



Draft Minutes Annual General Meeting 27 November 2016 at 2.00p.m.

Present:

Andrew Nicoll - Chair
Jean Mitchell (JMi)
Rachel Conway (RC)

Jill Marsden (JMa)
Neil Champion (NC)

Rob Jones (RJ)
John Turtle (JT)

Mary Clucas
Bernard Clucas
John Francis
Yvonne Francis
Pete Barefield
Raph Demangeat
Mark Foster (MF)

Jane Howe
John Howe
Heather Merryweather
Tim Wakefield
Peter Hunter
Rachel Martin

Keith Hathaway
Andrew Dark
Sally Wicks
Maureen Whitcher
Derek Robinson
Mark Hayzelden

Apologies:

Pat Jackson
Trevor Jackson
Simon Reed
Archie Ferguson
Audrey Beer

Martin Wicks
Matthew Brown
Simon Lidbetter
Margaret Ferguson

Jennie Wood
Paul Bradstock
Elspeth Drew
John Beer

1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.

The draft minutes of 2015 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Rob Jones, seconded by Rachel Conway, approved without objection.

2. Matters arising

Use of flags for racing – the rules will remain, but action is at the discretion of the OOD.

Hard standing – repairs were completed at the work party.

Rigging instructions – RC is working with the juniors who are Assistant Instructors to put together a set of rigging instructions.

OOD to claim average points for the series – the rules were amended to reflect this. It is at the discretion of the OOD to inform the results secretary.

Protest procedure – the rules have been changed to reflect the RYA arbitration process and some individuals have been trained as arbitrators. Thanks to Mark Hayzelden for organising.

Tea bar / bar – the bar steward and tea bar monitor are keeping a close eye on the costs. The signage is to be reworded to improve the instructions and requirements to pay. The committee will monitor the situation.

**3. Receiving the Report of the Committee as to the affairs of the Club for the past year
*Commodore's report – Andy Nicoll***

Topic	Report
Winter Social	Dinner at The Perch and Pike was great fun
Work Party	Many jobs were completed
Spring Social	Fish and Chips were excellent and thanks to Simon for the quiz.
Open Day	The day was cold so numbers were down. We need to have an alternative plan for 2017 in case of a repeat.
President's Bowl	The race had 2 starts; one for adults and one for juniors. Many thanks to Paul and Pat for providing such a splendid tea their first year in the role.
Summer Party	The number of attendees was low, but the food from Pierreponts was



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	excellent.
Commodore's Cup	A total of 15 boats took part with both an adult and junior fllet. Thanks to Andy for the tea.
Thames Challenge	GTSC fielded 3 teams again. The girls team just missed out on winning after a tie break. The boys were just behind. Thanks again to Rob.
Moulsford Cup	A total of 13 participants across a junior, a fast and a slow fleet.
NSSA	A number of our juniors were selected for the event which took place at Great Yarmouth. All had a great experience sailing on the sea and coping with waves, tides and currents.
GTSC Regatta	A windy, rainy, wet day.
Bart's Bash 3	We raised £200 for ASSF.
Island Races	We won at Island. Unfortunately they couldn't come to us.
Laser Open	Members took part in Laser open competitions.
Saturday Sailing and Kid's Club	Continued using a RYA coach. On Saturday morning the juniors have been helping. Looking to develop the Kid's club more in 2017.
Youth Club	Continues to do well.
Community events	Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Cubs have all participated in sailing evenings and all gave a donation to the club funds.
RYA and PB training	Continued to give RYA dinghy courses and PB courses during 2016 and a lot of individuals have been trained.
Winter Social 2017	The date has changed to 4 Feb. We are going to Pierreponts and it will be £28/head.

Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion

Highlights for 2016

General

- More races held this year – 153
- Not many red boards
- 79 helms, 36 crews, 44 adults, 35 juniors

Bart's Bash 3

- 22 helms
- Very light winds

Regatta 2016

Despite the weather races went ahead:

- 9 Races
- For the JMS Challenge we tried Comet vs Laser and will do this again in 2017. Due to the weather only the first leg was raced.
- For 2017 we want to make it more inclusive, not just juniors

Inter-club Race v Island Sailing Club

- Worked well in previous years
- GTSC won by default



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2017

Next year's Calendar

- Continue Saturday Sailing
- Improver Series (aimed at those not confident to race in main Sunday racing)
- Inter-club racing v Island Home and Away
- Bart's Bash 4
- Pursuit handicap system – recommend we keep it. Agreed.

