

Minutes of General meeting of the Stort Boat Club held in the New Inn Roydon on 22nd October at 8.00 p.m.

1. Apologies from:

Sue and Banny Banyard, Colin and Claire Porter, George and Celia Cutting Pauline and Graham Riley, Keith and Carol Alderton, Dave and Glynis Dennis, Bob and Phyllis, Terry Stembridge, Roy and Janet Bowman, Babs Davis, Dave and Jan Harris, Roger and Ann Reding, Chris and Vicky Skilton, Paul and Janine Strudwick, Wendy Chuter, Hazel Fiddler, Sharon and David Cohen.

17 members present.

2. Minutes of the meeting February 19th, 2018

These minutes were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting.

Proposed by Sue Barrett

Seconded by Andy Higgs

3. Commodores Report.

Thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Thanks also to Pauline Riley for liaising with the New Inn and Sue Barrett for the Stort Reporter. - great as ever!

Priority of the committee must be to maintain the interest and enthusiasm for the club.

It is good to see the membership still maintained even when members move their boats to other areas, they still maintain membership of the club.

The Stort Reporter is vital for maintaining contact.

Membership numbers are up. The club has welcomed new members and is doing well.

Past events

April, murder mystery evening, thanks to Lorraine scripting the play and thanks to George for booking the venue.

Cavalcade: 6 or 7 boats attended.

Bishops Stortford Carnival was also attended by 6 or 7 boats.

Members also met up at Ware boat festival which went very well.

The Crick show members met up and enjoyed a day out and a meal on the Saturday.

There were 3 boats at the National Festival at St. Neots and Paul and Janine Strudwick won the award for the longest journey to reach St Neots.

Monthly lunches restarted and they are popular, average number attending, 36 people.

For the future.

Monthly lunches on the 21st November and 19th December.

AGM on the 18th February plus buffet.

Mike is standing down as Commodore next year so the club will be looking for a new Commodore.

The boat club continues regular attendance at the Association of Lee and Stort cruising club where there is always a Canal and river trust presence.

Cruising

There have been problems with weekend cruising and low water levels. on the rivers Lee and Stort

IWA 's Festival of Water in 2019 will be held at Waltham Abbey. Hoping the S BC will have some representation there.

#### 4. Treasurers Report.

At present there are 63 members of the club. £367.00 of income.  
£59.00 for AWCC membership.  
£125.00 for refreshments.  
£1110.00 in the bank.

Assets: The oil extractor pump is now in Mike's garage.

Keith Alderton had signed off last year's accounts.

#### 5. Membership Secretary

There are 63 members in the club. Several members don't own boats now but there are still 35 boats as members.

#### 6. G.D.P.R.

Application forms were sent out to new members. Bob suggested a form to be sent to every member, but it was felt the renewing of our details on the membership forms should be sufficient. The advantage is the SBC do not need to register.

Privacy policy is now in effect and details will be sent to the membership Secretary, Andy Higgs.

#### 7. Stort Reporter.

Next one will be due out in February. Articles in by January 15th please.

Any news is also welcomed in the IWA magazine as well.

#### 8. Events

Fanhams Hall.

It was agreed the boat Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club by a lunch at Fanhams Hall. It was agreed to hire the Oak room. This would be an extra 75p on the cost of the meal. £33.75 a head for the meal. Arrival at Fanhams Hall for 12.00

#### 9. Suggestions for future events.

Trip on the tidal Thames or a trip from Maldon on Hydrogen.

Continue lunchtimes and the 3 Horseshoes at Spellbrook.

AWCC social to be held on 17th November at 7.45pm at the Large Barge Club, Motor cruising club. If interested get in touch with Bob Langley.

This year's AGM will be on the 18th February with usual buffet.

It was proposed that there would be new stickers free to club members. This was agreed and Mike said he would look into this.

It was agreed to encourage members to attend the next waterways festival at Waltham abbey on the 24th August. Mike would do a block booking.

Meeting ended 21.15.

