

BMBS club meeting minutes Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

# **Apologies**

Steve Barker, David Harkins, Brian Bennett, David Burlingham, John Sowersby, Mike Dawes, Luke Burton, Alex Wainwright.

# Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the previous club meeting, held here on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 were read aloud by secretary David Sugden. These were agreed by all present as a true record of the proceedings.

# Matters outstanding from previous minutes

All brickwork to the disabled pathway has now been completed, we are currently in the process of receiving quotes from contractors in regards to the concreting work which will finish the work to this.

The new kitchen hotplate discussed last month has now been fitted, it was used for the NADs meeting last weekend and Sally is reported to be very happy with it.

The responsibility for clearing the dyke running to the rear of our site has been assigned to Burton Agnes estate. Work on clearing not just our section, but the whole length of this is due to start within the next 6 months.

There has been a clerical error with our request for grant funding concerning the fitment of CCTV to the whole of the site. This was on the side of those issuing the grants and has now been rectified. A decision is due after their next meeting in early December.

The refurbishment of the gents toilets is still firmly on the list and will be planned and a budget set within the next few months.

There has been a new light fixing installed in the gents urinal. The previous diagnosis of a faulty sensor had been incorrect. Thanks to Daz for sorting this.

The fire extinguishers have been serviced, with a new unit fitted in the kitchen area. Certificates for these are displayed in the clubhouse and the corresponding new signage has been sited with each extinguisher.

The lawnmower has been repaired onsite and the work done under warranty. However it has been noted there may be slow puncture in one tyre and this will be monitored.

Following the issue over gate locks from last month. The main gate was found to be left wide open and the site unattended after the recent NADs event. Can we please ensure the the last person to leave the site checks that the buildings and BOTH gates are locked upon leaving, NOT just the gate you leave by.

#### **Treasurers report**

The club is in a very good place financially for this time of year, even with the large costs accrued and can more than cope with the outstanding costs to the end of this year.

Copy of this report will be added to the end of these minutes.

#### **Events**

The club Sunday on September 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended.

NADs however, still seem to be suffering with attendance down on their usual figures.

MPBA funday is coming up this Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bonfire night and fireworks on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### From the committee meeting

The reported lip outside the ladies toilet is still to be rectified, this will be fixed in the next round of concreting work.

A plate has been added to the door on the ladies toilets as a hole was found which we believe to have been the entry point for the rats. Ian Yates has agreed to re-bait and possibly re-site our current traps to make sure they are effective.

The committee has agreed to the trimming of trees on three sides of the lake. This has an estimated cost of £1600 and will take place at the contractors convenience between mid November and Spring of next year. The price for this includes chipping of the waste on-site so that we can use it where needed.

There has been a suggestion that our current use of towels within our toilet facilities, may not comply with relevant health and safety legislation. Our chairman Ken has looked into this and found that the closest applicable rulings on this to our situation from HSE are for community halls. This requires that equipment provided be "reasonably practicable". In our current situation we see the current supply of regularly washed and replaced towels as the best practicable solution. Should we supply paper towels, these would end up in the toilet. This is a situation that our plumbing cannot cope with as they are much too tough for the pumps to deal with. Currently the addition of electric hand dryers is also not possible due to the electrical provision within the toilet block. However, this will be looked into as part of our previously discussed toilet refurbishment plans.

Some of our members may be aware of the upcoming new DRONE legislation. As discussed by Ian Philips and John Jenkinson, this is due to come into force next month. As such we are drafting a new cub rule to make sure our members with such equipment are inline with the applicable laws.

Paint will be purchased to enable the previously discussed repainting of the race podium and shelters around the lake. This job will be treated as work at your own leisure (weather permitting), over the winter.

The question of raising our half year membership fees was brought forward. However, inline with our current rulings membership fees can only be brought forward and discussed in the run up to the AGM held in March every year. As such this was asked to be brought back later in the club year.

#### Any other business

An apology was given by some members present in relation to the tidying of the quarry area which was discussed last month. It was mentioned that at the time they had looked for a broom, but had been unable to find one. In regards to this we shall make sure there is a brush placed under the truckers workbench specifically for this area. Please ensure it is used for this area and replaced when finished with.

