

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Monday 14th December 2009

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Malcolm Allcard, Bob Woodgate, Craig Wright and Brian Nash.

ACTION

Apologies: Paul Woodhead

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £787.24, with a £50 petty cash balance. £27 was owing for the Xmas tree for St Martins Festival and the insurance premium was due to be paid. Membership as at last meeting.

Marple Wharf

The steering group had had a meeting with Steve Burns from Stockport Regeneration, it was thought that a decision might be imminent. Craig thought we should have a member on the group, but Pete is in close contact with the Postills and is willing to liaise with the group on our behalf. Malcolm suggested that David Sumner may be an ideal person to head any Heritage Centre Management Group that may be formed.

Picnic Site

No movement on this probably due to the BW restructuring. We will try and resume discussions in the New Year.

Task days

These are on hold until the New Year. Malcolm reported that Mike (ranger) had brought the roller from Lock 9 to him, it is now in the store room, he will refurbish it then we can replace it with BW permission. Craig suggested that when the portakabin is removed from beside Lock 9, we should have a work party to clear that area, getting rid of the saplings which BW had already approved

Christmas Tree Festival

Diane had made some new decorations for this, in the form of lace plates. The tree needs to be taken down on 4th January, Craig will take the tree to the tip, Alison will let him know the timing.

CW/AA

Annual General Meeting

This would be on 9th February 2010, the Church Hall was booked and Kevin Dranfield of the Stockport Heritage Society would speak about the Marple Flyboats. Paul would be retiring from the committee, Pete is happy to stand as Chairman for as long as he is in the area, Malcolm, Alison. Bob and Craig are all prepared to stand again. Carol Baggott had agreed to stand too and Alison would approach Rod Shreeve. It was agreed to try and increase membership by an article in the Review, Pete would contact Avril Marsh and Alison would write to all boat clubs and canal societies in the area advertising the AGM.

PC/AA

A.O.B.

Pete had been approached by Malcolm Melia and Alan Postill with the idea of planting lavender bushes in the circle of the roving bridges, Alan said the Civic Society would support the idea. We agreed with the principle but were not sure that lavender was the best plant. BW need to be approached. Alison would contact them.

AA

Date of next meeting Monday 18th January 2010 2.00 at Top Lock.