



British Military Powerboat Trust

British Military Powerboat Trust Ltd.

December 2007 Newsletter.

It is with great regret and sadness that we have to advise you of the passing of one of our Founding Members, Rear Admiral Sir Roy Halliday, KBE, DSC..

Gus, as we all knew him, was introduced to the Trust by Dr Julian Lewis MP, when the Trust was in its infancy.

Over a number of years, Gus oversaw the gathering of a large number of boats, engines and nautical artefacts, which together constituted the ever expanding collection held by the Trust, at the Husband's Shipyard in Marchwood.

The Trust had been offered a 125 year lease of the Husband's Shipyard site, but it soon became apparent that the Trust was not going to get this lease.

Gus immediately took suitable action to find alternate accommodation for our boats, and to make sure as much as possible was done to safeguard the Trust and its exhibits, by dispersing the collection in the best possible way.

Due to his vision and leadership, the Trust eventually managed to achieve a satisfactory result, and it his legacy which we carry forward, well into the future.

We will all miss the quiet but firm direction and tactful guidance, of this thoroughly nice Officer and Gentleman. "BZ" Gus.

See www.bmpt.org.uk "Obituary"

The paperwork for the AGM is enclosed for your kind attention, and this newsletter will obviously be the last for the year 2007.

Since the AGM we have progressed well with fund raising for the replacement of the engine and gearbox for FMB 43957, and thank all of those who have so kindly donated to this fund.

The FMB is out of the water on her trailer for the winter, and we hope to have her back in the water early May next year.

ST 1502 resides on her pontoon mooring in the Marchwood Military Port, and will be shut down for the winter period.

Please remember that both ST 1502 and FMB 43957 will be available next year for trips on Southampton water, and we need to run them as much as possible, to earn their keep!

We would also like to thank all those who have given so freely of their time and effort, to make sure the Trust continues to move ahead.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year for 2008.

The Board of Directors.



HSL158 leaving Fowey for target towing, 1947

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Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the
British Military Powerboat Trust Ltd.
The Waghorn Room, Calshot Activity Centre.
Sunday 18th November 2007.

The meeting was opened at 1130 by the Chairman, Major Peter Baillie.

1. Members present. Dr Julian Lewis MP. President Elect.

Major the Hon P Baillie JP (Chairman). Mr R. Smallman (Auditor)

Messrs. R.M. Anderson, J. Baker, J.J. Burrell, R.J. Clabburn, F. Cloney, T. Deacon, T. Ford, C. Frampton, F. Gale, M. Gilling, R. Hellyer, B. Lee, L.C. Male, F. Miners, L. Radford, J.A. Read, D.J. Ross, P.A. Sexton, P.J. Tear, J. Thomas, R.H. Wealthy, Mr R Smallman. Auditor elect.

A total of 21 members present, thus achieving the required number of 14, for a quorum.

2. Apologies. Apologies were received from the following:

Messrs. A.R. Alston, P Bellamy, R.G. Bowyer, D. Earle-Payne, G.E. Earle-Payne, A.R. Humphries, T. Jago, T. Mills, A.J. Morris, J. Nunn, P. Simons, J. Towndrow, P. Vincent, J. Walton, T.R. Warren,

3. The minutes of the 2006 AGM were tabled.

Approval and acceptance proposed by M Gilling seconded by J. Thomas.

Majority in favour.

4. Matters arising.

The Secretary advised that no matters had been raised.

5. Directors report.

The Director's report was presented by the Chairman, Major P Baillie.

Major Baillie then welcomed Dr Julian Lewis MP to both the AGM, and by agreement of the members present, as President of the Trust. This was greeted with warm applause from the members.

On completion, adoption was proposed by J Read, seconded by P Sexton.

Majority in favour.

The report to be attached to these minutes.

6. Treasurers report.

Mr T Ford presented the accounts for the six month period of the Ltd Company from April 1st 2006 until March 31st. 2007.

Mr R.J. Clabburn raised a question relating to depreciation, to which Mr R Smallman, our auditor, responded.

The Treasurer advised he would investigate further and report back to the membership.

The Treasurer advised that the Trust was in good financial health, with a present balance at the bank of £4580.00.

A number of items will need paying over the next 6 months, such as rental for the 2 years to March 2010 at Marchwood, as well as the insurance cover for the boats.

On completion, adoption of the accounts was proposed by M Gilling, seconded by P Sexton.

Majority in favour.

7. Appointment of Auditors.

The Treasurer proposed that Roger Smallman & Co be re-appointed as Trust Auditors.

Seconded by R Hellyer.

Majority in favour.

8. Election of Officers.

The Secretary advised the meeting that, in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Association, Major P Baillie stands down, and is available for re-election.

