

Keynes Park Cruising Association
Minutes of the 20th AGM
28 October 2009

1 Apologies

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

- Barry Clarkson
- Martin and Pauline Palmer
- Norma and Phil Bridge

2 The minutes of the 19th AGM had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and were formally approved.

3 The Commodore's Report

Steve briefly commented further on the following report which had previously been circulated to the members to save time at the AGM:-

"The year has been a challenge, we have seen Martin and Pauline Palmer depart on their Dutch Lady, they are somewhere between Bristol and London intending to over-winter somewhere in the Thames area before heading across the channel next Spring and travelling the Dutch Canals. They intend to return in a few years and the Association remains indebted to Martin who came up with the original idea to form the Association.

The Winter Meetings

These were problematic with many changes due to non-availability or difficulty in contacting speakers but with one exception they were of the normal high standard, including a talk from the RNLI Coxswain who stood by us at the Pandora in 2008.

Sailing trips

These were again mixed, the ones which went ahead was very good but boat handling, the summer week, and dingy sailing were cancelled due to lack of support. The frostbite was the usual enjoyable weekend with luxury boats chartered by David Gist. May Day saw 5 of us out of Plymouth and despite Rosemary and Kevin's disparaging comments about Jester our Dufour (or Duffer as they would insist on calling it), a good time was had by all, including meeting ex-member Chris Winter when we returned to Plymouth.

The Scotland week was well supported and to the usual high standard of Barry Clarkson's organisation and planning.

September's booze cruise saw three boats out of Falmouth and an extremely enjoyable trip around the Lizard to overnight at the locked in harbour at Penzance, followed by a return via a night at the Helford. The weekend lived up to its title with Thursday evening in a pub on the Quay at Falmouth, Friday in the Dolphin at Penzance and Saturday at the Helford Sailing Club where the food was varied but excellent value and quality. One of the boats had a spinnaker which they flew expertly for an hour or so on Saturday but it embarrasses me to say who it was".

Steve further commented the he met Bob Grant at Falmouth and he has offered to come to Bristol at any time to run shore based courses, if there is sufficient interest amongst the membership.

There is one final trip planned for this year on the Solent in early November. Please look at the Website or contact David Blogg for details.

The main issue this year has been the dwindling membership. Over the years we have relied on Martin and other night school teachers to recruit pupils to join the club. This source has very much dried up although Nigel Owen is still teaching and there may be possibilities for him to secure new recruits. The committee, with the assistance of David Tucker who has prepared a superb website and posters, is having a membership drive. We have started to distribute posters to certain outlets in an attempt to recruit new members. We also intend to re-affiliate with the RYA. If any members can think of any suitable venues to display posters, please download them from the website or contact me as I can provide paper or laminated copies. We do not need a massive intake of new members, but current levels make winter evenings a gamble, and a possible embarrassment, and summer sailing trips sometimes fail as there are not enough bookings to fill boats. More skippers would be useful as well.

4 Treasurer's Report

Lis Jones distributed the annual accounts to the membership and it was noted that there had been a slight excess of expenditure over income, but other than that the accounts were unremarkable.

The accounts were formally approved.

5 Election of Officers

Steve reported that there had been no new nominations, the existing members had indicated a willingness to stand again and were therefore re-elected en bloc.

6 AOB

Rosemary Tominson mentioned that she was now the part-owner of a boat that would be racing out of Portishead. If any members were interested in taking part she requested that they get in touch with her.

Rosemary also informed the membership that possibly Bob Grant could conduct a course in boat handling in the yacht at Portishead Marina .

David Tucker reported that the Website was receiving approximately 200 hits each month from about 50 people but it was not possible to tell which of those visits were from non-members.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.