



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014/15

World of Boats café, behind Dr Who exhibition

24 JULY 2015

### The Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Duval Ferdinand (DF)	<b>Vice Chair(s):</b>	Hugh Kettle (HK) Matt Witty (MW)
<b>Treasurer &amp; Events Co-ordinator:</b>	Dave King (Dave)	<b>Secretary:</b>	Nigel Barry (Nige)
<b>PR Officer:</b>	Louise Tambini (Lou)	<b>Social Secretary:</b>	Chris Hackett (Chris)
<b>General members:</b>	Dafydd Meurig (Daf) Richard Weaver (Rich) Sarah Owen (Sarah)	<b>Social Media:</b>	Dan Allsobrook

1. Welcome, Thanks and Apologies Chair
2. Actions and agree minutes of last AGM Chair
3. Last years' achievements Secretary, Social secretary and others
4. Last years' stats Event Co-ordinator
5. Financial Report Treasurer
6. Public Relations PR Officer
7. Election and de-selection of Committee Secretary
8. Ideas for future River Clean Events All
9. Truck replacement fundraising ideas All
10. AOB: Finger the Audience Chairman
11. Thank You Chairman
12. TAFFTA awards PR Officer and Chairman
13. Socialising All

## **1. Welcome, Thanks and Apologies**

**Chair**

Attendees (28):

Louise Tambini	Dave King	Chris Hackett	Duval Ferdinand	Nigel Barry	Dafydd Meurig
Matthew Witty	Dave Harmer	Sandra Ricardo	Paul Barrett	Keith	Dan Smith
Sue Thomas	Marion Leaves	Jane Akhurst	Tony Akhurst	Anthony Wilby	Paulus
Sarah Owen	Lynne Williams	Giorgio	Ian Holgate	Jon Wallis	Eszter H-P
Paulette Evans	Jane Williams	Lyn Beck	Peter Beck, Lord Lieutenant		

No apologies were received.

## **Presentation of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service**

In order to limit the Lord Lieutenant's involvement with the AGM, his presentation was brought forward.

The Lord Lieutenant briefly described his past experiences and read out the text from the QAVS certificate to the audience. He mentioned how proud he was that he had sponsored us and finally had a group that achieved the award.

The Lord Lieutenant presented the award to Dave and then had his photo taken with various groups with the attendees.

## **2. Actions and agree minutes of last AGM**

**Chair**

Duval briefly reviewed the minutes from the last AGM which were agreed and seconded.

## **3. Last years' achievements**

**Secretary, Social secretary and others**

Nigel walked through a monthly view of last year's achievements with participation of others.

Chris summarised the beer festival, including admitting he had passed off Carling Black Label as his entry and still only managed second place!

Chris covered the Christmas event at the Victoria pub, especially Lord Mayor's outfit.

Tony gave us a summary of his experience of attending the KWT awards on behalf of the CRG.

Chris summarised the Royal Garden party experience at Buckingham Palace.

It was noted that there were a lot of pubs involved in the monthly view.

Finally, there were awards for the committee members with the best attendance over the past year. The results were:

1st	Dave King	93.10%
2nd	Nigel Barry	86.21%
3rd	Duval Ferdinand	79.31%

#### **4. Last year's stats**

#### **Event Co-ordinator**

19 events were run on Cardiff Rivers and there were a few trips out of Cardiff, including 2 balsam-pulling events.

583 bags of rubbish and 16 bags of recycling were collected

2.54 tonnes of scrap metal was collected and recycled.

283 CRG volunteers took part in events 2013-14.

39 volunteers from other groups

In total, 599 hours were spent volunteering on events

Larger items found included: 19 trolleys, 59 tyres, 16 cones, 8 bikes, 1 motor bike, carpets, lorry and tractor tyres, road barriers and a sofa.

#### **5. Financial Report**

#### **Treasurer**

Dave walked the audience through the CRG finances over the past year.

