



**Final Minutes Annual General Meeting 30 November 2014 at 2.00p.m.**

**Present:**

Simon Lidbetter (SL) - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Neil Champion (NC)	Phip Woodhatch (PW)
Paul Dutton (PD)	Mark Foster (MF)	

Mary Clucas	Jane Howe	Simon Reed
Bernard Clucas	John Howe	Andrew Dark
David Duffield	Elsbeth Drew	Sally Wicks
Pat Bradstock	Margaret Ferguson	Maureen Whitcher
Paul Bradstock	Archie Ferguson	Derek Robinson
John Turtle	Raph Demangeat	Alice Dutton
Karen Lidbetter	Chris Rickards	Matthew Brown

**Apologies:**

Neil Grant	Ken Taylor	Mary Sutherland
Alison Gray	Sue Bowen	John Young
John Gray	Sonia Newbery	Mark Neild
Pat Jackson	Chris Newbery	Martin Wicks
Trevor Jackson		

**1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.**

The draft minutes of 2013 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Paul Bradstock, seconded by Jean Mitchell, approved without objection.

**2. Matters arising**

No outstanding matters.

**3. Receiving the Report of the Committee as to the affairs of the Club for the past year**

***Commodore's report – Simon Lidbetter***

Topic	Report
Flooding and the septic tank	The work done on the septic tank during the year have worked and we have not seen further issues
Winter Social	Dinner at the Beetle & Wedge was a great success
Open Day	The weather was not good, but 7 families signed up on the day
President's Bowl	The race had 2 starts; one for adults and one for juniors, with a total of 21 boats taking part. Many thanks to Archie and Margaret for providing such a splendid tea.
Island Races	We raced at Island and hosted Island at GTSC – we won!
Links with the community	Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Brockhurst school have all participated in sailing evening and all gave a donation to the club funds.
Summer Party	We abandoned using the marquee as the weather was expected to be good and numbers were not huge. A fun night and the weather held.
Commodore's Cup	A total of 17 boats took part. Thanks to Karen and Simon for the tea.
Thames Challenge	GTSC fielded 3 teams of 6, plus 3 substitutes. There were 7 clubs taking part. The weather was not kind and there was lightening twice during the day so only 30 races could be run. The juniors were in good spirits and it was a vibrant day. Thanks again to Rob.
Moulsford Cup	Took place on a Saturday again.
NSSA	Took place in Deal, Kent. Five of our juniors were selected for the Oxford squad: Emily Stoker, Miles Lidbetter, David Mackney, Dan



	Neild and Sam McCracken. All sailed well.
Studland	Most of those who participated had a fabulous time, but the Commodore spent most of the week in the cardiac unit following an MI.
GTSC Regatta	Another successful day of fun and sailing
Bart's Bash	A first for the club to have 43 boats out together. A lot of organization went into the event, but it was worthwhile.
Saturday Sailing and Kid's Club	Introduced a RYA coach and the format worked well.
Youth Club	Well attended again in 2014.
RYA and PB training	5 RYA dinghy courses and 2 PB courses were run during 2014.
Miscellaneous	Bought a Topper WiFi has been installed at the club The winch is working New water heaters have been installed in all toilet/shower areas The oven has been repaired Timers fitted to the changing room heaters

### **Club Development Plan 2012-2017**

As reported at the 2013 AGM, the new 5 year Club Development Plan (CDP) was finalised in January 2013 and the committee continues to work to the plan. SL presented an update to targets.

