



River Hamble Mooring Holders Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16 March 2017

PRESENT: Dave Anderton (Chair); Jeremy Clark; Colin Brookes; Tony Blewett; Peggy Dorothy; Pat Brooker; Paul Mark; Alison Millman; Dereck Brook; Peter Brook; Sarah Mark; Maggie Widdop; Robert Hughes; Jim Chadwick-Williams, Martin Bridger; Mike Brackstone; Norman Francis.

APOLOGIES: John Selby; John Mitchell; Rory Kemp; Barry Bromby; William Dibben; Mary Dibben.

1. Welcome: The Chair welcomed members and visitors to the AGM

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 March 2016:

Jim Chadwick-Williams proposed, Tony Blewett seconded and it was resolved unanimously that the minutes be approved – there were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report:

The Chairman, David Anderton, presented his report:

Your Committee has had 5 formal meetings since the last AGM. All meetings of the Harbour Board and Management Committee, except one, have been attended by one or more committee members as an observer. This is necessary because the minutes of these meetings only record decisions and not the discussions and other content that takes place. The minutes are therefore not a full record of the meetings.

Committee Activities during the year

The objectives of the Association are: **'To represent the interests of Members jointly or individually as Mooring Holders on the River Hamble or as people on the waiting list for such a mooring and/or as other river users.'** How does your Committee try to achieve this? Well here is a brief summary of some of the things that we have done over the last year: (They have also been reported in the latest edition of 'UPDATE')

- a) We have helped to persuade the Harbour Board that they were proposing to increase their various reserves unnecessarily. Our action has helped to secure a zero increase in the Harbour Dues over recent years.
- b) We have met the agents of The Crown Estate and stressed the need to improve the inspection methodology for pile maintenance, by showing that some severe wear in pile sliders and rings has been "missed" in their maintenance program.
- c) We have made both The Crown Estate and the Harbour Board aware of the significant problem that many of our members have in accessing their moorings. This has led to the proposed new pontoon at Warsash which increases the number of tender berths available towards the mouth of the river. Considerable efforts are being made to improve the tender storage and access at Swanwick Shore,

and to investigate if the quay at Mercury Gardens could be used by members to access moorings mid-way between Bursledon and Hamble.

- d) We have asked The Crown Estate to consider inserting a clause for use when a Marina lease is renewed, to make sure that the Marina is obliged to provide a number of tender berths. This follows the occasion when Premiere Marina proposed to stop any berths being made available for this purpose recently.
- e) We opposed the original proposal for Warsash Hard on the grounds of cost which would put up our members' charges. A cheaper option was eventually found.
- f) We commented on the Royal Southern Prince Philip Marina about the loss of Secondary channels for accessing Hamble foreshore. The channels have now been lost, so making the use of Hamble Slip, and also movement through this crowded area, much more difficult for our members.
- g) We opposed the extension to Hamble Jetty because we believed that it would also affect our members' access from Hamble to their moorings (and access for crew on race evenings

Actions to preserve access or secondary channels

Over the last few years we have tried to represent small boat users on the river because we have observed that many of our members come into this category either when using their tenders or in just using the river for family outings. Proposed developments around the congested area near Bursledon Bridge were considered from this point of view, and we were against the proposed development at Riverside Boatyard because of its likely impact on small boat traffic both through its presence and the additional motor boats which would have to pass under Bursledon Road Bridge so increasing river traffic in this congested area. Secondary or Access channels are of great importance to our members to help them access their moorings more safely. If you are a riparian property owner there is great incentive to provide your own individual access to the river with the construction of a pontoon. These can have an effect on secondary or access channels and two examples, Brooklands Quay & Fairport House, illustrate this. For Brooklands Quay the projection into the river does not materially affect the passage of small craft up and down the river but the Fairport House proposal, which has now been withdrawn, would have very substantially reduced the width of a heavily used secondary or access channel.

