

Keynes Park Cruising Association
Minutes of the 19th AGM
22 October 2008

1 Apologies

Commodore Steve Worner reported that apologies had been received from the following members:-

- Norma and Phil Bridge
- Hilary Roberts
- Gordon and Ann Littlewood
- Ruth Jennings
- Bob Creswell
- Rip Hunter

2 The minutes of the 18th AGM were read to the members by the Commodore and approved.

3 The Commodore's Report

Steve reported that it had been a reasonably good season, the winter and summer events were well supported and encouragingly some new members had started sailing.

4 The Winter Events

On 22 November, Norman Vagher had given us a very technical talk on his preparation for and participation in the Little America's Cup.

In December the annual skittles match was well attended.

On 23 January 2008 we had an interesting talk from Dick Lloyd of the Island Trust who provide sailing opportunities for disadvantaged young people. Some members accepted Dick's invitation to attend the launching of the replica channel cutter that had built for the trust in Bristol.

On 22 February we had a very interesting talk from Alison Kentuch, one of the two receivers of Wreck which concluded with extraordinary footage of an exploding whale.

On 26 March we had an interesting presentation by Nigel Owen on his experiences as a participant of the Clipper Round the World Race.

5 The Sailing Trips

Frost Bite – 8 members took part on 2 boats, a very windy crossing to the Isle of Wight on Friday evening and a stormy night on the Folly Inn's pontoon. On

Friday a very pleasant sail to Newtown Creek and a good sail back to the Hamble on Sunday. Overall a good weekend.

Boat Handling - This years boat handling weekend was run by Plain Sailing out of Dartmouth and the members reported that it was a good weekend, the instructors being happy to do what the members wanted.

May Day - Unfortunately was not supported. Steve commented that it would be a shame if this event which had been well supported and successful in the past, was not supported in the future.

Long Haul – This had originally intended to be a weekend plus a week out of Plymouth but there were no applicants for the weekend sailing. The long haul involved a sail to the Scillies via Restronguet Creek where the boat went aground on its mooring during the night and the members enjoyed a visit from the Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat. 36 hours was spent in Penzance and the members enjoyed a day in St Ives by train. They then visited St Mary's and St Agnes and returned to Plymouth via the Helford. A very good week enjoyed by the 7 members who participated.

Dinghy Sailing in Salcombe – Steve reported that the members who had attended had enjoyed a great day of dingy sailing in Salcombe. It was very good fun and he would wish to try and fit it into the programme again.

Scotland – 5 members took part in the weeks sailing in Scotland. Barry reported that it was very wet, but with plenty of wind and all those involved enjoyed the trip.

Booze Cruise – Steve reported that for the first time in many years it was not possible to visit the Pandora on Thursday evening but a good meal was enjoyed in the marina in Falmouth. A good sail to Fowey on Friday and from Fowey to the Helford on Saturday. However, the evening meals were disappointing compared to previous years. Steve's crew were stranded by the tide at the sailing club's pontoon and they had to be ferried to their boat by Phil Bridge.

7/9 November – 4 members are planning to have a winter weekend sailing in the Solent.

6 Treasurer's Report

Liz Jones reported that she hoped the members would find the accounts self-explanatory. The club's funds had been assisted by a slight increase in the membership fee from £20 to £25. Liz assured Pauline that she was not personally out of pocket in relation to any postage or telephone expenses which did not appear in this year's accounts. Thanks were expressed to Liz and to Caroline for the preparation of the accounts and they were approved by the members present.

7 Matters Arising

Steve reported that the club's website that had been kindly set up by Bob Cresswell had not since been updated. Bob was now running his business from Greece. Steve hoped to see Bob shortly to discuss the future of the Website. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to keep the Website functioning as it was regarded as being worthwhile and had potential for showing photographs of trips and to assist in general communication with the membership.

8 Rule Changes

Steve Worner confirmed there were no changes to the rules to be considered.

9 Election of Officers

Steve reported that Martin Palmer wished to stand down as a committee member. Steve paid a tribute to Martin reporting that the formation of the club had been Martin's original idea and he had made a significant contribution in ensuring that the club continued to go from strength to strength for 19 years. All the members present confirmed their appreciation.

Nigel Owen had indicated that he would be happy to re-join the committee in Martin's place. His election was proposed by David Gist and seconded by Steve Worner.

10 AOB

The winter programme for 2008/2009 was outlined by the Commodore.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.