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Increase and widen to between 350 and 400; improve retention rate	Currently the club has 339 members – we can only take a few more
<b>Training</b>	
Expand qualified trainers, offer formal sailing and PB courses, develop club fleet	We are almost at capacity as to what we can offer. We introduced the RYA coach for Saturday Sailing: am juniors, pm anyone. The format worked well and new members who attended joined in racing as a result. We plan to use the same format again for 2015.
<b>Events</b>	
Races for experienced, junior and adult novices (Improvers), youth club, after school club, other venues, inter-club	Packed calendar: there are very few slots available for anymore events.
<b>Facilities</b>	
Further develop the facilities available to members	New marquee is in hand. Will cost ~8K – either get a grant or use club funds Frontage – done. The new surface was laid. Thanks to everyone who helped and to Rob for organizing the equipment and driver.
<b>Community</b>	



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Host groups such as guides, cubs, scouts, youth club	We are contributing a lot to the community by hosting other organizations and thus improving access to the sport.
Develop links with local schools	Brockhust school came for a days sailing and BBQ

For 2015 the Committee plan the following in accordance with the CDP:

- Keep Saturday Sailing – Monthly super Saturday
- Cruising club for recreational sailors to do picnics upriver
- Skills clinic sessions before improver races
- Ladies who launch – Ladies only events
- 4 new Laser Picos to replace our ageing Qbas
- Bring the Feva fleet up to 3
- 3rd safety boat – small boat for training
- Landscaping to be developed

**Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion**

Highlights for 2014

*Bart's Bash September*

- Guinness World attempt
- 30, 734 sailors – raised £298,198
- We had 43 boats and 13 crew and raised £470.23
- We are now on u-tube

*JMS Challenge Bowl*

- 13 helms
- Only club boats allowed – helms randomly allocated to boats
- Simon L raced an oppie!

*Regatta 2014*

A successful day, but not the greatest wind:

- 9 Races
- 51 helms: 17 adults and 34 juniors took part

*Inter-club Race v Island Sailing Club*

- In May we took 10 boats from GTSC to Island and we won
- In October we hosted and the wind was terrible so it was declared a draw

*Club racing*

We managed a full season of racing

- 129 races run this year in all trophy competitions
  - Plus 69 races count towards Potter Points/Laser Series
- 88 Sailors/helms
  - 48 Adults
  - 40 Juniors
- 43 Club/trophy races held



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*Next year's Calendar*

- More Improver Series
- Inter-club racing v Island Home and Away
- GTSC Regatta
- Bart's Bash 2

Another full year of sailing expected

**SL reported on the Club Membership on behalf of Susan Bowen, Membership Secretary.**

<b>Classes of membership</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Family	47	56	61
Joint	22	20	19
Sailing	19	21	22
Social	6	5	7
Life	5	5	5
Honorary	6	6	6
Student	2	2*	2
<b>New Members (included in above)</b>			
Family		17	18
Joint		3	3
Sailing		2	2

There are lots of new members and they are actively participating in the club.

**4. Receiving the Report of the Treasurer and the audited accounts of the Club for the financial year last expired.**

SL presented a summary of the accounts, which have been audited by Maureen Whitcher.

<b>Income</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Membership fees	18,541.65	17,682.88
Bar	3,980.91	4,440.70
Tea bar/Kitchen	1,552.60	1,330.65
Social activities	2,038.50	2,996.98
Training receipts	6,340.00	5,265.00
Juniors Events	1,584.75	1,571.10
Club House Hire	180.00	405.00
Grants & Donations	1,954.73	10,797.00
Miscellaneous (inc Bank interest)	972.28	1,279.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,145.42</b>	<b>45,769.42</b>



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<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Membership Dues Reimbursed	334.69	124.20
Cleaning	1,637.00	1,486.80
Rates	426.98	418.19
Insurance	3,566.07	3,678.05
Bar	2,658.18	2,485.93
Tea Bar/Kitchen	996.71	659.12
Running cost inc. maintenance	5,453.51	7,599.48
Juniors Events	2,098.33	1,410.76
Printing and publicity	1,523.51	1,226.45
Social costs	1,897.10	1,445.21
Trophies	1,083.42	986.94
Club Boats maintenance	2,652.65	638.28
Training costs	3,891.56	2,301.35
Capital Purchases	1,637.47	12,639.19
Waste disposal	761.17	647.25
Phone charges	617.84	309.01
Electricity	1,235.84	660.00
Water Rates	194.57	142.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,666.60</b>	<b>38,858.21</b>

<b>Cash Flow Reconciliation</b>		
Opening cash balance as at 1 Nov 2013	<b>25,843.97</b>	
Surplus for October 2013/14	<b>4,478.82</b>	
Total		<b>30,322.79</b>
<b>Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2014 :-</b>		
Deposit Account closing balance	<b>21,009.13</b>	
Current Account closing balance	<b>8,480.00</b>	
less outstanding cheques & invoices	711.36-	
Plus closing cash in hand	122.30	
Closing Total		<b>30,322.79</b>

The club has a surplus again.