Association Insurance

At last year's AGM, a motion was passed allowing the Committee to seek Insurance for the Association to protect its members and the Committee. We have now obtained Insurance cover for the Association. This will now allow us to organise events, such as a river clean up, without involving any financial risk to our members. The Insurance has, after competitive quotes, been arranged with Perkins-Slade (Sports Scheme-Birmingham). Cover is for Public Liability (£5M), Employers Liability (£10M), Directors and Officers Liability (£1M), Professional Indemnity (£1M) and the insurer is Hiscox Insurance Company Limited. The annual premium is under that estimated at last year's AGM.

Membership

Membership Numbers are always of great importance to the effectiveness of the Association – without a good proportion of all of the mid-stream mooring holders as members we begin to lose our ability to influence river matters. We circulated some Association Business Cards with the notice of the AGM. If each member can give one of these cards to the master of the boat that they moor next to and try to make them aware of the advantages of joining the Association we could increase the proportion of mooring holders that are members and increase our effectiveness.

We:

- support mooring holders in dealing with the Authorities
- are a source of information and help with queries
- regularly attend Harbour Board and Management committee meetings to represent our members
- comment on and, if appropriate object to, planning applications on the river which might adversely

- affect our members in the future
- campaign for additional dinghy moorings at Warsash, Swanwick & Hamble
- help with mooring problems such as pile ring failures
- monitor the waiting list
- help to keep Harbour and Crown Estate dues down
- And we are very cheap

Your committee has struggled through another year without a secretary. It is extremely difficult for us and we **cannot** go on without someone in post. Please, there must be someone you know who could do the job. **Please volunteer now!** We would also like to see two new committee members and an Editor for 'UPDATE'.

River Hamble Annual Forum

The River Hamble Annual Forum is on Monday 27th March 2017 at Warsash Sailing Club at 1900 hrs. This is the time to find out what the Harbour Master is doing and to be able to ask him questions about the Hamble River and its activities. For those who keep their dinghies at Warsash and Hamble this is your opportunity to take part in the ballot for free tender moorings. This year there will be a considerable increase in the number of moorings available due to the new pontoon link between the Harbour Master's and Fishermen's Jetties at Warsash. Please make good use of these hard won facilities.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Jeremy Clark, presented the accounts to 28 February 2017 showing a small deficit for the year of £108-81 mainly due to the insurance premium of £385 to cover third party risks. The funds are still very healthy at £8,031-81.

In order to cover the cost of Association Insurance the treasurer suggested that the subscription should be increased to £8 per year. After a brief discussion the increase was proposed by Maggie Widdop and seconded by Martin Bridger and carried unanimously.

Approval of the accounts and re appointment of Norman Francis was proposed by Tony Blewett and seconded by Colin Brookes. Approval was carried unanimously.

5. Election of Committee and Officers:

The following were approved unanimously. Proposed by Norman Francis and seconded by Martin Bridger:

CHAIRMAN:	David Anderton
SECRETARY:	<i>Vacant</i>
TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Jeremy Clark
WEBSITE:	John Selby
UPDATE EDITOR:	<i>Vacant</i>
MEMBERS:	Tony Blewett, Colin Brookes John Mitchell, Peggy Dorothy

6. Closed: The meeting closed at 2030.

7. Any Other Business:

Jim Chadwick-Williams asked position was regarding the planning application for a pontoon at the end of Lands End Road by Fairport. The Chairman said that he understood that the Harbour Master would object because it would obstruct rowers. Jeremy Clark said people who wished to object should go to the Harbour Forum. Martin Bridger said that the Hard at Lands End belongs to Eastleigh Borough Council.

Brian Rice said that he keeps his dinghy at Swanwick Hard and there was a need to tidy this up – perhaps people with dinghies there could help. Tony Blewett said he hoped to get together with those who have boats there to do something positive about the situation. The Chairman said that the ownership of the land in the area of the hard was not clear making actions more difficult.

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