

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock on Monday 1st June 2009

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

ACTION

Apologies: None

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Lock 17 - Peter will look into other sources of stone as we don't seem able to get permission from BW to take the chosen stone away. Peter had apologised to the Mills family for the delay. **PC**

Wharf Development – Craig reported that the Civic Society are the driving force behind the objections and they are taking a very responsible view. Andrew Stunell, MP has also supported the campaign, asking for the heritage of the area to be maintained. The Civic Society are aware that we had written to BW with our concerns. Craig has a meeting next Monday with BW and Civic Society to hear of possible change in the proposals from BW.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm reported a balance of £1189.73, of which £500 was the grant for the horse boat at the festival. Bob reported that we now had 53 members paid up.

Task days

Lock 1 was now finished and Lock 2 undercoated. Dates were fixed for 8th, 16th and 25th June.

Carnival

Alison has enough volunteers now to man the stand and Bob and Brian will hand out flyers. **BN/BW**
Brian had printed 2000 A5 flyers which he handed over – he offered to do another 200 for the carnival stand. We would also have the pro loco leaflets, membership packs, trail guides and the display boards on the stand. **BN**

Locks Festival:

Peter had had replies from Cllr Bispham and Cllr Wright, also the Mayor, it was thought best to ask the Mayor to arrive at Top Lock at 11.00 to see the barrels loaded, then walk down to the park and be picked up there, Pete would suggest this plan. **PC**

It would be best for the Dray to approach Top Lock through BW yard, Craig would approach the College to see if they would open their car park for the horse box. Pete would finalise the arrangements with Robinsons. **PC/CW**

PA will be delivered on the Friday to Top Lock. Malcolm will research a radio link for Top Lock **MA**
Events packs had been sent to SMBC & BW.

Pete had informed Environmental Health re food stall.

Anne Hearle has offered the Interpretation Boards again, Alison will collect these. **AA**

Guided walks were timed at 10.00, 12.30 and 2.30, Sea Scouts would be asked to back up the walks.

Peter will chase up Fire Brigade for the chip pan display. **PC**

It was agreed to invite both Debbie Lumb and Julie Sharman from BW, Alison would e mail **AA**

Peter will follow up the arrangements with the Heartbeat Chorus **PC**

Peter will ask the Aikido team if they would like to give a demo. **PC**

Malcolm will provide Fire Extinguishers **MA**

Pete had confirmed that the toilets in the park will be opened for us.

Alison will e mail Friends of the Memorial Park to see if they will put on a Boules match. **AA**

Bob will man the membership tent.

Craig will invite Andrew Stunell to attend in an informal capacity. **CW**

Brian confirmed that the lamppost banners would go up on 13th June. **BN**

Alison would send out an e mail to all members asking for volunteers to marshal. **AA**

AOB

Malcolm reported that the Chief Exec of BW had stated that volunteer groups are vital to the Waterways, Malcolm wondered if a letter should be sent to him setting out our achievements – this was to be considered at a future meeting

Bob had come across a 'Canals in the Community' project in Wales and Border Counties area of BW, this seemed a great idea to promote the waterways.

Craig mentioned that the inaugural meeting of Friends of Rosehill Station would be held at The Railway on 29th June, several local societies were attending.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 23rd June at the Ring o' Bells 2pm