

INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

LOUGH ERNE BRANCH

Minutes of Committee Meeting at 1700 hours on Monday 13 April 2015 held on mv Escapade moored at Henry Street Enniskillen Co Fermanagh.

PRESENT

Ken Bell, Mike Kingston, Robert Navan, Mervyn Rolls, John Weir, Frank Woods

APOLOGIES

Jane Bell, Alan Cousins, Jim Henning

OBSERVERS

Tony Forsyth, Robert Maitland, Connie Weir

PROCEEDINGS

Ken Bell opened the meeting, which followed our meeting with senior staff of Waterways Ireland at their offices in Enniskillen.

Reference was made to the minutes of the last meeting, in which due to a misunderstanding it was incorrectly stated that all of the Erne System had been surveyed by members of the CSIG team. There is still a lot to do!

The remainder of the minutes were accepted as read.

Our secretary stated that to a written request regarding marketing he had sent to Waterways Ireland has been replied to by Phil Cargill. A 40 page document has been produced regarding Health and Safety procedures. LEYC have been formally approached regarding matters between them and LEB, to which they have replied.

Belturbet Branch attended the recent meeting at Waterways Ireland regarding the bye-laws, but LEB have not received their views. LEB are encouraging a common approach.

Ken Bell referred to a booklet recently produced by the Northern Ireland Environmental Agency, related to the waterways, much of which he would probably object to.

Our secretary reported that at Dunrovin the RNLI are undertaking to fund all matters relating to the design, planning applications, and construction and maintenance of a building suitable for their needs. Added to this an assembly building would be included, possibly part funded by IWAI, for use by IWAI branches when required.

In the absence of Frank Woods on holiday, Robert Navan has agreed to run the C-in-C on 02 May 2015.

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IWAI rules at rallies are that boats should only be moored two deep, one metre apart.

Lough Derg Rally - proposed. Support is expected from perhaps 8 boats, with 30 persons. Tom Bailey of HBA would like LEB to combine with communal visits to the more out of the way places on Lough Derg. Discussions and decisions regarding an itinerary are to take place with all those intending to attend, and they are to be asked for their intentions.

Robert Navan advised that the lock-keeper's cottage on the Newry Canal is to be opened on 13 May 2015, therefore the proposed signs to be supplied and erected by LEB are required by then. The wording on these was discussed.

The meeting concluded at 1750 hours. The date and time of the next committee meeting is to be advised.