#### **6. Public Relations**

#### **PR Officer**

Louise walked us through her slides on PR, including:

- Twitter
- Facebook
- TV and Radio involvement
- Videos and films
- Other publications and websites in which we'd been featured
- The Press articles
- Our merchandise
- The future.

At the end of the PR session, Louise read out a poem from a local poet who featured at the Launch of the Living Taff. Marion Leaves supplied the book of poems.

#### **7. Election and de-selection of Committee**

#### **Secretary**

Matthew decided that he would step down as Vice Chairman

Richard has stepped down as he has moved away

Lou suggesting booting Gez off the committee as he'd hasn't been able to participate much this year. This was agreed.

The committee was formally thanked for their contributions to the CRG over the past year.

The rest of the committee members were happy to stay on in post.

Two new people – Jon Wallis & Lord Mayor – were proposed and seconded as committee members, and were duly elected.

**8. Ideas for future River Clean Events****All**

The audience was asked to suggest areas for future cleans.

Suggestions included:

- Dock entrance in Cardiff Bay (Tony)
- Caerphilly, Green Lady, Pontypandy (Matt W)
- Forest Farm especially the Glamorgan canal section
- 14 Locks Newport (Lord Mayor)
- Ogmore
- Hamadryad Park (opposite Dave's home)
- Porthkerry
- Llanishen (evening event)
- Balsam picking in Blackweir
- Big Sleep (evening event)
- Tredegar Park Lake

**9. Truck replacement fundraising ideas****All**

The truck replacement is not as imminent as previously thought, giving us more time to plan and raise funds for its replacement. With the current bank balance, we will reserve some of the funds for the truck eg, £3,500 reserved for the truck replacement up to Dec '15. A further £5,500 needs to be raised over the next 2 years by Dec '17. A sub-committee may be formed to target fund raising in the future

**10. Any Other Business (aka "Finger the audience")****Chairman**

We should promote ourselves more (Georgio).

A tidy up behind the Farmers Market in town, along the Taff embankment (Sandra).

A tidy up at the dock entrance in Cardiff Bay by the red gates (Tony).

A number of sites were suggested including Caerphilly, Green lady, Pontypandy, Forest Farm, Glamorgan canal that is overgrown and suffering from erosion (Matt)

Other suggestions included a cake-making sub-committee

A specific clean-up at Pontcanna fields.

Lord Mayor suggested the 14 locks could be good site along with other sites in Newport.

Trips out of our normal area are seen as good for moral but we have to watch out for other groups.

Ogmore was suggested for an event in September.

Car boot sales could be used to generate income

Regular updates to the web site were suggested (Ian). Daf, Matt and Jon offered their help to keep the web site up to date.

Ian suggested that a schedule of the forthcoming events should be included as this is of most interest to visitors of the web site.

**11. Thank You****Chairman**

Duval thanked the volunteers, the committee, Dave for the personal effort he brings, the IPO for their scrap, ABP for the container, Cardiff Parks for its support, World of Boats, BT, Arriva trains and, of course, KWT.

Duval then played a thank you video, which he'd downloaded from YouTube, to the audience.

**12. TAFFTA awards****PR Officer and Chairman**

Unfortunately, it wasn't possible for every person in the audience to get an award. Apologies to those people that didn't get one.

This year we only presented TAFFTAs to our volunteers, with a mixture of fun awards. Below is a summary of the awards.

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>TAFFTA award description</b>
Marion	Best one-liner put down
Ian Holgate	Earliest Attendance
Sue and Dan	Happy Couple
Tony Akhurst	Artistic Licence
Nicky Mason	Most underestimated puppies
Nicola Twaite	Most gullible
Ed	Best Bobbie
Dan	Misguided Holiday destination
Lynne	Best Amelia Earhart impression
	Best Elfis outfit
	Best chops twattage
	Megalomania
Lord Mayor	Silver tongued fox

The formal part of the AGM was then declared closed.

**13. Socialising****All**

Attendees socialised.