

WIVENHOE OCEAN RACING CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 21st April 2008 at 20.00 hrs
At Royal British Legion Hall Wivenhoe

Present: Martyn Carrick, Laurence Knox, Dilly Meyer, Jayne Morgan, Gerry Poulson, Kevin Read, Anne Marie Pyett (*Minutes*).

Apologies - Brian Odell who is currently in New Orleans.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st March were accepted and a copy of these minutes was duly signed.

Matters Arising:

MC asked that the following correction be made to the above minutes:
Annual Dinner (page 3, 2nd para): "BOD passed a cheque to the Treasurer which was a donation for the Annual Dinner fund from Colin & Sarah Scattergood."

Treasurer's Report:

KR tabled a financial report. He confirmed that a new account had been opened at Lloyds plc and he had banked the sum of £2,261 to this new account. He said that he had written a cheque to DM in the sum of £330 for the purchase of the wine for the annual dinner.

KR said that he had contacted Chris Barrett on two occasions requesting a meeting and/or notification of the balance remaining in the WORC account at the time of changeover. As soon as KR is able to discuss this with CB arrangements will be made to transfer the remaining balance to the new WORC account. As CB has not yet responded KR will contact him again. **Action :**
KR

KR explained that until the amount remaining in the old account is clarified it is difficult to give a clear picture of our financial position.

KR's paper was discussed. It was agreed that to improve our bank balance a push should be made to market the 62 ties remaining in stock. Also clarification should be sought from CB as to whether the £450 deposit to the caterers for the annual dinner had been settled from the old WORC account or by a personal cheque. **Action : KR/CB**

GP asked if the WSFF £500 had yet been transferred to the RBL (which will be ring-fenced for the troops) - as agreed at the AGM in December 07. LK said that this had not yet been accomplished. LK also confirmed that the one off payment of £500 from WORC to the RBL in lieu of annual rent for the building had not yet been made. **Action: KR/CB**

Membership

There have been no applications for membership since our meeting in March.

Future Events 2008

Annual Dinner – Friday 25th April

The final detail of the dinner was discussed and it was agreed that a work party would meet at the Nottage on Friday to prepare the venue for the evening.

Jazz at Lakeside – Sunday afternoon the 6th July

MC said that arrangements are proceeding well and he had been in touch with Pepe who is organising a photo session later this week. Wivenhoe News article is in the pipeline. Full details of this event will be discussed at our May meeting.

Curry Lunch – 25th May

Hally Palmer will be approached to provide a curry for the day and the House Committee will find other suitable “volunteer” cooks.

Regatta – Saturday 9th August - £30 per ticket

All arrangements for the event are in hand and progressing satisfactorily.

LK raised the question of WORC funding/sponsoring the fireworks on the day. Lengthy discussion ensued on this possibility and it was unanimously decided that WORC would not provide fireworks during the Regatta.

This unanimous decision was reached after careful consideration – the main reasons for deciding against being:

- In the near future WORC will have to make serious efforts to raise funds for the urgent work that has to be carried out on the RBL building.
- Should we sponsor the fireworks this year, it would be a natural assumption that we would be able to do this in subsequent years – a commitment we do not wish to take on as our main aim is the support of RBL and through them our troops.
- We will continue to support suitable village activities and people, as we have done in the past - *The Wivenhoe Lights, Leukaemia research and sponsorship of a Worc member's London Marathon.*

Ties & Misc

MC reported that he is setting up a “stall” in the “Station” on Wednesday to fulfil orders received from attendees to the Annual Dinner on Friday. Ties will also be available at the Dinner for those still without a club tie. There will be a concerted effort made to move the remainder of our tie stock at the Curry Lunch in May. LK thanked DM for producing a poster advertising the ties.

RBL Matters

LK said that with regard to the building report – there has been no change to the detail given at our last meeting, apart from the fact that the building is listing! He said that he had e-mailed Mark Bielecki asking for help in obtaining

the necessary fire alarm and correct signage for the RBL building. MB is currently on holiday.

LK brought to the attention of the meeting the following RBL events :

- Tuesday 20th May - RBL Wivenhoe Branch Business Meeting
- Tues 17th June - RBL Wivenhoe Branch Social evening
- 26th July - RBL Public "thank you" event for poppy collectors

LK asked again if thought could be given to highlighting volunteers to man the RBL bar on Wednesday evenings (for RBL members only) in order that we may proceed with our plans to open the Legion Bar on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer months.

AOB

LK raised the matter of tables and chairs for use outside. Following discussion it was agreed that folding tables and lightweight chairs would be a welcome addition for use outside the building on occasion. Storage would be possible in the downstairs outside cupboard adjacent to the front door. MC said he had obtained a very reasonable offer for the purchase of table parasols. Enquiries will be made into acquiring these items. GP will make enquiries into the procurement of straw boaters for use in good weather!

Action: MC

DM has not had an opportunity to follow up the suggested visit to Rowhedge RBL – but will do so. **Action : DM**

JM said she would like to thank KR for the wine and buns supplied for our meeting this evening - it being his birthday tomorrow! All wished KR a very happy birthday for the morrow.

GP asked if the matter of the transfer of the WSFF funds to the RBL could be chased up. **Action : KR**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45 hrs.

Date of next meetings

Dates were set for the next two meetings of the committee.

Monday 12th May 2008

Monday 9th June 2008

Both meetings to be held in the Upper Room of the Royal British Legion building.

Signature of
Commodore.....Date.....