The Secretary advised that the correct nomination forms had been received for the following Officers:

Dr Julian Lewis MP	President.
Major the Hon P Baillie	Director.
Mr T Ford	Director
Mr D Ross	Director
Mr A Alston	Director
Mr R Hellyer	Director
Mr T Ford.	Treasurer.
Mr R Hellyer	Secretary.

The election of all the above nominated officers was proposed by C Frampton, and seconded by M Gilling.

Majority in favour.

9. A proposal to amend the Articles of Association, paragraph 4 (3) to read:

“any sum due from the member to the charity is not paid in full within 2 months of it falling due”

was proposed by Mr F Gale, and seconded Mr J Read.

Majority in favour.

10. A proposal to amend the Articles of Association paragraph 9 (2) to read:

“5 members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted
or
one twentieth of the total membership at the time, whichever is greater”

was proposed by Mr J Read, and seconded by Mr M. Gilling.

Majority in favour.

There being no further business for the AGM, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1220 on Sunday the 18th November 2007.

Question and answer session.

- + The Chairman opened the meeting to a question and answer session.

- + A question was raised regarding the situation of FMB 43957.
The secretary responded with an overview of her history, initiated by Mr R Clabburn succeeding in getting the HLF grant for the boat.
She underwent restoration over a number of years, and is now in the Hythe Marina, afloat. Her engine and gearbox are unserviceable, and replacement engines and parts were obtained, only to be lost in the fire at the Hythe boatyard.
It has been agreed that we will now look for a modern installation to replace the old one, as reliability is essential to her success as a passenger carrying vessel.
To this end we have initiated a "FMB Fighting Fund" to achieve at least £4000.00, which should obtain a suitable installation.
It was noted that very generous donations had already been received, and the Board would continue in its efforts to achieve the required target.

- + It was suggested that email addresses be used to save the Trust postage on newsletters, and this is to be followed up by the Secretary.

- + It was noted that the ST1502 had carried out a rescue whilst on the Army outing earlier this year.

- + The sheds at Gosport were suggested as a place for the Trust, and Lionel Male agreed to look into this for us.

- + The "FMB43597" Fighting Fund to replace her machinery installation is going well, with kind donations being made by members present, as well as those unable to attend. All donations will be gratefully received.

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On conclusion of the Q&A session, members retired to the Restaurant, where further friendly discussion took place over a good meal.
May we once again thank all of those members who attended this AGM, as the weather was not at its best behaviour for travelling, and wish all our members a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.!

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The Directors Report of the BMPT Ltd 2006/2007.
Presented by Major the Hon. P. Baillie. JP

As I am elected by the Board to chair this, the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the British Military Powerboat Trust Ltd, may we take this opportunity to warmly welcome all the members and their wives and partners, who have in many cases travelled a long distance, to be with us today.

We thank you all, for not only coming to this meeting, but also for the continued highly valued and much appreciated support which you have all given to keeping the spirit of the Trust alive, despite the many obstacles which we have had to surmount over the years. It is as a result of this support that we the Board are able to present to you today a positive report on the past years events, as well as an optimistic and hopeful view of the year ahead.

You will have noted an error in the final AGM agenda posted to you, as showing 2008 as the year of the AGM. We have taken the advice of the Charity Commission in this regard, and, we are advised that as this is a clerical error, it will not affect the holding of meeting.

The AGM last year was an unfortunate combination of communication errors as well as misunderstandings, for which we do apologise.

To ensure that we dealt with this situation correctly, we submitted our Proposed Agenda, as well as the minutes for the last AGM, to the charity Commission, who have confirmed that we are following the correct procedure.

The situation of the Trust with regard to the amalgamation with EISCA became a cause for concern, and it was decided by both parties, that the time was right to dissolve the agreement. This decision was taken, as the interests of neither party were being well served by the joint venture.

At a meeting in London on the 28th June, the Agreement between the Trust and EISCA was dissolved, on amicable terms..

The Trust as you are aware, has been located in the Marchwood Military Port since we left the Husbands shipyard facility.

This is an ideal site in that security is excellent, but it does however have the drawback of being inaccessible to the general public.

A major benefit is that we have a berth for ST1502 afloat, at a cost of sharing the boat with the Regiment whenever they wish to use it. The facility is also available to remove the boat once per year for bottom clean and paint.

ST 1502 was removed from the water in the spring and her bottom cleaned and repainted. This benefited her greatly as her speed was increased to 21 knots when clean. The Regiment used her, under our control, for a trip to Cowes, and we attended the Falklands Commemoration day at Marchwood, giving many members of the Regiment a trip. We were privileged to have Hyperion, owned by one of our members, with us on the day.

Unfortunately, RSL1640, another boat owned by one of our members was unable to join us, due to a mechanical fault. ST1502 took part in the 80th celebration of the Calshot lifeboat station, and our thanks to Charles du Cane for introducing us to the RNLI for this event.

The 1502 team led by Terry Ford is to be congratulated on the excellent condition and turn out of the boat; she is a credit to the team's endeavours.

