



SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES - Sunday 19 November 2023

These notes are intended to be a brief reminder of items discussed and actions taken or outstanding, rather than formal minutes. A summary of the meeting will be included in the Ditchcrawler to keep the membership informed.

Attendees

Members present – Tim and Ruth Smith, Pam Russell, John Fenton, Chris Potter, Marilyn Speechley, Ruth Sellars, Gill Ling, Mike Hodgkinson, Val Lipworth, Gordon and Debbie Smith, Nigel and Heather Stanley

Apologies for absence – Ian and Mo Spooner, Bill Wilkinson, Heather Rowley

Commodore Ambitions and Aims of Events Committee

Tim outlined his ambitions for his year as Commodore – to increase the level of involvement and participation of the membership, to re-establish the many social events and cruises that longer standing members speak so fondly of and to grow the sense of community within the club.

The Social and Entertainment Committee will be an integral part of bringing about these ambitions and it is intended that they should be actively involved in deciding on and organising future events. The Committee will stay in place when the Commodore changes to ensure continuity and support.

Events

Summary of events discussed and decisions/tasks:

Bar

Suggestions:

- open on Sundays if possible.
- remain open over summer, or at least during July

Tim to discuss both of these with Lyndsay.

New Year's Day Cruise

- To date eight boats have said they will attend
- Would like to offer the opportunity for those who no longer have a boat to attend
- Email to go round this week asking for details of boats attending, whether they are prepared to offer places to non-boaters, names of non-boaters who would like to attend - *Tim*

- Decided that the cruise should go to Marple - need to consider logistics of boats turning round, and navigating the narrow stretch

Christmas Party

- Sub-committee to be set up to discuss food being offered etc – *Pam R & Tim*
- Commodore will give awards – Bert Spinks, Newcomer's Teapot and a new award – William Walker Community Spirit Award. It is intended to re-establish other awards next year including the cruising award
- Raffle – Commodore has secured some excellent prizes, eg from TW Marine, Guy Holding, Giddy – some of these may be held over for an auction in the new year. It was agreed that there should be 2 raffles, a non-boating one and a separate more expensive raffle for the boating prizes. Email to be sent requesting raffle prizes in advance of the event. Winner has first choice of which prize they want!

Charity Support

It was agreed that it would be a good idea for the club to support a particular charity each year and Macmillan Cancer Support was chosen for 2024. Debbie can help with bunting, supporting posters, literature etc

Formal Evening

It was decided that it would be good to hold a formal evening, either on one of the existing events or as separate event – details TBC.

Fitting Out Supper

Date to be Saturday 23 March.

Other events

Ideas for other events which were suggested and need further consideration:

- Games nights – perhaps once a month on a Friday. *Gordon and Debbie Smith* offered to look into organising these
- Karaoke/Curryoke (Dave Hood & Mike Robison have offered to make curry)
- New Year's Eve Party - Possibility for the future, consider whether boats could double moor in the Arm and/or make an arrangement with a local taxi company so that people can have a drink safely
- Family Fun Days – for members' friends and family, perhaps in summer
- Darts team
- Easter cruise – usually to Bugsworth but will depend on closures. Another possibility is Whitely Green and then to the Kings Head in Gurnett
- Burns night – may be possible to get a piper
- New Members Night – late February
- More quizzes
- Play Your Cards Right

AOB

It was felt that some members did not see emails and that phone messages may be a better form of communication - *Heather S* to look into the possibility of setting up a WhatsApp or Text group.

Date of next meeting - Sunday 10 December at 1pm

Discuss Christmas party and plan details of New Year's Day Cruise.