

## Minutes of August WBOA members meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August

19 members present

No apologies

**Secretary** read minutes of July meeting

Matters arising

1. Brian is dismantling and replacing the yard polytunnel
2. Martin revised membership figure to 42, more details in officer's report.

### **Officers Report:-**

**Commodore;-** Bruce firstly proposed a toast to Brian Rich, our yard officer who has returned after many weeks of being unwell. Other than previously mentioned Polytunnel comments nothing to report.

**Vice Chair:-** Nothing to report

**Health & Safety officer:-** Rick had no additional issues to report, he was working with Brian in planning a yard clean up, including the possible use of a Tractor/hedge cutter to reach the higher bushes

**Treasurer;-** Martin confirmed the current membership at 42, some people had either moved their boats away or just resigned  
Martin reconfirmed the Clubs intention to pursue the money it is owed by just a few members, a total of approx £1700.  
Martin was also to confirm that our Public Liability insurance was appropriate as far as all aspects of the Rowing Section is concerned.

**Secretary:-** Ray reported the Rowing was continuing to do well, and in fact rowing was happening this evening.  
Chris advised the first cox's course went very well with 3 people very close to being able to "take the Helm" . A further two are fairly close too.  
Chris is hoping to have a further cox's course sometime next week (TBA)  
Currently there are 12 members signed up with a further 8 likely to join.

Ray advised that the S&M trial dredge had taken place, and we were now waiting for the official report prior to commenting. We will discuss this, and

the progress in other areas of dredging at the next working group meeting later this month.

**Yard Officer:-**

Brian had nothing to report. He was severely criticised by the Secretary for not driving the tractor and cleaning up the yard, using the poor excuse of being away sick for months



**Actually, really good to see him back and looking well.**

**WHM report :-** Iain's report below

Hi Ray,

My apologies for tonight's meeting meanwhile:

Air lift trial carried out last weekend - meeting tomorrow with council and Rob N to discuss effectiveness.

Marina mini-WID vessel now purchased and being moved to fabricators for modification ASAP

MMO negotiations continuing. The marina have enlisted the advice of marine consultants Anthony Bates to supplement council input.

Visitor numbers down but we're hoping for a good turnout for the fireworks.

Beyond these, the priority remains the silt as ever and slow but steady progress is being made in the background.

All the best,

Iain

**AOB :-**

Commodore Bruce Scott asked if any member would be willing to take over the responsibility of painting once per year of the Big Red Mine on the Esplanade. If you can help please let Bruce or one of the Committee know at the next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 19.40