed in except on occasions when food is being served.

Commodores Report

Hello, my name is Elaine and I am your current Commodore-very soon this morning to be Rear Commodore.

I would like to thank you all for coming here today-especially after the late night some of us had last night for the Fitting Out Supper-I think that it was a case of last one out of the bar, post the keys in the letter box!

I would like to start by saying how much I have enjoyed my 3 years as Commodore, I have enjoyed every moment, well, nearly every moment. We have had our ups and downs, as does every committee, I would like to thank all committee members past and present for their

support and hard work over the past year and beyond. Briefly highlighting a few of the things we have achieved together as a committee:

We have refurbished the ladies toilet. Hooray, No 1 on my wish list. What an improvement ladies?

We have reroofed the entrance foyer and redecorated. All lovely now. No more damp and smells of cat pee when you come in the door. Brilliant.

The men's next, there's a challenge for the incoming committee for next year.

We had to call in the professionals for some of these more technical jobs, like plumbing, fibre glassing the roof, plastering etc. and many thanks go to our DIY members for the plastering and redecorating skills given freely.

We won the Brain of the Nene again this year- that makes 3 times on the trot! Incredible what a brainy lot we are.

Hosting the return event brought its own challenges but with a lick of paint and some TLC the harbourmasters shed became a very respectable ANRC Brain of the Nene quiz room, hosting the 6 teams from other clubs amongst the fish –heads and tin cans.

For the second year running we hosted the ANRC dinner dance in its various formats-we feel proud that if it wasn't for us offering a venue his annual ritual might have slipped away.

By far our biggest achievement was the ANRC rally in May. Wow such hard work but so worth it we should give ourselves a big pat on the back- they said that it couldn't be done at OCC. Well we proved them wrong and we pulled it off with great success. There has been praise from fellow boaters up and down the river like "That's the best rally we have been to in years", and We have put OCC back on the map".

We did this together. You should all be so proud of yourselves because without your support none of this would have been possible. We are now up to 109 members the highest for a long time. I have been proud to represent Oundle Cruising Club over the last three years and I feel that I have learned a lot and grown as a person. When I first stood in front of you 3 years ago (a little like a rabbit caught in the headlights) I was quite shy and retiring(ha ha) I have also become not so shy and retiring and rather bossy-I think that our committee would agree.

And finally, before I leave today, I would like to remind you that Your Club Needs You. Please help your incoming committee by supporting them and volunteering your help whenever you can. Help them to do their job of running your club.

Go straight away after this meeting and see Paul and out your names down on the bar rota list.

My work here is done. Anne and Fred have very kindly prepared a buffet snack for everyone after the meeting, please stay and help yourselves.

Thank you all.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer presented an interim report which was agreed with the accountant, should there be any adjustments to this report the members will be notified. Looking to the future OCC is on a firm financial footing. The club has been granted a £1743 rebate for business rates this coming year as it has been agreed that the club is subject to small business rate relief, this means that no payment will be made this year and is effective from 1/04/2019 until 31/03/2020 when it will be reassessed.

Membership Secretary's Report

OCC now has 109 members which is a significant increase on last year when at the AGM the figure for members was 67. This contributed over £2000.00 to club funds the only other income is money spent over the bar so it is important that the bar remains open during all advertised hours.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected unopposed.

Commodore: Anne Marie Cairney

Vice Commodore: Kathryn Springfield

Treasurer: Fred Gwenin

Secretary: Kathryn Springfield

Membership Secretary: Paul Mc Crea

Harbourmasters:

Committee Members: Billy Kidd, Mick McCoy, Christine Hendicott and Howard Baxter.

At this point the new Commodore takes the meeting

PROPOSALS

Should Draught Beer be Available at the Bar?

The members discussed this topic and it was decided that a trial period of 3 months should take place to ascertain the profitability of draught beer the members will then be advised of the figures and a decision will be made.

Should Gold membership be created for members with over 25 years' service?

This was discussed at length by the members, the difference between Honorary life membership and the proposed Gold membership were explained. The members voted on this new category of member and this was passed to be effective from next year.

AOB

A member asked about the contents of the current rule book and it was agreed that the committee would look at this in detail and a decision would be made as to the validity of the current rules.

A member asked about the lease that the club holds and it was explained that at the present time that Oundle Marina Village is up for sale so OCC does not have the security of a lease of any significant time.

A member asked why members of OCC do not have a key fob to access the club when the marina gates are closed, other businesses at OMV have fobs for their employees the committee agreed to put this question to the marina owners.

A member asked about the possibility of creating disabled access and the committee agreed to put this on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The AGM closed at 12.45