

Portland Branch RNSA Committee Meeting 2016/03

Tuesday the 20th Sept.at WPNSA.

- Apologies for absence, Alan and Brendan sent apologies due to clashing appointments, Brendan later joined the meeting at 14.00.
- Minutes of last meeting, 2016/02 on 21st April 2016 were accepted with no changes.
- There are no actions outstanding
- Correspondence and Secretary's items
 - Discussion on communication policy internal and external, the previously circulated proposal was discussed, key points were.
 - We should follow the lead from the centre where members should "opt in" to events/activities and not have to "opt out"
 - Adopt new annual renewal letter "part 4 general information" and revert to paper system for renewal to get away from ambiguous responses. (Some work required to separate the questions and build in a request for realistic answering of questions.)
 - Based on annual renewal letter data, individual secretaries set up their 'interest groups' to organise and drive through events in their interest areas. Success will be rewarded by increased demand.
 - Captain only to issue 'membership wide' correspondence.
 - Exceptions are AGM calling letters, cocktail party, notes to mariners (PHA)
 - Continue best practise use of RNSA Web with all secretaries keeping Ian busy!
- "Captain's newsletter" about upcoming events (to be agreed, half yearly or quarterly?) was not discussed but will be included for the next meeting.
- Discussion on 'knowing your POSTCODE ANALYSIS' note from centre.
 - Peter explained the postcode initiative from the centre, Secretary will send information to Dep Gensec. of postcodes for the branch.
- AGM, what do we need to decide/arrange/plan?
 - Jackie has booked the room, date agreed 25th November. Buffet style, start agreed at 18.00.
- Committee status for AGM calling letter.
 - John has decided to do another year with some help.
 - Jackie will stand down as planned
- Closing date for committee reports to Secretary.(for calling letter to AGM)
 - 11th October
 - Calling letter to go out 25th October.
- Moorings and Marina allocations.
- New diving company.
 - Quote has been received, after some discussion about capability the decision was made to proceed as planned but keep the performance under review.
- Re wording of the new members hand book.
 - John submitted his amendments, Secretary to update.
- Discussion on the winter maintenance. i.e. buoy replacement.
 - John is happy with the situation, annual renewal letter change to proceed.
- Discussion on WPNSA prices for the dinghy rack.

- Peter and Alan will try to discuss the position with WPNSA to explore changes / cost improvements.
- Chairman.
- Update on current situation ref Charitable Status and last Chairman's Meeting.
 - Peter explained that the information is available on the project venture forum on RNSA web. Proposals are not yet decided.
 - Peter will discuss with Julian Baxter to shed more light, presentations have started we need to agitate to get one here.
- Finance
 - Alan was not at the meeting but he has submitted his budget spreadsheet to committee for comment.
- Cruising
 - Brendan has submitted a cruising report prior to meeting and has nothing additional to that, extracted highlights are:-
 - It would appear that from information gleaned from Tim Clark season 2016 has been very thin wrt membership participation in the cruising sector. So Portland is not the only Branch suffering from this malaise.
 - A member gallery has been added to the Cruising Site to try to get more interest and that has produced some results.
 - An attempt to meet with Portsmouth at Poole and Yarmouth was taken up by both Branches. The Poole trip was not a hundred percent successful as Portsmouth got to Cobb's Quay but my group either could not continue to Cobb's or had other plans for the day so we did not meet. The Yarmouth trip was abandoned due to weather.
 - The remaining days of 2016 season. I need to contact WPCA to see if a photo shoot can be slotted in and maybe we could do a MOB drill but that's all that can be perused.
 - 2017 Season possible RNVR planning a West/East trip starting at Falmouth and invites all Branches along the South Coast to take part in the full or part passage of the cruise.
- Racing
 - Ian gave a roundup of the Friday night series and Weymouth Regatta where participation from RNSA was much appreciated.
- Membership status
 - 62 members with 42 full, 20 associate and 3 honorary members, a steady state with increased numbers waiting for the end of the year to join.
 - One potential associate member waiting to be interviewed by Peter/Alan.
- Social
 - There will be a laying up supper with WPCA on 21st October, details to follow.
 - Brendan suggested that we consider a committee dinner again, Jacquie agreed to organise it.
- AOB
 - Brendan offered a view the perhaps committee should dress up to blazer and tie for the AGM
 - John suggested that we could try to recognise Steve Pointon for his charity efforts sailing around UK.
 - Possible donation to the charity, Alan to advise.
 - Possible nomination for Gieves Cup?

Date for next committee meeting 19th October in WPNSA at 13.00.

Outstanding Items for next meeting.

- Agree whether new annual renewal letter should be highlighted at the AGM.
- "Captain's newsletter" about upcoming events (to be agreed, half yearly or quarterly?) was not discussed but will be included for the next meeting.
- Close discussion on communications policy proposal.
- Discuss the need for a 'membership secretary' when the role has been combined for 2 years with no adverse indications.