

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on 29th July 2008

Present: Alison Allcard, Bob Woodgate, Paul Woodhead and Brian Nash

ACTION

In the absence of Peter, Bob took the chair.

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard and Peter Clarke

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

Bob reported that the 'Cheeseboat' man would have his itinerary fixed by Christmas and would let us know if he could include the Festival.

Pete had been down to the aqueduct with Heritage guys from BW – there is some remedial work due on the aqueduct which will delay the placing of the blue plaque further. They had also talked of the proposed picnic site at Lock 6. The report from the Marple area committee seemed to suggest that this may be included in their plans to improve the towpath and environs of the Peak Forest Canal.

Treasurer's report: No report

Task days:

Alison had been to the Volunteers meeting at Wigan and had circulated a report to the committee. She had submitted papers for self-supervision but had not yet heard anything. At the last task day, we had been asked to wear life-jackets when working 1 metre or less from waters edge. After a long discussion with Ian Johnson, it was agreed that if we carried a life ring and throwing line, only worked in a group and the team leader took responsibility for the safety of the team, we would not have to wear them. When working beside an empty lock we need to fence off the lock edge, Ian provided us with orange roll-up fencing and spikes for this purpose. Alison had amended the risk assessments and method statements and sent them off to Paul Johnson at BW.

Dates were fixed for further task days: Sat 9th August, Tuesday, 19th August and Monday 1st September.

Conservation Area meeting:

Since the date for this had been altered, Alison had attended the Stockport Conservation and Heritage Forum and had found it very interesting. She would try to attend further meetings on behalf of the Society.

Open Meeting:

Alison had booked the Guide Headquarters for the 9th Sept but had not yet contacted Ted Hill as a speaker. Daniel Greenhalgh from BW would speak about volunteer groups. Paul would do posters and flyers about two weeks beforehand.

AA/PW

Locks Festival:

Bob had received notice of a writing competition from the Marple Writers Group, they want to tie it in with the Festival next year and present the prizes at the event. Bob to reply to Ian Reed to give our support.

BW

AOB:

Brian reported that the Chadwick St car park scheme should be starting soon, the Church St issue had been resolved and it would remain closed at the bottom end.

Date of the next meeting: Wed 3rd September, 2pm at Top lock