

INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION
IPSWICH BRANCH
Committee Meeting

Date: Friday Thursday 16th March, 2017
Venue The Chequers Great Blakenham
Present Spencer Greystrom (Treasurer) Gerry Crease (River Gipping Trust Representative)
Carole Green (Secretary) Dale Green (Membership Secretary)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING

Approval of Minutes held on Friday 9th December 2016 read and signed by Gerry Crease

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The River Waveney Work Party which is being held 5th – 12th Aug will be advertised in the Anglian Cuttings after the Coach Trip in May.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Nothing to Report

SECRETARY REPORT

Carole has received an e.mail from Brian Holt advising that Peter Wall has taken over from him on the Broads Forum

TREASURER'S REPORT

Spencer reported at present there are no changes to the Accounts from the A.G.M. as no deposits have been paid as yet, for the coach trip.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dale reported members currently stand at 346 memberships 229 – a drop of 11 members & 5 memberships since the new year.

RIVER GIPPING TRUST REPRESENTATIVE

Gerry reported that as the River Gipping Trust have not as yet met since our last meeting there was nothing to Report

SOCIAL EVENTS

Annual Dinner - This will go ahead as planned at The Cedars Hotel with 20 people attending.
Coach Trip - Spencer will soon be asking people for the balance and expect to start paying out deposits soon.

Anglian Cuttings – This will be produced in a reduced version after the Annual Dinner and Coach Trip

THE FUTURE

Due to the poor support for our Branch, we have sought help from Head Office and subsequently received an e.mail from Helen Whitehouse outlining strategies to help. This included Seven Steps to Revitalising a Branch written by Ian Fletcher. Having looked at his suggestions Spencer is going to e.mail Head Office outlining some of our concerns regarding the Seven Steps

In the meantime Spencer will e.mail Katie Thomas who has just been appointed Branch Support Officer to help with Stages 2, 3 & 4.

A.O.B.

It has been suggested to the committee to hold meetings during the day instead of the evening. We will investigate the possibilities.

NEXT MEETING

To be arranged after Reports from Head Office

The meeting closed at 1.35 p.m.