

VENTNOR MARINA MOORERS ASSOCIATION

VMMA COMMITTEE REPORT for 2015

Ventnor Marina Moorers Association was formally established on 14 March 2015.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS and COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Officers and Committee Members were elected on 14 March 2015 at the Inaugural Meeting of the Association.

Article 24 of the Constitution requires the Committee to aim to meet at least every four months. The Committee met 3 times during 2015 - 10 May, 13 September and 6 November. The Officers and Committee Members elected on 14 March are given below, together with the number of Committee Meetings they attended

Officers

Ken Barnes - Chairman (3)
Mo Kennedy - Treasurer (3)
Gillian Chapple - Secretary (3)

Committee Members

Michelle Barnes (3)
Roy Jimminson (0)
Sylvia Jimminson (0)
Roger Kennedy (2)

Once approved, copies of Committee Meeting Minutes are posted in the Members' Area of the VMMA website.

MEMBERSHIP

A total of 77 people, representing 47 boats, joined the Association during 2015.

SOCIAL EVENTS

One of the Objects of the Association is to promote social events for members. During 2015, the Committee organised 2 Moorers' Breakfasts - 10 May and 4 October - and a Soup & Sparklers Evening on 7 November. In addition, the Committee helped the Marina with the annual Marina barbecue in September. All events were well attended and enjoyed by those present.

Another Objective of the Association is the promotion of Recreational Boating. The Committee attempted to organise transport to the 2015 Crick Boat Show for Members but there was insufficient interest to make it economically viable. In the Members Area of the VMMA website, facilities exist for Members to post information, seek advice or assistance and sell/donate boating equipment - areas include Shopping on the Cut, Help Wanted, Tradesmen Recommendations, Exchange & Mart.

Working with Ventnor Marina, the Committee ran a Phase Naming Competition, the proceeds of which were donated to Macmillan Cancer Care.

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DIALOGUE WITH VENTNOR MARINA

One of the primary Objectives of VMMA is to independently represent the interests of Members as berth holders at Ventnor Marina. A number of topics were raised with the Marina on the Members' behalf during 2015 including the Office Opening Hours and the "upgraded" wifi. Details of topics raised, and the Marina's responses, can be found in the Members' Area of the VMMA Website.

FINANCES

The main source of income during 2015 was Membership Fees (£385) with social events contributing a further £80. Costs of Social Events (£104) exceeded income from them as the Moorers' Breakfasts were provided free of charge to Members. Public Liability Insurance cost £78 and IT cost were just under £60 covering the purchase of a domain name, hosting and back-up facilities.

The Committee opened a bank account for the Association with National Westminster Bank. At the end of 2015, the Association had cash at the bank of £310 plus some non-monetary assets such as tea/coffee/chocolate for future social events.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

The primary method of communicating with Members is by e-mail. In addition, information is posted in either the public areas of the VMMA website or in the Members' area. Posters are put up around the Marina and there is post box for VMMA in the Woodland Lounge. Surface mail may be sent to the Committee using the Marina address. Members should be aware that any communications sent by post or left at the Marina will only be seen by the Committee once a Committee Member has been to the Marina to collect the post. Members are encouraged to use e-mail where possible to communicate with the Committee.



for & on behalf of the VMMA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

GILLIAN A CHAPPLE

Secretary

19 February 2016