



board again. The use of energy limiters was discussed at the presidium meeting and it was decided to send a questionnaire to member countries to get the feeling of the membership. The general feeling has been that the use of energy limiters should be one of the battery criteria applied. The outcome of these discussions is awaited.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Club finances remain healthy. The balance brought forward was £2159.43 and the current balance stands at £2110.43 which is a reduction of £49 over the year. There were two cheques for Elmbridge which had not been cashed. The June cheque had been taken off the funds but the September one was not accounted for. Phil noted that the effect of reducing entry fees had not impacted the club finances too significantly. Dave Parker asked Martin if he knew of any proposals to increase the MPBA fees. Martin said that as he was not now the section secretary he was not party to this information, but that his thought were that as they had been reduced only the year before he could not see them being increased this coming year. Robert Foss said that he would like the club to consider tee-shirts. Martin asked if he meant tee-shirts or fleeces. The fleeces that Robert had seen members wearing had been purchased for when the club put on an exhibition at the London Boat Show. Rob said that from his perspective when he decided to come back into model boat racing it was from a position of having been there before and he would be prepared to wear clothing with perhaps a logo with contact details in order to promote the club. Rob was formally proposing a tee-shirt. Phil pointed out that these would be relatively expensive due to the short production run. Consideration would have to be given as to varying sizes and quantities. Rob said that he knew of someone that could maybe produce these and that he was prepared to look further into this. Rob also asked if we had banners to put up at our meetings. The issue of advertising to be discussed further under AOB.

### **Membership Secretary's report:**

The number of Electra members is currently 17 which was the same as 2016. We had lost two members, Paul Upton-Taylor who had moved up North, and his friend.

### **Regatta Records Officer's report:**

Martin passed round some charts. The most popular classes had been hydro 1 and mono 2 whereas last year it had been mini hydro and mono 2. There had been a total reduction in entries from 192 in 2016 to 167 in 2017. BeALE Park had the lowest attendance over two rounds with 41 entries with Althorne having 43 over two rounds. Only hydro 1 had an increase in entries with hydro 2 falling away sharply. The Althorne numbers had benefited by the attendance of Paul and Lee Heath prior to the Nationals. There was a possibility that we may see more of them in 2018.



Votes for - unanimous

**Secretary:**

Martin Harvey: Proposed by Roy Hitchcock  
Seconded by John Croyden

Votes for - unanimous

**Treasurer:**

Peter Lockhart: Proposed by Martin Harvey  
Seconded by John Croyden

Votes for - unanimous

**Membership Secretary:**

Peter Lockhart: Proposed by Martin Harvey  
Seconded by John Croyden

Votes for - unanimous

**Regatta Records Officer:**

Martin Harvey: Proposed by Brian Woolcott  
Seconded by Nathan Vosloo

Votes for - unanimous

**PRO/Web Master**

Sue Lockhart: Proposed by Roger Graves  
Seconded by David Harvey

Votes for - unanimous

**Safety officers:**

Brian Woolcott (chief): Proposed by Phil Toler  
Seconded by Robert Foss

Votes for - unanimous



could also offer to run a Club 500 class or a 'Run what you bring' class for the Elmbridge members. Martin asked what the feeling was of running on a Bank Holiday Sunday. This was not felt to be feasible.

## 2. Run What You Brung Class

It was decided to leave this class in the rule book but to not formally run it as a class, albeit pending the outcome of the Elmbridge situation.

## 3. Tee-Shirts

A discussion took place around the use of advertising media such as banners. It was pointed out that the Beale meetings are held under the name of Mid Thames Model Boat club and not Electra. It was suggested that maybe we could therefore have a banner for both. These banners could be mounted on the gazebos. Sue, Rob and Mark to look into the provision of banners. Rob said that he would pursue the purchase of tee-shirts. Tee-shirts and banners to be looked into before looking at such items as car stickers.

Phil broached the issue of the website and did it need a complete overhaul. Phil said that he had experience of developing a website using Wordpress. Sue said that when she took over the website she asked the web host about changing it. It was felt that there was no need as the current one does all that is required of it. The outcome of further discussion was that members were broadly satisfied with the current website but that it needed more up to date information on it. Sue said that it was up to members to provide information for inclusion on the website. Sue said that she did not want a lot more work to do and that members should take into account that at some time she would give up the post, thus leaving someone else to pick up the work. Phil suggested that over the coming year that a new website be developed that could eventually go live but with links to the existing site, thus ensuring that no information was lost.

## 4. Facebook Promotions

A discussion took place regarding the use of Facebook for advertising the club. It cost £2 per day with a minimum of 10 days promotion. It was decided that whilst Facebook was a useful medium it was not felt necessary to pay for this form of advertising.

## 5. Committee Attendance

Brian said that he would not be at the first Elmbridge meeting if it took place as he would be visiting Mark in Australia. Therefore someone else would need to take his set of buoys.

Martin said that he might not be available for the first Beale meeting as he wanted to attend a fishing match. As he was the person who supplied the outboard engine this would not be available. Nathan said that this would not be a problem as he had rowed the rescue dingy for the MTMBC. Phil said did we need to buy an electric outboard and it was pointed out that we already owned one which was stored in the trailer at Althorne. The battery was of no use.

## 6. Naviga

David Harvey gave an overview of the latest Naviga proposals for the use of energy limiters and batteries.

Meeting closed at 2:40pm