

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock on Monday 27th April 2009

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Malcolm Allcard & Bob Woodgate

ACTION

Apologies: Paul and Craig

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Alison had had no response from Iain Weston regarding the removal of the stone for Lock 17.

Peter would chase it up.

PC

Treasurer's report

Malcolm now had all the books and signatures in place, the balance stood at £1219.73 which includes the £500 from the Area Committee for the Horse Boat at the Festival. Approx £180 had been raised at the 2 Ring o Bells Quiz nights and the invoice for the website hosting for £40 had been paid.

Bob reported that as a result of the reminders he had sent out, we now had 50 members paid up.

Task days

The painting programme has been progressing slowly, Lock 1 was in a very bad condition so took a lot of work, it now just needs a top coat. Future dates: 11th May (subject to Bob being available to lead)*, 23rd May and 1st June, to continue with the painting.

Towpath Tidy

This had been most successful with 17 people attending including 3 from BW and Andrew Stunell MP. Four bags of litter had been removed from the lower locks, bollards had been painted and locks 1 - 4 generally tidied up. Diane had taken some photos for the website and Alison had sent a couple to BW.

Locks Festival:

Peter had sent letters to all VIPs except BW, he would send one to Debbie Lumb.

PC

The two events packs are almost ready to go off to BW and SMBC

PC/AA

Alison would contact Gill Postill about the dancers.

AA

Alison would also contact Stockport Canal Society, Huddersfield Canal Soc, Marple Bridge Association and the Gym Tots.

AA

Malcolm reported the Minibus is confirmed, but it will have no disabled access

Alison would contact Brian Nash about the Lamppost banners.

AA

Pete would contact the Police and Fire Service, also the Environmental health

PC

Alison would send out letters to stallholders soon, but leave the marshals till later.

AA

Pete would ask Robinsons for a risk assessment and insurance policy

PC

It was agreed to start loading the boat from the dray at 11.00am

Wharf Development:

Pete had had a reply from Mike Marshall at BW in response to our letter expressing concern at the removal of the facilities for boaters, BW are reviewing how some of the facilities could be maintained, but it would not be a full service block. Planning application was thought to be imminent, we need to keep an eye on what's happening. The NCCC had written to BW in the same vein as ourselves, expressing the same concerns, also the loss of base for New Horizons.

Date of next meeting Monday 1st June at the Ring o' Bells 2pm

* Bob not available so I have fixed Tuesday 5th May.

Date of the next meeting: Monday, 30th March 2pm at The Ring o' Bells