

Beverley Barge Preservation Society

Chair's Annual Report 2021-2

The Society has returned to a level of normality following the Covid Pandemic, but activities have been limited for the last year. No major events were undertaken other than the Heritage Open Days in September, which enabled the public to see the vessels and have short trips on the Beck, and because of national coverage we were able to attract visitors from outside the local area.

Sun spent some time in the dry-dock for survey, painting and some enhancement work, including the fitting of a heating system over the winter, and was featured in regional newspaper coverage whilst in the dock.

We have been fortunate to be awarded a number of grants for specific items during the year, but also to be a partner of Beverley Town Council, with funding offered for a three year period. We are delighted to continue to work with the Town Council in their work to promote the Town and the wellbeing of its residents.

A concern over the last two years has been falling membership, mainly due to uncertainties during the pandemic, but also unfortunately because of death or illness of former members. Most notable was the death of Brian Holmes, a long serving Trustee and Treasurer of the Society, who put so much energy into the Society, particularly in connection with the World Championship Barge Pulling events. We held an Open Day just before the end of the financial year to recruit new Members with some success but membership and level of involvement of new members will be seen over the coming year.

Looking forward to the coming year we have a fuller programme of events. Syntan will be taking part in the Jubilee Humber Flotilla in June with an extended stay in Hull when the vessel will be open to the public, and a return visit for the Hull Folk and Maritime Festival in September. The following week we will be participating once again in the Heritage Open Days and Syntan will be open every other Sunday throughout the Summer. Sun has trips booked for groups, individuals and specialist groups, and Mermaid will continue to operate short trips on the Beck. The Society is implementing a Crew Competence assessment protocol and will be looking at its Policies and Procedures over the next few months.

As always, in this my last report as Chair of the Society I would like to thank all the Trustees and members who continue to work in many different ways for the good of the Charity, but also to say that we are always keen to recruit new members, particularly those interested in "hands on" work maintaining the vessels. Over the last twenty years since the Society was formed I have had an involvement first as Treasurer then as Chair in the running of the Society, and I am proud of its achievements, but think that now is the time to allow others to step up and take the Society forward under new leadership with fresh ideas. The average age of members is increasing and it would be wonderful to involve younger people in the Society. I also look forward to further returns to normality so that the Society can undertake its main aim, to educate the public about the Inland Waterways.

Iain Campbell



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year Ending 31 st March:	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
INCOME			
Donations	1,198	3,550	727
Sales	0	0	242
Events	204	0	1,479
Membership	460	230	390
Bookings	1,670	(81)	3,543
Grants	2,930	0	0
Gift Aid	0	73	242
Other	14	0	0
<i>Transfer (to)/from Reserves</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(500)</i>	<i>319</i>
TOTAL INCOME	6,476	3,272	6,942
EXPENDITURE			
Repairs & Renewals	1,615	548	1,141
Fixtures & Fittings	1,372	319	1,305
Hire Costs	0	60	260
PR/Social Media	360	360	428
Stationery	0	8	0
Galley	0	0	0
Telecom & Postage	20	0	0
Fuel & Oil	354	0	19
Other Travel	0	0	0
Licences & Memberships	412	358	500
Insurance	2,144	1,492	1,539
Health & Safety	10	0	0
Events costs	0	0	1,396
Depreciation	760	760	758
Other Expenses	10	0	90
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,057	3,905	7,436
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(581)	(633)	(494)



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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending 31 st March:		2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
FIXED ASSETS				
Barge Syntan		95,000	95,000	95,000
Vessel Mermaid		20,000	20,000	20,000
Vessel Sun		35,000	35,000	35,000
Upgrade		0	760	1,520
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		150,000	150,760	151,520
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank / Petty Cash		5,033	4,623	3,915
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Loan		2,500	2,500	2,500
Membership Fees Paid in Advance		170	0	0
Refundable Booking Deposits		132	81	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,802	2,581	2,500
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,231	2,042	1,415
TOTAL ASSETS		152,231	152,802	152,935
REPRESENTED BY:				
General Reserve 1 st April		152,302	152,935	153,429
<i>Adj. to opening balance</i>		<i>10</i>		
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		(581)	(633)	(494)
General Reserve 31 st March		151,731	152,302	152,935
plus Restricted Reserve		500	500	0
TOTAL RESERVES		152,231	152,802	152,935