

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Kyson (River Deben) Fairways Committee held at Woodbridge Cruising Club at 7pm on Friday 7 April 2017.

Committee members present: Steve Copsey (Chairman), David Westwood (Moorings secretary), Mike Ellison, Howard Ryan, Alan Murray, Chris Cobb, John Symes, Paul Brilliant, Robin Whittle, Roger Guthrie, Maureen Carroll.

9 members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Peter King, Roger Mennear, Malcolm Hodd, Andrew Fitzgerald.

1: Minutes of previous APM:

The minutes were circulated and agreed as a true record, there were no matters arising.

2: Chairman's report:

Last year the Knoll moorings were amalgamated into the Fairways and all is now up and running. The Committee has re-buoyed some of the river and replaced some old buoys with new. A mooring survey was carried out in August; there are now 165 moorings to administer. There are a few problems with boats that don't tie in with the allocations and inspections will be carried out regularly this year. The uptake has been good this year especially in the last 6 weeks. There is a new website. A new buoy will be put in at Troublesome Reach for the summer if deemed necessary due to silting.

3. Mooring secretary's report:

David Westwood said that on the Kyson stretch there were now 34 empty moorings with offers out on 5 of them. The waiting list is 1 x 38footer and 2 awaiting new boats. The Knoll part is full as far as we know until further inspections can take place.

4. Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Steve Copsey reported that there had been a slight loss last year; this was due to buoy replacements and legal expenses for the lease registry. There was no increase from the Crown for last year and no indication of an increase this year. Expenses should be a lot lower this year, with the exception of a probable rise in insurance of @ £100.

5. Election of Committee.

Steve reported that Mel Poole had retired from the post of secretary after 23 years and thanks should go to her for her work for the committee. Maureen Carroll has stepped in as Minutes Secretary, Colin Wythe to be Knoll enquiries contact, and Alan Murray as a committee member. All three were voted on to the committee unanimously.

6. Any other business.

The question of silting in the river was raised; the committee will be inspecting. Troublesome Reach is always a problem and the Cut at Waldringfield is always a problem. New posts and withies are being done at Loder's Cut in the next few weeks. It was asked if there was a possibility of aligning moorings with the channel especially in the Methergate area. There is a hump growing across the river at that point, the consensus was that we have the ability to move things around if we have to. Access to the river was brought up and that there is no public slipway for dinghy launching, this was brought up as a factor in leaving the rents at the same amounts. Licence letters should be going out earlier this year which should allow David to be able to allocate moorings earlier in the season.

7. The next APM will be held at 7pm on Friday 6 April 2018 at Woodbridge Cruising Club.

The meeting closed at 7-25pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and hoped all have a good season.