There was £250 expenditure on the electrics at the start of the year that was from 2013.

Thank you to Kathryn Foster who handled the paperwork and provided advice regarding corporation tax. The end result is that we do not have to pay any money.



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Thank you to Maureen Whitcher for doing the audit again this year. I know it's a lot of work. Flowers were presented directly to Maureen Whitcher and to Kathryn Foster (via Mark). The funds at the end of the year were £30,322.79 which is very satisfactory.

Matthew Brown proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Jane Howe and approved unanimously.

SL proposed that Maureen Whitcher be asked to audit the accounts next year. This was seconded by Jill Marsden and approved by members.

**5. Electing the Committee**

Thanks to Mel Curnow who is standing down as Rear Commodore and to Mary Sutherland who is standing down from editor of the Burgee.

Andy Nicoll was put forward as Rear Commodore. Proposed by Rob Jones and seconded by Phip Woodhatch.

Two new Committee members have volunteered: John Turtle and Raph Demangeat.

Mark Foster is taking a year out as Training Principal. Mark Neild will take over the position.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2015:

<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	Simon Lidbetter	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Rob Jones	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Andy Nicoll	Rob Jones	Phip Woodhatch
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jean Mitchell	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Secretary</b>	Jill Marsden	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Sailing Secretary</b>	Neil Champion	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Susan Bowen	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Committee member</b>	John Turtle	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Committee member</b>	Phip Woodhatch	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Committee member</b>	Raph Demangeat	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Committee member</b>	Paul Dutton	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster
<b>Committee member</b>	Mark Neild	Archie Fergusson	Mark Foster

Approved as proposed without objection.

<b>Other key roles</b>	
<b>Training Principal</b>	Mark Neild
<b>Junior Sailing Development</b>	Rob Jones
<b>Adult Sailing Development</b>	Mark Neild
<b>Burgee editor</b>	Phip Woodhatch
<b>Publicity</b>	Phip Woodhatch
<b>Safety Boat</b>	Pete Owen
<b>Safety Boat Instructor</b>	Barry Bailie
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	Simon Homes
<b>Bosun</b>	Simon Reed
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Mandy Stoker & Catherine Wedgbury



**6. Fixing the amount of the subscription for each class of member and the entrance fee for the coming year.**

SL explained that there had been debate at the Committee as to what should be suggested for the fees for 2015. It was agreed that a 1.6% increase should be proposed in line with the retail price index.

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Proposed 2015</b>
<b>Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)</b>	50	50
<b>Sailing (One person over the age of 18)</b>	141	143
<b>Joint (Two people living at same address)</b>	186	189
<b>Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-18])</b>	205	208
<b>Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)</b>	46	47
<b>Social (Non-Sailing)</b>	44	45
<b>Unemployed discount</b>	50%	50%
<b>Additional dinghy parking*</b>	46	47
<b>Additional canoe parking*</b>	26	27
<b>Junior dinghy parking*</b>	31	32

*\*parking for one boat is included in the membership fees*

The membership fees for 2015 were proposed by Paul Dutton and seconded by David Duffield. The fees were approved with no objections.

**7. Considering the election of such persons as the Committee may recommend as President, Vice President or Honorary members of the Club**

The Committee had not selected any persons to be put forward to the meeting.

**8. AOB**

Sally Wicks expressed thanks to the committee for the effort that has been put into youth sailing, saying that it bodes well for the future of the club.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Sunday 29 November 2015.

The meeting was closed at 2.40pm.