

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Monday 18th January 2010

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

ACTION

Apologies: Paul Woodhead and Brian Nash

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £1097.24, with a £50 petty cash balance. There was a surplus of £127 over the year. Membership was down, 37 paid up members but more will pay at the AGM, after that, Bob will send out a reminder. **BW**

Marple Wharf

There had been a meeting on 7th December but the outcome was not known. Peter would chase up a report after their next meeting on 19th Jan. **PC**

Picnic Site

Alison will try to resurrect this at the Volunteers meeting. **AA**

Task days

Dates fixed for this are 20th Feb, 1st March and 10th March. Alison will put out notices at the AGM of these dates. BW have notified us of the next Towpath Tidy, from 1st – 14th March. Alison is attending a volunteers workshop on 24th Jan at Marsden, this will give us an opportunity to bring up the question of our storage when our current store is demolished. **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. Alison would notify all members and boating societies by e mail and letter and check the booking of the hall. Pete would do some flyers and put them about the town, he would also put the notice on the website. Peter would also contact Avril Marsh about an article in the Marple Review. Rod Shreeve had agreed to stand for the committee. **PC/AA**

A.O.B.

a) Alison had contacted BW about the lavender planting at the roving bridges, she was keeping Alan Postill informed of any progress since the enquiry had come through him. She may have some feedback after the volunteer workshop on 24th Jan. **AA**

b) Blue plaque – We need to pursue this, Peter will call at the office to establish the whereabouts of the plaque. Malcolm will find out whose job it is to apply for planning permission to erect it on the aqueduct **MA**

c) Malcolm reported on the damage to the wall at Lock 16; as the Locks Society, we need to push for this to be repaired as soon as possible. He had tried to make contact with Watson's Oils whose driver had caused the damage, but with no luck – he would try again, also contact Ian Pankhurst at BW to see what was being done. **MA**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th February 2010 2.00 at Top Lock.