



**MINUTES THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COBB'S QUAY YACHT CLUB
On SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2006 commencing at 10.30 A.M.**

Present

Andy Binnington – Chair
Jonathan Saunders – Vice Chair
Sue Avery – Secretary
Steve Ash – Treasurer
Val Grant – Membership Secretary
Kevin Butler)
Linda Butler) – Social Secretary
John Avery
Ian Wateridge

Apologies received from:

Ken Wragg
John Smeaton
Peter Hayton
Shaun Webb
Ian Thorn
Mark & Helen Banfield

Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Berth Holders present and accepted apologies from those members who were not able to attend. Peter Booth, the Harbour Master had been the expected speaker after the conclusion of the business of this meeting, but unfortunately he had been taken ill in Malta, and advised not to fly back. Get well wishes will be sent to him from the Association.

2005 had been another busy year for the association with most of the planned cruises taking place. Another comprehensive cruising schedule for 2006 had been planned and thanks given to Kevin and Linda for all their hard work last season and in the preparations for 2006. He also thanked all the other berth holders who had given help over the year, especially with the berthing at Weymouth last August.

Andy also expressed thanks to Ken Wragg for keeping the Web Site up to date and to Peter Hayton for negotiating the fuel discount scheme with Corralls.

The preparation for the inquiry into proposed new bridge had taken a great deal of time during the year and thanks were expressed to John Avery for all the hours he had put into attending meetings and preparing the Association's objections. He acknowledged the private objections raised by members and stated all that could be done had been done, and we now await the Inspector's decision.

The good rapport with Andy Osman and MDL had continued during the year on various problems and although the answers were not always what the berth holders wished a fair hearing had been given. Hopefully the new committee will be able to continue this good relationship.

The Chair ended his report by thanking Sue Avery who was laying down her pen as secretary, Steve Ash, the retiring treasurer and John Smeaton, one of the founder members of the Association who has now retired from the committee.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer produced a Balance Sheet for the year and explained the items of income and expenditure for the year. Copies of the Balance Sheet were made available for members. The accounts had been audited by Rachel Binnington and signed off as accurate. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Steve Ash, seconded by Peter Marshall and adopted unanimously.

Election of Officers

The Chairman indicated his, the treasurer's and the secretary's intention not to stand for re-election

There were two nominations received for the chairmanship of the association namely Mike Brine and Jon Saunders. Each was given an opportunity to address the meeting on why they would like to stand for the chair.

The current chairman explained that a joint membership only carried one vote so in order to promote fairness in a ballot, pink voting slips were distributed and the two candidates asked to leave the room.

The initial show of cards produced a difference of one vote between the nominees, but it was thought that the total was more than the number of slips given out. Therefore members were asked to mark their cards for their preferred candidate and the cards were collected and counted. The result being 28 votes for Jonathan Saunders and 17 votes for Mike Brine. Jon was therefore duly elected as the Chair for 2006/7.

There were two nominations for the position of Vice Chair – Mike Brine and Ken Wragg. This vote was done by a show of hands. Mike Brine being the winner. The meeting continued to vote for the rest of the officers and committee as follows: -

Position	Officer	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Jonathan Saunders	Val Grant	Martin Ricketts
Vice Chair	Mike Brine	Kevin Butler	Neil Payne
Treasurer	no nomination received – post to be co-opted by new committee		
Secretary	Carol Turner	Kevin Butler	Ivor Moorhouse
Social Sec.	Kevin & Linda Butler	John Avery	Steve Ash
Members Secretary	Val Grant	Andy Binnington	Jon Saunders
Committee	Ken Wragg	Linda Butler	Jon Saunders
	Peter Hayton	Peter Marshall	Neil Payne
	Martin Ricketts	Val Grant	Neil Payne
	Ian Wateridge	Linda Butler	David Scott-Miller
	Clive Snow	Kevin Butler	John Avery
Auditor	Keith Holland	Linda Butler	Ian Wateridge.
	no nomination received – post to be co-opted by new committee		

The Committee members were elected en block with a unanimous vote.

A new position of Pontoon Liaison Officer will be decided from the new committee. The pontoon reps will therefore not be required to be on the committee, but will liaise with the person appointed and will be kept informed. This will be given a years' trial.

Resolution

In view of the increasing costs of sending Notice of the AGM to members a resolution was put forward to change the Association Rules so that Notices of the AGM be posted around the Marina in prominent places – e.g. pontoon gates, Marina Office and Amenities block. Official notice of the amendment had been circulated with the notice of the AGM.

Rule 33. Annual General Meeting

Proposal

To reduce the cost of circulating AGM notices by post, replace the wording

"the Secretary shall post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat."

with

"the Secretary shall cause notices to be displayed at the marina giving official notice of the meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat."

An amendment to the proposed wording was put to the meeting that the notices should be displayed from a date not less than 28days prior to the AGM. This was passed unanimously.

The amended proposal to Rule 33 was as follows:-

"the Secretary shall cause notices to be displayed at the marina giving not less than 28days' official notice of the meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat"

This change to Rule 33 was carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the business of the AGM completed and welcomed John Hepple of Cobbs' Quay Marina and Mick Bettsworth, Development Director of MDL, to address the members.

John started his address by giving the apologies of Andy Osman, who was on holiday. He continued by thanking everyone for renewing their berthing agreement for the 2006/7 season. He also thanked everyone who had co-operated for the winter dredging by moving their boats to alternative berths.

He stated that 20 new trolleys had arrived (cheers from the floor) and were just awaiting the signage to be fitted before being taken into use. The water pressure in the amenities block had been substantially improved over the recent months. A new 10-ton crane, new tractor and new boat mover had all been ordered and delivery was awaited.

John declared that the New Boat Show the previous weekend had been a success, and again thanked the berth holders who had moved their boats. The coffee and cakes supplied by Cobbs' Quay had raised a total of £372.69 for the RNLI.

He concluded by reminding those present that Club Outlook Packs were available in the Office and that Harbour Dues were now payable.

Mick Bettesworth, thanked the Chairman for the invitation to address the meeting. He was representing Jon Eades who unfortunately had a previous engagement at Wolverston Marine, where MDL were opening the first company-run catering establishment.

Mick first spoke about the Inquiry into the Second Harbour crossing. He felt that a very spirited defence had been put forward and that the Inspector's decision was expected within the next two months. He made it clear that despite rumours started after an article in the local press, MDL had not made any deals with Poole Council, and in fact was in some respects further away than at the start. They will continue to make the Council listen to them. Plans A and B were in force, whatever the decision, but Mick refused to be drawn on what those plans were, other than a further increase in the dry stack berthing. (Planning Permission for a further 130 dry stack berths had already been granted).

Some of the concessions already intimated included the Control Centre for the bridges being within sight of both bridges; provisions for the passage of the dredgers; a secondary lifting mechanism for the new bridge and short term berthing on the Hamworthy side of the basin.

Several people expressed their concerns about the opening regime and the possibility of 'boat rage' and queue jumping, together with the ability of Harbour Authority to change byelaws without consultation.

After the Inspector's decision is received there will still be a lot of discussions between various parties before the start of the construction and the completion of the bridge.

Mick then went on to outline some of MDL's future development plans including the proposed hotel at Ocean Village and the proposed marina in Spain. MDL were also looking at opening marinas in Gibraltar, Greece and Malta. Any berth holders who ventured to any of the Mediterranean marinas will be guaranteed a berth in their home marina on their return.

Mick finished by saying that when the Bridge decision is made MDL will keep the berth holders fully informed of any future developments.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking John and Mick.