

# TRANSCRIPT OF THE 5th COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 'SRL'

17th SEPTEMBER 2003

## **The Stafford Branch Navigation Heritage Trust**

Meeting No. 5 at Wolverhampton Boat Club, September 17th 2003

**1. Present:** D.Jones (Chairman), N.Cooper (Vice-Chairman), R.Bowden (Secretary)

## **2. Apologies**

2.1 None

## **3. Minutes of last meeting**

3.1 Distributed to the above for information

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

4.1 Agreed that the R.Sow navigation link was well worth opening and that it would prove to be a popular overnight, or longer, visit for boaters, with the attraction of good shops and entertainment, and a nice little river trip through beautiful scenery. The cricket ground and the church, for example. The benefits to the environment and wildlife to be promoted, along with enhanced recreational facilities, and extra trade for the town. The fact that it would not be always usable in the Winter was not regarded as a serious problem, and that other rivers have similar constraints in flood conditions.

## **5. Correspondence**

## **6. Reports**

## **7. The Way Forward**

7.1 The meeting was arranged to reactivate the trust's activities. The following actions were decided upon by the group:

- (a) To contact Ron Fisher with a view to finding out about the survey he did (RB)
- (b) To contact Phil Sharpe of the IWA and seek his advice regarding the way forward. (RB)
- (c) To contact the student who contacted the group, from Stafford Council. (DJ)
- (d) To join the IWA at a suitable date in the future, to be decided.
- (e) To obtain specimen constitutions (DJ)
- (f) To contact Ron Ashley to see whether he might be willing to join the group, or advise us on finance, and on the requirements of opening an account in the name of the Trust. (RB)
- (g) To contact the owner of the trip boat (NC)
- (i) To pay for any expenses, but to keep receipts and give them to Pat for eventual refund from the Trust's money when sufficient had been raised.
- (j) Norman will produce an AV of the route, etc.

**8. AOB**

**9. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 1st October at 9pm in the clubhouse, agenda as above

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