

# BROADS SOCIETY

## Minutes of the Main Committee held Tuesday 20 March 2012 at the Hotel Wroxham, Wroxham

**Present:** Peter Horsefield (Chairman), Keith Bacon (Vice-Chairman)  
Nick Balls, Colin Dye, Robin Godber, Ian Masters, Jill Wickens  
and Bryan Read (President)

**In attendance:** Carol Palfrey (Administrator)

Prior to the main business the Committee held an informal meeting with John Packman, Murray Gray and Andrea Kelly of the Broads Authority.

### **1 Apologies and Welcome**

Apologies were received from Nick Barne, David Capp, Richard Starling and Mark Wells.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **3 Minutes of the Meeting of 24 January 2012**

The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **4 Matters Arising**

4.1 Lady Mayhew and Broads Society Trophies (Minutes 8.3 and 8.4)  
There were no proposals for these awards

### **5 Finance**

5.1 Update on the appointment of a new Treasurer  
Bryan Read reported that the position had been advertised through Voluntary Norfolk and that an advertisement would appear in the next edition of "Harnser". He was also pursuing other contacts and would report further in due course. The Committee expressed gratitude to Chris Pulley for continuing to act as Treasurer while a replacement was being sought. The Administrator was asked to contact him to assure him that the Society was taking action to find a new Treasurer.

5.2 Monthly Report and account statement  
There was no report

## **6 Administrator's Report**

### **6.1 Subscription Changes**

The Administrator reported that letters had been sent to all members who paid by standing order except those who paid in March; those letters would be posted at the beginning of April. Statistics for members paying in April, May and June showed that 112 members had been contacted. Of these, 59 had changed their standing order, 13 had resigned and the remainder had failed to reply. It was agreed that the Administrator should send a reminder letter to these members with the July edition of "Harnser"

### **6.2 Membership Survey on Name Change**

It was agreed to defer any announcement until the Annual General Meeting to ensure that all members had had an opportunity to give their opinion.

### **6.3 Donations from Life Members**

Generous donations had been received from many of the Society's longstanding Life Members. Taking into account the additional income from Gift Aid, the current total was over £4,000. In addition, standing order donations (including Gift Aid) amounted to an annual contribution of over £100.

## **7 Broads Forum**

Keith Bacon reported that the last meeting, chaired by Stephen Johnson, had been a good one, a view endorsed by Bryan Read. The Forum had changed for the better under the new arrangement.

## **8 Annual General Meeting**

### **8.1 Date and Venue**

The meeting would be held on Saturday 17 November at How Hill

### **8.2 Proposal to invite a speaker**

Keith Bacon suggested that Simon Partridge be invited to talk on his plans for How Hill. This was considered an excellent idea and the Chairman undertook to contact Simon Partridge. *[Simon Partridge has accepted this invitation]*

## **9 Rivers Sub-Committees**

### **9.1 North Rivers Sub-Committee (NRS-C)**

No Chairman had yet been identified. A practical approach to deal with this problem would be put to the next meeting.

### **9.2 South Rivers Sub-Committee (SRS-C)**

Robin Godber reported that the Sub-Committee had arranged a meeting with Broads Authority officers responsible for publicity as the first stage of its project to rejuvenate the Southern Broads. The planning application for development of the Pegasus site had not yet

been received. Peter Horsefield was pleased at the progress being made by the newly convened sub-committee.

## **10 CNP**

Peter Horsefield referred to his comments at the previous meeting concerning the CNP's financial difficulties and the need to make changes in its working practices. He and Bryan Read would be attending the Council meeting on 28 March. Peter provided copies of the current structure which seemed to show a disproportionate allocation of resources to the Mosaic Project, an initiative to encourage ethnic minorities to visit the National Parks. If the CNP did not deal with its problems, the Society would have to consider whether it could continue to justify membership.

## **11 Harnser**

The Harnser would be posted to members in the week commencing 25 March. A few design changes had been made. This issue included an advertisement for Committee members which had also published via Voluntary Norfolk. The Society had sent Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee and it was agreed that the President should send a similar greeting to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Jill Wickens reminded members about the Annual Service at Ranworth Church on Sunday 13 May at 6.00 pm. She hoped that Bryan Read and Keith Bacon would read the lessons.

## **12 Publicity and Promotion**

### **12.1 Displays**

Ian Masters reported the Society would be attending six or seven events from now until September and a gazebo had been purchased to shelter the display boards.

### **12.2 Film Project**

The Film Project was going well and filming would take place between 6 April and 6 May followed by post-production work. Six films were planned: The Albion featuring Hugh Tusting's final voyage as skipper; the Life and Work of a Marshman; a period Love Story; Windmills; a Riverbank Walk with help from the Ted Ellis Trust and a boat trip set to music.

The students had offered to devote most of their Easter holiday to the project.

The aim was to have the first showing at Cinema City in September.

### **12.3 Publicity**

New Society leaflets were now available.

**13 Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust**

As reported at the last meeting, the Trust had agreed to act as banker for the Visitor Pay-Back Scheme but had not yet appointed an administrator to manage the project.

**14 Website**

Nick Balls had consulted committee members on the re-designed website and had received useful feedback. Liz Goodyear was still willing to manage the day to day running of the website.

**15 A.O.B**

There was no other business.

**16 Dates of Next Meeting**

Tuesday: 15 May 2012

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....