Next year it is planned that we will increase her use, and that the public in general will benefit from seeing her in her element.

We are in the process of negotiating a new lease for the space at Marchwood, which will see the Trust safely housed for the next 2 years.

Ark Royal is as you will know from recent newsletters, safe and afloat in Hythe Marina. We intend to take her out of the water for the winter, and return her to the water in the spring of 2008, with a rebuilt engine and gearbox. She will be presented to the Heritage Lottery Fund in May, for sign off. We have had a serious setback with her rebuilt engine and gearbox, as a result of the fire at Hythe boatyard.

Despite this setback we have been searching for both alternate premises in which to continue the work, as well as to find a safe place for Ark Royal for the winter.

In the first instance we have been lucky to have been offered space by the Brockenhurst College, in their Skills centre at Hardley. We will follow this up during the next week, and are hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.

With regard to wintering the Ark Royal, we have 3 options. One is to use the space we have at Marchwood. The second is to house her at the Hardley site, and thirdly we have been offered a barn on the Ashlett Creek road.

Each of these will be considered shortly, and the most suitable selected.

The search for a suitable replacement engine and gearbox continues, and we will advise you of our progress in the new year.

Our Membership Secretary reports that the membership presently stands as follows.

101 annual members

19 veteran members

15 honorary members

6 silver life members

7 gold members

8 platinum members

This gives a total of 156 members.

During the year we have been advised by one of our members that he was not happy with the way the Trust was being administered.

This member advised us that he was submitting his "papers" to the Charity Commission.

Having heard nothing further, we subsequently confirmed with the Charity Commission, that they had received a complaint, but that they were not considering taking it up.

We have, of course, offered that the Charity Commission the opportunity to undertake an inspection of our administration processes, however they have advised that they are taking no further action.

The Directors made two major decisions this year regarding the assets of the Trust.

The e-boat S130 had been removed to Cremyll, and was on the EISCA slip there. As the trust had no means of recovering this boat, and as a future was being shaped for her by EISCA, we agreed to sell her to EISCA for a nominal £1.00.

This sale was a clean break for the Trust, as no charges for slipping or storage were made.

Likewise with MTB331, EISCA are apparently looking to obtain a lottery grant for her restoration. As the Trust has neither the place to house her nor the finance to move or support her, it was agreed that she too would be transferred to EISCA ownership, for a nominal £1.00.

These decisions were taken in the best interests of both the boats as well as the Trust. With regard to MTB331, it should be noted that an amount you were advised the trust owed to Hampshire County Council at the last AGM, was totally incorrect. The HCC have confirmed that we do not owe HCC any money at all.

As you can see the team here in Southampton have had an extremely busy year. The Board meets every week, at a convenient location on the Waterside, to which all members are cordially invited.

The Treasurer will outline the Trusts financial situation, so I need say no more on that count.

As we have advised you, Gus Halliday retired this year. We have been fortunate to have benefited from Gus's leadership through much rough water, and we thank Gus sincerely for his leadership and guidance, and wish both Gus and Lady Halliday, a peaceful future.

We have approached Dr Julian Lewis, our local MP, with regard to taking up the Trust Presidency, and Julian has graciously agreed to accept this position. May we commend this to the membership, and ask your approval for this appointment.

May we once again sincerely thank all those members and their wives and partners who have attended this AGM, as well as the many members whose apologies we have received, and who have donated in both word and kind.

The Board is confident that we will be able to bring you good progress reports in the year ahead.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our members and partners a very Merry Xmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

By Order of the Board.

British Military Powerboat Trust Ltd
Company limited by guarantee

Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2007

	Notes	2007		2006	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		4,470		5,680
Current assets					
Debtors	5	766		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,250		3,679	
		<u>5,016</u>		<u>3,679</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(744)</u>		<u>(786)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>4,272</u>		<u>2,893</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			8,742		8,573
Net assets			<u>8,742</u>		<u>8,573</u>
Reserves					
Restricted funds	7		1,440		96
Unrestricted funds	7		7,302		8,477
Members' funds			<u>8,742</u>		<u>8,573</u>

The directors' statements required by Section 249B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Detailed income and expenditure account
and expenses schedule
for the year ended 31 March 2007**

	2007		2006	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		888		2,893
Membership		2,121		1,966
Grants received		-		2,077
		3,009		6,936
Administrative expenses				
Rent payable	-		1,875	
Contract costs	-		85	
Insurance	882		-	
Light and heat	-		27	
Boat repairs	785		78	
Printing, postage and stationery	228		164	
Advertising	-		140	
Event costs	22		295	
Fuel	106		532	
Boat transport	50		2,045	
Licences	279		300	
Accountancy	500		550	
Bank charges	71		-	
Administration costs	47		958	
Subscriptions	-		130	
Depreciation	1,310		749	
		4,280		7,928
Operating Deficit	42%	(1,271)	14%	(992)