

Committee Meeting 25th April 2020 updated

This is via Zoom during the Coronavirus lockdown.

Attending DSR/AE/MS/DS/LN/SHR/AM

Notes :

Scottish Canals Commercial Licence

- Update : Re Scottish Canals Commercial Licence ~ we specifically do not have a reduction in our Navigation Licence, although this has recently been offered by SC to individual boat users / though note that my(DS) last email shows that Scottish Canals have offered us a refund on our navigation licence, all of £44!
 - Issue is, should we be charged for this given lockdown
 - SHR favours joint approach with other users, reunion / seagull / F&C / holiday companies. Has a meeting on Wed. with reunion etc. so will speak to them.
 - DS suggested a holding response to SC. Noted we have a reduction on our navigation licence. Agreed to do this.

MCA – as we will not operate this year, so we will need to discuss not having surveys carried out.

SHR asked about BML issues with medicals – these have been extended by 6 months.

We also have an issue with volunteers who are over 70. May be difficulties when we come to restart operations.

SHR suggests presentation to Scottish Parliament cross party group. Update : Re the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group, this was specifically in relation to the MCA regulations that David has been discussing with MCA.

DS asked about telephone service reconciliation. Agreed to cancel the “0800” service and the BT line and move the talk-talk service only. This is a good time as marketing publications will be reprinted before next season.

DS also to progress insurance reductions and also for premises insurance esp. public liability.

Basin Banter – noted that this is sent to 50% members // 50% non members. DS to write an editorial. SHR to progress other items – Lesley Banks artist. EASL wordsearch, any others ?

LN asked about Fun Day cancellation. This is to be communicated in Basin Banter.

AE proposed payment of membership fees to move to June. Issues with membership DB still being resolved.

AE also mentioned 2 candidates for IT Group. Noted that we do not have a JA replacement. MS to ask Bid / Business Gateway about other similar organisations and how they organise IT service management.

Update DS : The notes should mention our decision that we will not carry passengers until 1st April next year (start of Scottish Canals licence year). I think it is important to draw the distinction between not carrying passengers and not operating as we could well be using our boats for members activities prior to then.

We discuss how to communicate this to the membership. It was felt this would be best done by Basin Banter. I volunteered to write an editorial about this. However later in the meeting Andy said he would do this in view of the other stuff I was doing for Basin Banter. Andy's action in this respect should be noted in the minutes.