EACC Moorings Annual Report to AGM 2022

Income from mooring fees for 2022 season Total: <u>£6,389.76</u>

Expenditure on moorings in 2022 season

Total: £9,148.17

NB The total expenditure does not include the safety boat mooring fee this year which will from now on be included as part of safety boat expenditure rather than Moorings'.

Rotac. Farms for Quay Heading	6,611.40
Timber & Materials for Quay Heading replacement	1,010.77
Brown & Co ground rent	1,500.00
Petrol for mowers	16.16
Grass seed	9.84
Total	<u>9,148.17</u>

Maintenance

Early this year the badly decayed quay heading on the club side of the small dyke was removed, the bank straightened parallel with the opposite bank and the quay heading replaced with new timber. The work was carried out by Rotac. Farms (Southgates) at a cost of $\pounds6,611.40$.

This was followed by work on 10 metres of quay in poor condition just inside the main basin on the left. The work was carried out by club members and involved placing new quay heading outside the old and securing with new tie rods. Materials were purchased by the club at a cost of £1,010.77, a considerable saving to the club.

The Committee recognise that in some years, such as this, higher than average expenditure on the moorings may contribute to an annual loss for the club. In order to mitigate this in future years the committee has made the following provisions:

- Reducing the cost of quay heading replacement by doing it ourselves, in small stretches annually, as soon as it becomes necessary whenever possible. While recognising that the moorings will need further repairs in the not too distant future, there is apparently no urgent work needed prior to next season. However, checks will be made early next year and action taken if deemed necessary. It would be useful if a small group of volunteer members could be called upon to provide the manpower for any in house piling/dredging etc. deemed necessary and do-able each year. The ability to swing a big hammer would be the main requirement. David Thompson oversaw the work this year and is prepared to do so in the future given the necessary support. If in principle you would be prepared to offer help, please let us know.
- Approving the ring fencing of £2000 annually, in the first instance, increased by the annual rate of inflation, from the mooring income, for the purchase of materials for the club to do its own repairs. If repairs are not immediately necessary in any year the funds are to be held over for use in future years.
- Seeking to address the problems of silting up caused by backwash from the river. Possible solutions include hiring a mud pump and/or deploying a removable barrier to prevent silting.

• 'In house' servicing of the mower and strimmers. All were checked and serviced early in the season by Colin Chettleburgh and as a result all three machines have worked well. Our thanks to Colin. He has advised that the mower will probably give another year's service but that we may need to be prepared to replace it sooner rather than later.

The mowing rota has worked well again this year thanks to the willing volunteers who put their names down including some new members and some not currently active members.

The safety ladder will be checked and either replaced or repaired before next season.

Mooring Occupancy

Income was received from all ten mooring spaces again this year and mooring fees were all fully paid as required by 31st March.

Mooring Rate for 2023

2023 is the final year of our 5 year plan to increase the mooring rate by 6% plus inflation to cover the increased ground rent which has risen in stages from £350 in 2017 to £2000 in 2023. In line with this the rate was set by the committee at £23.74 per foot p.a. in the Moorings Annual Review in October.

Paul Stevens. 10th December 2022