

## MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

### Minutes of the meeting held at The Ring o' Bells on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Malcolm Allcard, Paul Woodhead, Bob Woodgate & Brain Nash.

### ACTION

#### Apologies: none

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### Treasurer's report

No report as Malcolm had not yet received the books from David. Bob reported that membership was around 35 paid up which is down by 10 from last year. He had prepared a letter to lapsed members which committee approved. He had received an enquiry from the article Paul sent to Towpath Talk. Pete has updated the website. **BW**

#### Lock 17

Pete is still waiting for feedback from Iain Weston re the stone moving. **AA**

#### Task days

A very successful day on 21<sup>st</sup> when Possett Bridge garden had been tidied up, 8 volunteers and lots of positive comments from passers by. Daniel had offered some excess tools, so Alison had earmarked a wheelbarrow, some spades and sweeping brushes. The BW national Towpath Tidy day, 28<sup>th</sup> March, would be 10-12 and it was agreed to do vegetation control, litter picking, treating the benches and graffiti removal starting at Lock 1.— Alison would e mail Daniel to this effect and ask him about substance to remove graffiti. BW would be handling the publicity for this event. **AA**

Future Task days were fixed for 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April.

#### AGM

This had been very well attended and Ted Hill's talk most interesting.

#### Locks Festival:

Bob Holmes has suggested a load of engines as cargo for Maria which he would then use as a display at Possett Bridge. Writing Competition forms going well. Malcolm confirmed that the MBF are doing the games again as well as the food. He had also spoken to VIP taxis about a minibus – they thought it would be OK but needed to check a driver. Alison reported that the First Aid was ordered through St John's. Romiley Young Farmers want a stall, Pete will give them a form and put one on the website too. **PC**

Malcolm would order the PA. We would do A6 flyers this time, Brian agreed to print 2000, these would be given out at the Carnival, Alison would register this with Carnival Committee. **BN/AA**

Paul will send details to waterways press. **PW**

Pete will contact the Sea Cadets and Marple Band to see if they wanted to take part. **PC**

Graham Turner had offered the use of his drive at 2 Lockside for display boards.

#### AOB:

Malcolm reported that SMBC had confirmed that they would be re-surfacing the towpath between locks 10 and 12, after consultation with BW.

The proposed development at the wharf was discussed and it was decided to send a letter to BW and the developers stating that whilst the Society is in favour of any investment in the site, it was concerned about the loss of facilities for the boaters, also that the Society would be in favour of the Toll Cottage being used as a Heritage Centre, manned part time by volunteers. Brian agreed to look into any possible funding for this. **BN/PC**

**Date of the next meeting: Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at The Ring o' Bells**