



## AGM Minutes

**Held at Alton Water Sports Centre, 13th November 2015 starting at 19:30.**

**Present :** Mark Hainsworth, Julie Ann White, Liane Kavanah-Davies, Peter Gwizdala, Andy Nutton, Steve Long,

**Staff:** Adam Tyne, Andy Woolnough, Paul Cooper, Phil R, Guy M,

**Anglian Water:** Jake Williams, John

**Woolverstone :** Alan Palsey

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### Apologies: Mark Smith

- 1. Minutes of the last AGM:** Written minutes available were agreed as accurate. No matters arising.
- 2. Chairmanship Report and Opening Presentation:** Mark Hainsworth provided a full but concise and informative presentation bringing all present up to speed on the staff and procedural changes to AWSC including financial progress (2015 black 0 compared to 2014 red 0). The chairman went through a presentation. He explained the role of the centre and the plans for the next twelve months.  
This was well received and there were no matters arising. Thanks given to staff, committee and attendees.
- 3. Election of Officers:** All nominees were voted back onto/onto the board for the 2015/2016 term; Mark Hainsworth(Chairman), Mark Smith (Vice Chairman), Gavin Johnson, Liane Kavanah-Davies and Heather White.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** A full and informative presentation from Julie-Ann on the current financial status of AWSC highlighting the variations in income and expenditure from 2014. The many strengths and successes over the last year have been largely due to the dynamic staff and teamwork and include increased water use by the military, schools and events.  
Weaknesses are converting course participants to membership and threats to continuing success could potentially lie with the delay of the new website launch and a reduction in school participation if there is a lack of shore availability for courses to run. Jake hoped the wording of the lease was not limiting the potential to run courses for large numbers. He suggested increased communication with John could improve flexibility of the available facilities to ensure these courses could go ahead. Mark Hainsworth stated that it was good hear there was flexibility built into the agreement which would go a long way to helping AWSC maintain and improve its upon its many successes.
- 5. The Future:** Mark highlighted an exciting future with many plans underway. There is a need to develop the hardware structure of the site while encouraging and incorporating groups such as rowers and sailing squads into the framework of AWSC to increase the potential to access to Sports England grants.  
Jake highlighted the current discussions underway with John plans for camping and caravan facilities and their assurance that there was no ambition to overtake anyone's use of the facilities now, or in the future. Jointly they would like to achieve a better understanding of what members and all water users want and support any fundraising and match funding schemes for the future.

Mark H highlighted the expertise within the AWSC team for water users to enjoy Alton Water safely alongside the ambition to set up a charitable body with access to funding. AWSC look forward to a fruitful partnership with Anglian Water rather than a tenant/ landlord relationship.

### Any Other Business:

John advised of the plans to level the top car park (2 top tiers).

Mark Hainsworth confirmed that Frostbite starts 3.1.16 and full access to all car parking would be required each Sunday until end March.

John advised that he would fully liaise with AWSC so there would be no clashes and aimed to complete the work by the 1st week in December. There would however, if necessary, be the facility for members to use the car park by Gina' cafe free of charge.

No other matters arising.

### Meeting closed 2035 hours.

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