

BROOKLYN MOORING COOPERATIVE
MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Brooklyn Community Hall Brooklyn

1 December 2013

ITEM 1 OPENING

27 members in attendance.

Chair, Steve Bruggeman opened meeting at 10.34 and welcomed all attending. Steve noted that this was his first meeting as Chair.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Jonathon Sykes, David Lines, Yvonne Liechti, Norm Henstock, Bronek Karcz, J McDougall and Carolyn Boyden.

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

Minutes had previously been distributed by email and hard copy and were taken as read. Moved Bob Brownrigg, seconded Jenny Rowe.

ITEM 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Wendy McMurdo asked the status of outstanding fees. Chair indicated this would be addressed later. There were no other issues raised.

ITEM 5 CHAIRS REPORT

Chair introduced each member of the Board and their respective roles. He also thanked Rhonda Purvis for staying on the Board in an honorary position given her experience and background with the BMC.

He then spoke on the paper circulated prior to the AGM and drew particular attention to the aging of the facility and the corresponding costs of maintenance.

ITEM 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair stated that two members were behind in the payment of dues: one member outstanding over two years the other over one year. He also noted that one member had been expelled as the value of outstanding dues was greater

than the value of the member's shares. Key change day provided the opportunity to control debtors as the rule is no payment, no gate key.

ITEM 7 ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Chair referred to the financial statements included in the Notice of AGM and sought any comment or questions. There were no matters raised. Financial Statements were adopted. Moved by Chair, seconded by Wendy McMurdo.

ITEM 8 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Chair stated that auditing had been performed by Arch Poulos for many years but he had now retired. His audit practice has been taken over by Kes Moodley and Associates and as the firm retains all the BMC accounting records and are familiar with the activities of the BMC and Fair Trading requirements he moved that the meeting appoint them as the ongoing auditors. Seconded by Anne Conway. The motion was approved.

ITEM 9 MAINTENANCE AND LIGHTING OF FACILITIES

Quentin Strauli and Les Oehm circulated a paper which summarized the present state of the pontoons and the remedial work which will be required for an aging facility. Quentin also explained some of the technical issues relating to the maintenance of the solar panels and the security cameras. The security cameras have been in operation now for two months and will hold data for three months.

Alan Cinis asked if maintenance has been affected by boats exceeding the 4 knot speed limit and what action can be taken to stop the offenders. Chair indicated that we had no authority in the matter other than to report offenders to Maritime. The BMC had previously written to the ferry owners about speeding and this has had some effect. Rhonda Purvis said that a loud voice sometimes had an effect.

ITEM 10 2013 ANNUAL LEVY

Chair explained the formula for determining the levy and the values attaching to each component. The outcome for 2013 was 305.21. Chair moved that this be rounded to \$310 for payment up to end February and \$330 for later payments. Seconded by Anne Conway. Motion approved.

ITEM 11 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pat Woolley, Quentin Strauli, Anne Conway and Phil Sargeant were due to retire but made themselves available for reelection. There being no other nominations all were duly elected.

ITEM 12 DIRECTOR'S REMUNERATION

Chair noted this was a sensitive issue for Directors but it was the membership at a previous AGM that voted for the current remuneration ie nonpayment of the levy for all Directors and annual payments of \$200 for the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and \$100 for all others Directors. Current arrangements were approved. Moved Anne Conway, seconded by Les Reedman.

ITEM 13 KEY CHANGE DAY

Key change day for 2014 set for 23 February between 8am and 1pm.

ITEM 14 PROPOSED MOTION: That Rule 18A(c)(ii) which currently reads, in part, "The boat must not exceed: (i) an overall length of 5.5 metres" be amended to to have that wording read "The boat must not exceed: (i) an overall length of of 6.5 metres, including raised outboard motor and other fixed projections."

The motion was moved By Sue Merricks and Tony Partridge.

Phil Sargeant seconded the motion on the basis that the arguments need to be aired. He had some sympathy for the proposal because it appeared the present arrangements were discriminatory although he now realized there were technical issues that needed to be considered.

The movers of the motion, Sue Merricks and Tony Partridge, subsequently lodged an amendment to this motion as follows:

"The boat must not exceed: (I) an overall length of 5.5 metres when fitted with an outboard motor OR an overall length of 6.0 metres if fitted with an inboard motor". The arguments presented by the proposers were as follows:

- "Overall length" is not defined in the Rules but is taken to mean the bow to transom length, and does not include outboard motors.
- A boat of 5.5 metres overall length with an outboard motor may have an effective length well in excess of 6 metres , though still complying with the Rules and has not created a problem for the BMC.
- The timber putt-putt which could be obtained would be excluded under the present Rules as it has an overall length of about 5.75 metres. This boat has a small 9HP inboard diesel engine with the prop under the boat, ahead of the transom.
- The effective length is less than the Rules allow. That is, it would take up less space than many BMC approved boats.

- An unintended consequence of the original motion is that it would allow the compliance of a putt-putt type boat of up to 6.5 metres thus the motion was amended.

Chair invited comment from members. Arguments both for and against were advanced. Matters raised included the weight of boats and their impact on the arms, should rules be changed to satisfy one member, what is the definition of overall length, the advice of a technical assistant to the board to resolve technical issues, are all boats currently compliant and one member stating that a boat of similar size had previously been refused.

Chair put the motion to a vote (show of hands). The result was 9 for, 10 against. Given the closeness of the result a second vote was taken with the same outcome. The motion was accordingly lost.

ITEM 15 SHARE BUY BACK INSTRUCTIONS

Chair stated that it has become apparent that some members were confused or misunderstood the status of their shares particularly when selling their property. There have been instances where members believed they could transfer their shares to a new owner when in fact the shares were non-- - transferable. Some questions were raised relating to the status of shares on the death of a member and the possibility of an additional name being included on a share certificate. These issues were resolved. Members can obtain further advice from the Secretary.

ITEM 16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Derek Leslie asked if assignees names could be published on the BMC website. Chair stated this not possible for privacy reasons. Derek also asked if the number of assignments allowed at 20 is a Rule or policy. The answer was policy approved at a previous AGM.

Sue Merrick asked if the number on the waiting list was capped at 50. The answer was there is no limit and present number is over 60.

Felicity Brownrigg asked if assignees could receive the newsletter. The answer was no as it is the assignor's responsibility to inform the assignee.

Tony Partridge asked if it was necessary for those on the waiting list to own a boat. The answer was no as it is only a requirement to be a river resident or own property on the river.

Jill McDiarmid asked if the BMC had a policy on members having to own a boat. Pat Woolley replied that 13 members had not picked up their keys implying they did not have boats. The Board wrote to these members asking them if they wanted to resign. Derek asked if this could be followed up at a Board meeting. Chair agreed.

Derek Leslie asked if a policy could be adopted to ensure all small boats such as dorys be berthed as close to the gates as possible. The Board is to consider this request.

ITEM 17 OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.50.