DutyMan

- Keep using (plea from NC)
- Need more individuals updating to confirm duties
- Individuals to request swaps using the system

NC is stepping down as Sailing Secretary and asked for a volunteer.

Membership Secretary's report – Simon Lidbetter

Classes of membership	2013	2014	2015	2016
Family	56	61	65	
Joint	20	19	17	
Sailing	21	22	24	
Social	5	7	6	
Life	5	5	4	
Honorary	6	6	6	
Student	2	2	1	
New Members (included in above)				
Family	17	18	21	
Joint	3	3	2	
Sailing	2	2	3	

The numbers are reasonable; however, we have lost overall 17 units. The committee to have a contingency plan in place for 2017 Open Day in case of poor weather.

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

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

Income	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Membership fees	17,572.40	20,647.70	18,541.65	17,682.88
Bar	3,532.00	3,154.60	3,980.91	4,440.70
Tea bar/Kitchen	996.00	860.00	1,552.60	1,330.65
Social activities	1,815.50	1,990.00	2,038.50	2,996.98
Training receipts	8,456.00	5,759.50	6,340.00	5,265.00
Juniors Events	1,011.20	1,205.00	1,584.75	1,571.10
Club House Hire	270.00	135.00	180.00	405.00
Grants & Donations	11,167.85	2,217.90	1,954.73	10,797.00
Miscellaneous (inc Bank interest)	427.03	1,107.53	972.28	1,279.21
Total	45,247.98	37,077.23	37,145.42	45,769.42



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Expenditure	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Membership Costs	440.55	565.70	334.69	124.20
Cleaning	1,675.20	1,600.80	1,637.00	1,486.80
Rates	442.33	437.77	426.98	418.19
Insurance	3,598.06	3,204.53	3,566.07	3,678.05
Bar	2,576.92	2,494.23	2,658.18	2,485.93
Tea Bar/Kitchen	848.13	622.29	996.71	659.12
Running cost inc. maintenance	10,772.48	6,485.43	5,453.51	7,599.48
Juniors Events	1,682.58	2,095.96	2,098.33	1,410.76
Printing and publicity	935.54	1,177.50	1,523.51	1,226.45
Social costs	1,458.06	1,535.77	1,897.10	1,445.21
Trophies	195.00	886.10	1,083.42	986.94
Club Boats maintenance	2,183.01	3,156.49	2,652.65	638.28
Training costs	7,560.78	5,160.83	3,891.56	2,301.35
Capital Purchases	700.00	1,502.00	1,637.47	12,639.19
Waste disposal	832.58	770.27	761.17	647.25
Phone charges	242.50	319.09	617.84	309.01
Electricity	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,235.84	660.00
Water Rates	101.94	109.86	194.57	142.08
Total	37,265.66	33,144.63	32,666.60	38,858.21

Income/Expenditure

	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-2013	2011-2012
Income - Social/Bar/Tea Bar	6,343.50	6,004.60	7,572.01	8,768.33	7,137.00
Expenditure - Social/Bar/Tea Bar	4,883.11	4,652.29	5,551.99	4,590.26	5,130.00
Surplus	1,460.39	1,352.31	2,020.02	4,178.07	2,007.00

Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen and social	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-2013	2011-2012
Income	38,904.48	31,072.63	29,573.41	37,001.98	23,014.00
Expenditure	32,382.55	28,492.34	27,114.61	34,267.95	22,784.00
Surplus	6,521.93	2,580.29	2,458.80	2,734.03	230.00



End of Year Totals

Cash Flow Reconciliation		
Opening Balances at 1 November 2015		
Deposit account opening balance		21,040.66
Current account opening balance		12,584.11
Less uncles cheques from previous year		- 304.00
Less unpaid invoice from previous year		643.30
Plus Opening cash		291.32
Account opening balance		34,255.39
Opening total		34,255.39
Add Surplus for Year Ended 31 October 2016	7,982.32	
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2016 :-		42,237.71
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2016		
Deposit Account closing balance	21072.40	
Current Account closing balance	21043.99	
less uncleared cheques	-	
less unpaid invoice	-	
Plus closing cash in hand	121.32	
Closing Total		42,237.71

Income from membership fees was down and the surplus from training receipts was also down.

