



## The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2010 @ 7-30pm ONBOARD MOTOR VESSEL "SYNTAN"**

Chairman welcomed the Management Committee and Society members aboard.

#### **Those on board :**

Iain Campbell, Bill Gillyon, Peter Bristow, Dave Tulloch, Eddie Cunningham, Dave Pearce, Neville Holgate, Paul Bonell, Brian Holmes, Joyce Gillyon, John Whittles, Alfred McClean, Stuart Pinchbeck, Jenny Pinchbeck

#### **Apologies:-**

Dorothy Bristow, Joyce & Geoff Holgate, John Allan, Phil Allen, Sue Holgate, Dave Allen, Bill Cooper, Jim Gillyon, Gavin Bonell, Paul Bonnell, Mike Banks, Frank Gray, Henry Dawson, Arthur Whitedad, John Rogers, Mr Rhodes, Andres Alwall, Jim Pyrus, Les Holwell, Barry Freeman, Tony Hardwidge, Pat Hardwidge, Gary Cooper, Jasmine Holgate, Sally Knapp, Spike Knapp, Bob Hexton, Norman Hardy, Dave Holmes, Phil Ramsden.

The minutes of the previous August meeting were accepted as a true record with the following points being noted.

#### **Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

With regard to the discussions regarding the minutes being placed on the website, this was agreed by the meeting however with the proviso that financial details were not published for general consumption.

#### **Finances:**

The treasurer reported that the accounts for 2009/2010 were now with the accountant. The general finances being in a healthy position. The matter of the invoice for the servicing of the lifejackets was still under discussion with Cosalt. Alternative arrangements for lifesaving appliances for future will need to be investigated. The other point that was raised was the exemption from VAT for this equipment which we have not tried to implement and should look to do so in the future.

On the subject of safety equipment the point was made by Neville Holgate that we should not look to make compromises where safety matters were concerned. A grant of £250 which we have been awarded from PD Port Services has not yet been received.

Chairman would produce draft copies of the accounts for meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October and look to call a general meeting to approve both the accounts and also the new constitution.



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### Membership:

No report was available as the Membership Secretary was not present, however there would seem to be confusion as to the exact number of members, this would need to be rectified ready for the next meeting. Neville Holgate was concerned over members not receiving information by post. It was reiterated that members wishing to receive information by post, i.e. anyone without access to the website, were asked to let us know and arrangements would be made to ensure they would receive their newsletter, etc in the post. As far as we are aware everyone who asked for information to be sent by post were actually receiving it.

### Correspondence:

There was no correspondence. However Neville Holgate expressed his huge disappointment at the lack of publicity received during our visit to York and the trip of the Archbishop of York during our stay there. Although contact had been made with local press and TV. It was felt that we as a Society ought to have made a greater effort in publicising such an important event.

### Junior Section:

No report was available as no members were present from the Junior Section. It was pointed out that Jasmine Holgate was still detailed as a contact for the Section although she is no longer a Junior member. We need to rectify this situation on the website and in any other literature. It was felt we should try to encourage our Junior members to take a more active role in the Society as they are the future.

### Syntan Bookings:

It seems very likely that our trip to Strawberry Island may not be going ahead, there has been a lack of interest in making the trip and we are not getting good feed back from the organisers. October open day for corporate business, this matter will be discussed later.

Remembrance Day trip to Hull, Tony is to look at tides, crews, etc and report back.

### Motor Vessel Sun:

Neville Holgate reminded the meeting of abusive comments made at the last meeting by a certain member to the condition of the "Sun", and expressed his disgust that these comments were made. Firstly they were totally without substance and secondly that it derided all the hard work put in by the members who give their time to continue the restoration.

Neville also again brought up the question of ownership and our need to progress with this particular problem with BW, and he put himself forward to go to Leeds for a face to face meeting with the persons concerned with the sole intention of finally getting an agreement for the handover. Dave Tulloch agreed to accompany him.

### Syntan Maintenance:

Bill Gillyon is in discussion with MMS to obtain costs for dry docking the vessel at their yard at Alexander Dock, Hull. Meanwhile Tony will follow up his discussion with Steve Bampton as to the possibility of using the Beverley dry dock.



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### Health and Safety:

Neville Holgate expressed his strong opposition to the removal of the large anchor from the vessel and its replacement with a smaller anchor. This matter had been discussed at the last meeting. However he felt that agreement for its removal had not been verified and that it should also be kept for heritage reasons. It was felt by some members that it had been a hazard as more than one person had come close to tripping over it. Neville Holgate felt so strongly that he said he would refuse to skipper the vessel until it was replaced.

There was also an argument regarding the viability of being able to drop the anchor using the davit rig, and retrieving it should it be necessary. The question of what size anchor was actually required for the vessel was brought up. Bill Gillyon informed the meeting that the size of anchor for a vessel was usually determined by the builders to suit classification requirements, and he agreed to check with the regulations to determine what size we would need to satisfy regulations.

### Company Open Day:

Brian Holmes outlined the idea behind the open day which is scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 10.30am and 3pm. The aim is to invite representatives from companies we feel may be interested in using the facilities the vessel has to offer for corporate use, i.e. as a meeting room, presentation venue or even for corporate team bonding. Companies, local civic groups and schools are being contacted and we are hoping for a good response on the day. The press and local media are also being asked along to help promote the idea.

If you think you know anyone with a business or who may be interested in the facilities we have to offer please contact Brian.

### Any other Business:

Mac asked the meeting, and in particular the members who regularly sail the vessel, whether the fitting of a fold down seat in the wheelhouse had ever been considered. He had been in touch with East Yorkshire Motor Services who may be in a position to donate one to us if we were prepared to contact Hull Daily Mail to publicise the matter.

Some crew said the matter had been discussed in the past but it had been felt that it may provoke a safety hazard, firstly in the fact that it may obscure access across the wheelhouse and secondly it could be a cause for lack of concentration whilst steering. Mac was to follow up on the offer and report back for a final decision when all the facts are known.

The meeting was closed and the date for the next meeting was set for **14<sup>th</sup> October 2010**.