



## **The Beverley Barge Preservation Society**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2011 @ 7-30pm ONBOARD MOTOR VESSEL "SYNTAN"**

Chairman welcomed the committee and all the Society members aboard.

Apologies were received from Steve Porter.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted as a true record of proceedings.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Members were reminded that an open day on the barge was scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, this is to allow members to come on board and see the progress that has been achieved over the winter months and also to have the opportunity to renew memberships. We need to ensure that the barge is manned adequately.

#### **Finances:**

The treasurer reported that at the present time the bank account stood at approximately £2500. Detailed accounts were now completed and will be ready for the April meeting, but that they have not yet been audited.

#### **Membership:**

The membership remains the same as previously, with the renewal date being 10<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Correspondence:**

We have received notification that Hull City Council has had their budget for this year's Shanty Festival cut and that the event would not be going ahead, unless this was organised by other parties ie commercial interests.

#### **Junior Section:**

It was thought that as the Junior section had declined it might be a good time to try to make contact with the youngsters who participated in the training weekends with the aim of getting some of them on board.

As further funding for the training weekends will not be granted by ERYC Tony Hardwidge was keen to chase up alternative sources of funding to allow us to carry on with training again this year. Iain would explore the possibilities.

**Syantn Bookings:**

As previously mention it would appear that there will be no Hull Shanty Festival this year.

York Festival of Rivers has been confirmed and we have been asked to attend.

Leeds Waterfront Festival, this is new to us and takes place on the same weekend as Stainforth, contact to be made with organisers to get details and programme.

Brigg Festival is the end of May, decision to be made on whether we attend.

All these weekends rely heavily on our members being in attendance, so manning of the vessel needs to be sorted out early in order for decisions on whether we attend can be made.

**Workshop Updates:****Syantn:**

Starting Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> working parties are required to scrape and paint the topsides of Syntan in readiness for the summer season, anyone who can give some time would be welcome.

The Society would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved in the work undertaken on board during the last few months, which has resulted in the fitting of the onboard heating system, cameras and updated displays including new touch screen monitor, your efforts have been monumental - many thanks. Our Society would not be in existence without such efforts.

**Sun Group:**

Working parties on the Sun have been suspended to allow these members to help with the painting of Syntan. Lottery bid to be finalised by the end of the month. We are awaiting notification of the Haven bid.

**Syantn Opening Hours:**

Easter to September: 10.00am – 3.00pm

16 people required to man the vessel per month, prepare a schedule of dates and get names of volunteers prepared to be on board.

Training needs to be arranged so that volunteers can work the equipment.

**Health & Safety:**

First Aid – Jenny indicated that we were close to being donated a defibrillator for the barge. Also we require our first aid training to be updated.

**Any other Business:**

No other business.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7:30 p.m. On Syntan.**