Expenses are increased from previous years due to shingle for the car park, fixing the electrics in the changing rooms, resurfacing the bridleway, emptying the septic tank and reupholstering the bar stools. On the positive side the new supplier for engraving the trophies was much cheaper.

The increase in boat upkeep was questioned by Sally Wicks. The club owns more boats and some are getting older. The Visions required new sails.

Thank you to Maureen Witcher for doing the audit again this year. Flowers and wine were presented to Maureen Witcher.

JMi proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by RJ and approved unanimously.

JMi proposed that Maureen Witcher be asked to audit the accounts next year. This was seconded by JMa and approved by members.

5. Electing the Committee

AN thanked the outgoing committee. NC is stepping down as Sailing Secretary. Many thanks to Neil for his efforts.

Several new Committee members have volunteered: Keith Hathaway, Tim Wakefield, Peter Hunter and a return for Mark Foster.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2016:

Nominations	Proposed	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Andy Nicoll	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Vice Commodore	Rob Jones	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Rear Commodore	Simon Lidbetter	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden



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Treasurer	Jean Mitchell	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Secretary	Jill Marsden	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Sailing Secretary			
Membership Secretary	Simon Lidbetter	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	John Turtle	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Phip Woodhatch	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Jennie Wood	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Mark Foster	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Peter Hunter	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Rachel Conway	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Tim Wakefield	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden
Committee member	Keith Hathaway	Andrew Darke	Mark Hayzelden

Approved as proposed without objection.

Other key roles	
Training Principal	Rachel Conway
Junior Sailing Development	Rob Jones
Adult Sailing Development	Rachel Conway
Burgee editor	Phip Woodhatch
Publicity	Phip Woodhatch
Safety Boat Officer	Pete Owen
Safety Boat Training	Barry Bailie
Maintenance Officer	Simon Home
Bosun	Simon Reed
Bar Manager	John & Audrey Beer

Neil Grant has volunteered to do the results.

There is a vacancy for Sailing Secretary. Please contact AN if interested.

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

The club has withdrawn from CASC as we cannot meet the new HMRC rules to qualify. Previously we were entitled to an 80% reduction in our rates by being a member of CASC. On top of that we also received 10% reduction from OCC (worth £400). The rates are anticipated to be £4,000 in 2017 which the club will have to fund in total. The committee proposed an increase of 10% in fees to get us to about half the loss from withdrawing from CASC.

Membership Category	2016	Proposed 2017
Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)	50	50
Sailing (One person over the age of 18)	145	160
Joint (Two people living at same address)	190	210
Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-18])	210	230
Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)	48	50
Social (Non-Sailing)	45	50
Unemployed discount	50%	50%
Additional dinghy parking*	48	50
Additional canoe parking*	30	35
Junior dinghy parking*	33	35

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



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Yvonne Francis asked if there would still be a 10% reduction in the fees for early payment. The committee confirmed that this would continue.

The membership fees for 2017 were proposed by Rachel Conway and seconded by John Francis. 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

None

8. AOB

As the club now has 3 Comets the proposal is to sell one (keep the one donated by Barbara). Comets are not considered training boats, they are a tester boat for members wishing to purchase their own. The RS boats are the required training boats for RYA courses.

Following discussion agreement was reached as follows:

- Simon Reed to publicise that one of the Comets is up for sail
- Keep the combi trailer attached to one of the Comets
- 249 should be the one to go, but swap the trailer

Sally Wicks noted how brilliantly the youth section of the club is doing. They bring vibrancy to the club and the youngsters are very helpful and polite.

Mark Foster requested for consideration in the 2017 calendar to have 2 points races in spring and autumn and in summer a pursuit and points.

Helm to count or boat to count – need clarity for doing the results: boat to count. Andrew Darke expressed concern stating we cannot have the software dictating our rules. Boat to count penalises those who do not have their own boat as they might have to change boats during a series. The RYA regulations = boat to count. Those with lasers could also be penalised if change sails then considered a new entry if boat to count. Neil Grant (our new results monitor) will follow the previous method for 2017 and then review after this period.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 26 November 2017.

The meeting was closed at 15.20.