



The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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MEETING MINUTES – FEB 2011

Chairman welcomed the management committee and Society members aboard, wishing all a very Happy New Year.

Apologies were given, and noted.

The sad announcement of Frank Gray's death was followed by a minutes silence. The funeral and memorial service to be held at Beverley Minster Friday 19th February 2011. Pat has requested donations to Frank's favourite charity, Brian and myself to email and inform members by our website of these details.

The minutes of the November meeting to be processed and will be available by the next meeting. This was acknowledged as over the winter period maintenance of the vessel was the priority.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

With regard to the discussions regarding the minutes being placed on the website, Bill has agreed to update the newsletter as of March with details of the work done over the winter period.

Finances

The Treasurer reported that the accounts for 2010/2011 were looking bright for the coming year. The general finances being in a healthy position. Enquires regarding emergency funding were made and reassurance was given by the trustees a safeguard has been put in place.

Membership

No new members to date. Membership renewal date Sunday 10th April 2011. It was agreed that this would be an open day for the public to come and see what we are about. Information will be available in the tourist information centre.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Junior Section: No Junior member available.

Syntan Bookings:

There are eight bookings to date, with interest being generated with the presentations the Society have given. Brian has been in touch with Chris Wade and is arranging a meeting to see if it would be possible to combine our Becksides Festival with the Beverley Folk Festival. The Becksides Festival is to be held 18th-19th June 2011, and we will need as much help from our members as possible (many hands make light work).

York City Council has booked the Syntan for their Water Festival again this year. It has been suggested that we ask for a charge of £30 per member for the trip from Hull to York. This is for ten paying members, which will greatly help with the cost of fuel and the general upkeep. We will be departing Beverley Thursday 7th July, over night Hull and departing Hull 8th July 2011. Please contact Tony for further details.

The River Foss Society has booked two trips with us during our stay in York. Syntan has a Tombola running while staying in York, if you have any items you would like to donate it would be much appreciated.

We will not be going to Stainforth, Tony looking into other destinations.

Motor Vessel Sun:

There has been slow progress over the winter period,(too much snow). The engine room has been cleared out and work is ongoing. Query on insurance, Sun is covered by our joint cover.

Now that the Sun has been signed over to us as a Society we can now start bidding for funding to move on to the next stage. Tony has entered a bid with the TV, so if you see it on the box vote for us. Iain is submitting another bid for "Awards for All".

Discussion on funding suggested for March meeting.

Syntan Maintenance:

Lighting, heating and engine checks are a work in progress, Tony explained all should be well under way by the next meeting. Dave has been looking at the winch and will report back at next meeting. Dave's concerns regarding paintwork on the Syntan and asked if a work party could be diverted from the Sun to Syntan as this needs to be done by 16th April 2011. Please contact Dave Tulloch for painting team.

Health and Safety:

Nothing to report

Any other Business:

Annabelle Hanson – Head of Leisure has let us know the four Heritage information boards have been approved and will be ready for spring. It has been suggested we open on a Sunday for members of the public. A rota will be needed for members to service the opening times, please contact me if you have even an hour free, thank you. Other suggestions are a notice on the lockside when open and a banner on the side of the Syntan advertising open Sunday.

Mike Metzler has given notification that four berths for short term use for visiting boats will be available. These will be at the top of the Beck where wheelie bins and water will be made available. This is being trailed this year, but as a Society we felt the message needs to be put out over a period of time, so word can get around. Concerns how this will effect the Society have been made, this will be looked in to further. The subject of more berths being made available for the Festival was raised as this is all good for the local economy.

Dave Tulloch checking book about tap water at the lock gate.

Water Levels. Work going to be done on the lock redesigning the grill.

Don Swindell has looked at a shower system for us, 12w type shower, which would be a great help while on trips away such as York, etc. This was approved by all.

Press and media have to be informed of any upcoming projects, to help with widening our profile.

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th March 2011.