

INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION
IPSWICH BRANCH
Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 7th September 2017
Venue The Chequers Great Blakenham
Present Gerry Crease (Chairman & River Gipping Trust Representative), Carole Green (Secretary) Spencer Greystrom (Treasurer), Dale Green (Membership Secretary and Judith Pope (Volunteer Engagement Officer from I.W.A. Head Office)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING

Approval of Minutes held on Thursday 16th March 2017 read and signed by Gerry Crease.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Spencer produced figures showing that we made a profit of £317-17 on the coach trip. He said this will be enough to cover our costs for the year.

DONATION TO THE RIVER GIPPING TRUST

It was decided to give the River Gipping Trust a donation of £750-00 being half the cost of purchasing an Auqa Dam to assist in the damming of the River Gipping to allow work to continue in the lock at Pippys Ford. Other methods were tried but were unsuccessful.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gerry said he had a request from Mrs Sue Brown from the River Stour Trust for help in staging a Trail Boat Rally.

Gerry will send congratulations to Chard Wadley (our Chairman for 25 years) on his impending award of The Cyril Styring Trophy, the top I.W.A. award. This will be presented to Chard on Saturday 30th September 2017 at the I.W.A. AGM in Nottingham. There will be representation from the Ipswich Committee of Spencer and Dale.

SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing to Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Spencer produced accounts showing a balance of just over £3000-00. Judith asked why £3000-00, when Head Office advises of only holding £2000-00. Spencer replied he needed at least that balance in order to pay deposits for any future events. It was noted that we had a refund of £30-00 for Officer Training. Unfortunately the individual could not attend due to illness and therefore we were refunded the money.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dale advised that in August we had 342 members and 228 memberships this is 9 less than our June figures when we had 351.

JUDITH'S REPORT AND UPDATE

Judith informed us that John Pomfret is stepping down as the Eastern Region Chairman and Chris Hawes is taking his place.

Judith advised us that she had recruited a lady from Surrey to update the Web Site. Concerns were expressed about the long distance, this could be a problem. It was agreed that Carole (with the help of Dale) be the point of contact.

Judith also pointed out that there are new rules regarding data protection.

RIVER GIPPING TRUST REPORT

The Aqua Dam has been purchased and it is intended to start the work on the stop plank groves and concreting the first week of October.

THE FUTURE

After a long and frank discussion it was agreed to carry on with the committee as it is.

This year's A.G.M. will be held in the afternoon date to be announced.

Judith suggested that at our next A.G.M. we invite local organisations interested in the waterway to attend.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Gerry has produced a list of possible Social Events which we have asked Head Office to distribute to our members in the form of a tick list to see if there is any interest.

Spencer has put some idea's together for another coach trip and is currently working out the details.

AOB

None

NEXT MEETING

To be announced

The meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.

