

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Wed 24th March 2010

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Brian Nash, Carol Baggott & Rod Shreeve.

ACTION

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard and Bob Woodgate.
Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm had sent a report of a balance of £882.82. £27 had been paid for equipment for the Towpath Tidy day. Bob reported by e mail that there was no change in membership. The review article should be in the May edition, Peter will check. **PC**
Carol suggested an article in the new local publication 'Beacon' – Rod would look into it. **RS**

Marple Wharf

There had been a meeting this morning with Andy Bleadon regarding funding for the Heritage Centre and there was to be a meeting with BW on 23rd April. Peter has been liaising closely and expected to hear today about the funding meeting. There had been a presentation to the council on 'A Vision of Marple'. Malcolm has still to contact Steve Burns about forging links with BW Regeneration Dept **MA**

Picnic Site

Brian reported that the new financial year was about to start so now would be a good time to get our application in to the Area Committee, he would e mail a form to Peter. Peter would be able to attend the meeting on 7th April, which is when our application is likely to be considered. **BN/PC**

Task days

The Towpath Tidy day had been successful with 10 people turning up, sadly no one from BW. Alison was asked to make our disappointment known to BW. A lot had been achieved and two potential new members had attended. The 20th March working party had been cancelled due to bad weather. Further dates – 12th and 24th April and 5th May. Alison would circulate. **AA**

Locks Festival

Haven't heard from Bob what date the Whaley weekend is so cannot fix a date. Amy Slack is interested in putting some sort of play together with a 'royal' theme.

Blue Plaque

We now have the plaque and the screwed rod to fix it, so Peter and Malcolm will fix a date to erect it, they had done a recce to establish the site. We felt it would be awkward to arrange an unveiling ceremony when it was ten years late. Rod offered to help if needed. **PC/MA**

A.O.B.

- a) Peter asked if we could fund the software required to update the website as he had lost it all in his computer crash. It was agreed this was OK – it would cost around £40.
- b) Marple Festival. Peter had been to a meeting where we had been asked if we would run the guided walks again as the first day of the festival coincided with the Heritage Open Days. We agreed providing they gave the walks plenty of publicity. Peter was willing to guide some of the walks and would ask Bob and Sue and Judith Wilshaw if they were willing to do some too. Among all the diverse events planned, there may be a talk by Ian Moss on the local canals, we were asked if we would sponsor the speaker to the tune of £30 – we agreed providing he gave the society a mention and we could put up our display boards, it would be good publicity for us. Pete will contact the organisers to give feedback. **PC**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th April 2010 2.00 at Top Lock.