

NEOGA minutes of meeting held on 11/07/23 at Old Harbour Commissioners Building, Blyth

Present: Sue Hall, Anthea Connor, Des O'Meara, Mark Batey, Katie Jackson, Frank Cockburn, Francis Mogg

Apologies: Jim Bell, Johan Eriksson, Roger Vaughan, Sue Wilkinson, Martin Haigh

Minutes of last meeting: accepted

Matters arising: none

Party Port Planning:

General update – AC gave brief overview of current situation. There are now 12 boats registered with Blyth plus 3 NEMT boats. All boats have now booked meals/activities for the weekend.

KJ confirmed that their boat Wagtail will be attending the event and that MH is going to contact Hartlepool College re picking up Tunstall Tide (Gaffling 1) to bring to the event and to take it to the jubilee party in Ipswich.

DOM and AC have a meeting with Tony Freeth RNYC on Wednesday to finalise arrangements with the club.

AC has name badges for NEOGA members if they would like to wear one on the weekend.

DOM to update Harbour Master again prior to event.

DOM to contact chandlers and engineer to remind them about the event.

MB offered for his boat to be a central “hub” for the weekend. He will dress it overall to make it easily identifiable.

MB queried whether skippers are aware of the change in the navigational entrance to Blyth harbour (new sectorised lights) DOM confirmed that they will be as he will post it on the skippers WhatsApp group.

Transport - Mini bus will be picked up on Friday afternoon.

Pick up point at RNYC will be from/ near the car park.

JE and FM will split the mini bus shifts.

Cost is for mileage from pick up point Friday to drop off Sunday.

FC will provide a sign for the mini bus and drivers cars.

Friday – 18.30 first bus run to BTS BBQ

19.00 onwards 2-3 runs to BTS BBQ

21.00 pick ups from BTS BBQ

23.00 (approx) last bus from BTS BBQ.

Saturday – 09.00 onwards – regular circuits to S. Beach, Deleval Hall, Keel Row, BTS, RNYC.

Sunday – as above with mini bus finishing at 14.00.

Requests for transport to go through drivers Whatsapp group. Tony Freeth at RNYC has been added to this group. A request for a lift will be put on the group and someone should respond confirming their availability.

Visits to Chandlers will be by car.

Des to be central communications person.

Mementos – Goody bags are in the process of being put together with trophy, pack of Northumberland biscuits, local info and meals/activity bookings for the weekend. SH to provide labels for bags next week. These will be given to visiting OGA boats.

Map of Blyth – JE to complete with pick up/drop off points.

Schedule of events – this to be displayed widely around the club.

FC offered to source whiteboards and blackboard on which these can be displayed.

KJ offered a white board for the weekend.

Numbers from NEOGA members – FM asked for 1x ticket for the BTS BBQ.

Welcome reception – Friday 18.00 -19.00 RNYC. All NEOGA members welcome.

Order of events – DOM to be MC

Mayor to welcome crews.

Tony Freeth to welcome everyone to the club.

Drinks to follow

18.30 - announcement to be made re schedule of events for the weekend and bus pick up times etc.

Dinghy Project – no update from Mark Tilling (MT) re how things are going with the dinghy but it should have attended the Tall Ships at Hartlepool.

KJ – MH is to contact MT to arrange pick up of the Gaffling on 20th/21st July to bring it to Blyth for our event. Tony Freeth to be asked to reserve a berth for for the Gaffling. Also to take to the Jubilee party in Ipswich. It will be towed back to Hartlepool after the events by JB, MH or DOM depending on circumstances.

KJ to contact Levington Marina (Suffolk Yacht harbour) re the possibility of leaving the Gaffling at the marina for a few days after the Jubilee party before she is picked up.

Treasurers report – Current balance £ 4485.87p which includes £800.50p monies from crews for meals and £1000 from central OGA to run the event.

It was suggested at the last meeting that party port drivers might be reimbursed for fuel.

SH ? whether any outstanding balance from the £1000 would have to be paid back to central OGA.

AOB: Post party port meal – everyone still in favour and it was decided to hold it at the Italian restaurant at Tynemouth Station again.

KJ to organise – she will send out 4 dates for us to choose from.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2023 at Old Harbour Commissioners building ,Blyth.

Please note that this meeting will be a special general meeting where the future of the NEOGA will be discussed and a new president elected.

NB The invite to this meeting will come from Colin Stroud via Anthea Connor as it will be extended to all members of the NE group.