#### **Captains reports**

#### Power – Rob Daniel

In May this year we had a successful power regatta and fortunate enough to have some lovely warm weather. This came as a shock to some of the southerners, who from past experiences had expected to be coming to the frozen north.

There are several people with internal combustion engined powerboats within the club, amongst these are 3 members who are active racers travelling around the country to regattas.

I myself will be competing at the iMBRA World Championships in Italy next August. I already have a couple of boats qualified and hope to qualify with more during the multi section eliminators next weekend.

Anyone requiring any advice on i/c powerboats are always welcome to ask me.

# Yachts – Paul Beardshaw

The yachting section has had quite a good years sailing. Although still very fragile due to the lack of numbers, we have managed to successfully complete all the usual club competition series, more or less on schedule.

2019 saw Bridlington return to the interclub Jubilee Trophy competition after a 3 or 4 year absence. Clubs from Askern (near Doncaster), Keighley, Ripon and Scarborough, along with ourselves from Bridlington each hold a round at their own venue. With some of the top Northern District helmsmen competing, frankly (although gaining valuable experience) we were given a harsh lesson in sailing. Whilst not coming in last place as individual skippers, the team finished up in last place overall. The hostile waters high on the Yorkshire Moors are completely different to the calm of our Bridlington lake and sailing there on the day was almost impossible for most of the competitors.

#### Fast electric – Andrew Fuller

Thank you to those who have been a part of this years club 500 racing, the season progressed rather well through the year. As noted throughout the year attendance for NADs events has been down on the numbers from previous years, hopefully they can work on this for next season as those who attended have enjoyed the events.

#### Scale – John Jenkinson

I believe this season has been a good one, hopefully those who have taken part will agree. After some thinking I have decided I would like to make some changes to the way the scale and springer rounds are run. Rather than having the current 6 to 12 round system, I wish to propose 2 rounds for scale in a morning and 2 rounds for springers in the afternoon. This would hopefully give more opportunity for skippers to earn a better score , along with making the days easier to run. Feedback on this would be appreciated, as of course members are a priority in these changes.

I would like to offer my thanks to the catering staff for the hard work they have put in this year, also to the junior members who helped the open weekend run smoothly. Next year we hope to have more structure to the events of the open weekend, along with a master of ceremonies manning our PA system to let everyone attending know what's going on.

Over the past two and a half years the club has grown into a thriving RC facility and is becoming well known far and wide as one of the best facilities, with people coming not just from the UK to visit us here in Bridlington. However, the club could use some more help and support from its younger members. Even if you just pull up a few weeds when walking from one area of the site to another, cleaning the toilet, or sweeping the clubhouse floor, please don't just leave it to us old guys with bad backs and even the ones with broken legs. We are now at over 200 members in the club and I would like to remind people that our meetings on a Wednesday here at Ferns Farm are for the members to come and speak to us about any problems, or even if you just fancy a pint and a chat, it would be good to see a few more of you down here.

# Crawler/Buggy – Paul Davis

First of all good evening everybody.

Well, what a year we've had. Maintenance and development on the hill has continued over the year. We have a new charging shed, the area known as 'monkey world' is now complete and recently the waterfall and pond has also been refurbished. The hill is proving to be as popular as ever and attracting new members at a rate of around one per week, including children and teenagers, which we are very pleased about.

Over the winter we added a new fast buggy track and access road, this was a large amount of work and a great investment for the club. This has improved safety on the site and is also proving to be a great success. Again this attracts new members both young and old, who together with the new crawler members are going on to buy other models to use elsewhere on the site, which is great news for the club. I would like to thank those who have given up their time to help with the work and also to those who have donated materials. Without your help we couldn't have completed the work.

I would also like to add some personal thank yous. As most of you know I broke my leg badly in May and as such would like to thank the committee, club members and friends for their cards, support and kind words over the last few months. They really have helped.

Finally thank you to Matthew, Sophie, Hannah, Alex, my partner Sarah and son Jacob for all their help and support in getting me to and from the club, which has helped to keep my spirits up and for putting up with my frustration at not being able to do what I wanted whilst on-site.

