

Brighton Marina Berth Holders Association

Annual General Meeting

Notes from the meeting held in the Master Mariner on Saturday 14th November 2009.

The meeting was attended by the Committee and c50 members/berth holders.

1. Opening session/call to order

The Chair, John Boyce, welcomed everyone, introduced the committee and gave a reminder that only full members may vote.

The notes from the last AGM can be found on the website. Notes from this AGM will be added in due course.

2. Accounts

Treasurer, Elaine Field, circulated a précis of the Associations accounts (copy can be found at the end of this document *Appendix 1*). The Chair highlighted some of the key points within the document. He explained that the committee members are working smarter to raise funds for the Association e.g. finding sponsors for the newsletter, selling advertising space in the newsletter and making a profit at social and educational events.

Invitation put to floor to accept this set of accounts.

Proposed by Phillip Van Praag, seconded by Alan Luke.

3. Subscriptions

Currently the annual subscriptions are renewable as individual memberships become one year old. The Chair proposed that this be moved to an annual renewal date, 1st April each year which will be the same for all memberships. New memberships taken between now and April 2010 would be for one year plus the additional time between the date of issue and April 1st. Every membership would then become renewable again on April 1st 2011, 2012 etc.

Invitation put to floor to accept this change of system

Proposed by Mandy Reid, seconded by Alan Turnbull

Membership cards will not be put into individual pigeon holes in the Premier Marina office but into one box which will be kept by the office staff. Members can ask at the reception desk for their card. From April 2010 cards will be posted to members who supply a full postal address. Members who supply a boat name will have their cards left at the office. Premier has agreed to help with this system.

Invitation put to floor to accept this change of system.

Proposed by Ian Fellingham, seconded by Dawn Allison.

4. Appointment of Officers (Committee)

A warm welcome extended to Elaine Field the new treasurer. Invitations were issued for volunteers for the committee, in particular for the secretary role.

Invitation put to floor to accept the committee members as re-elected

Proposed by Mags Smith, seconded by Alan Luke.

5. Chair's Report

The Chairman's report can be found at the end of this document *Appendix 2*.

6. Request for mandate

The Chair gave a brief overview of the developments planned for the marina with emphasis on how this may affect berth holders and in particular parking spaces which would be severely reduced if the proposals are accepted. There is a public enquiry going on over the next 4 weeks and both he and the membership secretary have registered for an opportunity to speak. The Chair stressed that whilst he is not against development of this area the current plans would have a negative effect on berth holders. The chair proposed a mandate to speak on behalf of the members at the enquiry.

Questions from the floor

Q. Does the chair feel he has sufficient unbiased information to be able to represent the berth holders in this way?

A. The Chair responded that he did have, and that he had read the full report on the development. He has also attended meetings and hearings relating to this and would base his objections to the proposal on the information gathered at such.

Invitation put to floor to accept that the Chair represent the BMBHA members at the public enquiry.

Motion carried by a show of hands.

Meeting closed at 3:35pm.

Appendix 1

BRIGHTON MARINA BERTH HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Income & Expenditure 1 September 2008 - 31 August 2009

<u>Income</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Membership	3,520.00	352 Members
Advertising	587.00	
Clothing Sales	160.00	
Xmas Party	1,590.00	
Quiz Nights	75.75	
Boat Show Trips - 2008	395.00	
Boat Show Trips - 2009	216.00	129.60 received in Sept 09
Aqualympics	63.00	
Total Income	<u>6,606.75</u>	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing Postage & Stationery	459.06	
Travel: Boat Shows - 2008	390.00	
Travel: Boat Shows - 2009	430.00	Sep-09
Insurance	321.56	
Clothing Purchases	289.63	
Website Costs	43.23	
Xmas Party	1,550.00	
Committee Xmas Meal 2008	314.72	
RNLI Donations	65.75	
Gifts - Retiring Committee Members	63.95	
Refreshments - Seminars	43.51	
Total Expenditure	<u>3,971.41</u>	
Net Profit	<u>2,635.34</u>	
Bank balance b/fwd 1/9/08	365.29	
Cash @ Bank 31/8/09	<u>3,000.63</u>	

Appendix 2

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - AGM 14.11.2009

Brighton Marina is the largest marina in the UK and possibly Europe. It has 1,600 available berths for all size boats, a large locked inner lagoon, boatyard. etc. Just over two years ago the Brighton Marina Berth Holders Association was formed.

The main aims of the association are:

- to form an interface between the berth holders and the owners of the marina with the main object to improve our marina life
- to address issues that arise, to view these issues on a win-win basis and report back to the members

BMBHA is affiliated to the RYA Berth Holders Division and as such abides by the guidelines set by the RYA. As a part of this, members of BMBHA have access to the legal department of the RYA on an individual basis if required. The RYA is informed of all activities and two meetings are held a year with the RYA berth holders associations, which the Chair attends on behalf of BMBHA.

Apart from this the association has organised many other activities during the year, including practical and safety seminars, boat jumbles, boat show outings, festive parties, monthly quizzes etc. We have negotiated discounts for members with many local traders. BMBHA now includes non-voting associate members who have berth holder interests, such as the Brighton Divers Club and the total crew of the Brighton RNLI who were made honorary members.

Four newsletters are produced and circulated giving information on all BMBHA activities and news of interest in and around the marina. Notice boards have been erected on both main jetties to keep members up to date with what is happening.

General meeting are held each year to keep the membership updated on ongoing issues. During these meetings an open forum is held to let members voice their views, ask questions, raise issues, etc. A website was created giving all relevant information; this also includes a forum and sale site for members to use for any related matters. The website has been updated for easier use and access. Members are regularly emailed with all current information. Cruises have been arranged and enjoyed by who attended.

Issues undertaken on behalf of the members of the association include pontoon safety, security, mooring, fuel, policing, parking, electricity charges, etc. I feel that since the creation of the association, issues and difficulties within the marina are now dealt with on a speedier and more attentive basis.

All this does not happen without the enthusiasm and hard work of a committee and band of helpers to which I and all the members own a large vote of thanks.

John Boyce

Chair BMBHA 14th November 2009