Thank you all very much and heres to hoping for another great year on the hill.

#### Trucks – Matthew Cooper

Well, where do I start? There has been a lot of progress this year, more than I expected. We now have the new workbench, complete with electric points, moved the large mound in the corner and erected a fence around the dyke. We have done quite a lot of work to the new disabled access path, which has been a huge project. We have also renewed the front fence for spectators to look over the track. All in all I believe it has been a good year.

I would like to say thank you to Simon Bryer and Jo for helping me all the way through, Mike Brandi for always being there to help when he could, to Mike Sugden for helping when I couldn't be at the club and sorting things out during the week, it's a shame you have now had to take a step back, to Andy and Adam for cutting the grass and also thank you to everyone else for your efforts. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of you all.

Let's hope that next year progresses even more and that we can get a good team together to keep the track going.

## Trophies – presented by Alf Lee

#### Scale

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Cropp

2<sup>nd</sup> John Jenkinson

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Cooper

#### Springer

3<sup>rd</sup> Geoff Horner

2<sup>nd</sup> John Jenkinson

1<sup>st</sup> Mathew Cooper

# Yacht

# Trafalgar trophy

Runner-up Dave Johnson

Winner Brian Hartley

# Frostbite series

Runner-up Brian Hartley

Winner Paul Beardshaw

## Spring splash

Runner-up Paul Beardshaw

Winner Brian Hartley

#### Summer series

- Runner-up Brian Hartley
- Winner Paul Beardshaw

Bob Underwood memorial trophy – Brian Hartley

Special prize – George Younger (For attempting to follow the starboard rule)

## Club 500

#### Junior

2<sup>nd</sup> Jayden Emery

1<sup>st</sup> Alex Randall

## Adult

2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Wainwright

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Harkins

Most promising junior award – Alex Randall

Alf thanked everyone for turning up this year as last year the majority did not appear to collect their trophies. It is a long drive up here for him to present the awards and he was glad that so many had taken time out to come and collect their prizes this year.

# **Captains voting**

All current captains are happy to stand for re-election this year. There was only one position contested which was that of truck captain after Ian Yates being proposed and seconded by two gentlemen in the far corner whose names I did not catch.

A secret ballot was held to determine which would hold the position for the coming year. With Matthew Cooper taking 24 votes and Ian Yates 10 votes. As such Matthew Cooper stays on for the coming year.

# Chairman's closing remarks

Ken thanked all of the captains for their hard work over the year and also for wanting to resume their positions for the next year, he also thanked Ian Yates for standing against Matthew Cooper in the elections.

Please remember to lock the gates behind you when leaving, both gates not just the one you leave by. We have one of the best facilities in the country and it needs your help to keep it that way. The committee do their best, if you have any issues or suggestions please do not hesitate to come and ask one of us. Enjoy what remains of the good weather this year and don't forget the MPBA funday this Sunday for those of you who wish to come and sail.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 19:30 at Ferns Farm, Carnaby.

# **Oct 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING**

| Full members<br>Junior members<br>E R members | 257 Boats<br>66 Trucks<br>66% R/Crawlers<br>Buggys | 195<br>68<br>118<br>46 |                    |        |
|---|--|------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| INCOME  |  | 10                     | EXPENSES           |        |
| Memberships                                   | £340.00  |                        |                    |        |
|   |  |                        | Opus               | £84.03 |
| Catering                                      | £203.65  |                        | Fuel               | £5.00  |
|   |  |                        | Catering           | £79.71 |
|   |  |                        | Webb fees          | £23.98 |
|   |  |                        | Site Maintenance   |        |
|   |  |                        | Fire extinguishers | £67.50 |

| TOTAL                 | £543.65 |  | TOTAL | £260.22 |
|-----------------------|---------|--|-------|---------|
| TOTAL Current Account |         | £10,346.56                                   |       |         |
| TOTAL Reserve Account | TEREST  | <b>£5,811.78</b><br>0.96<br><b>£5,812.74</b> |       |         |
| TOTAL Balance         |         | £16,159.93                                   |       |         |