

Highcliffe Sailing Club

Annual General Meeting

Friday, 25th November 2016 at 8.00 pm

The Clubhouse

MINUTES

1. The Chairman opened the Meeting at 8.07 pm

Dom Rogers welcomed everyone to the Club's 56th Annual General Meeting and informed members that the committee had co-opted Patricia Whiffen onto the committee as Hon. Secretary. DR asked members to please turn off their mobiles.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Lorraine Taylor, John and Helen Spencer Jones, Janet Ebbatson, Ken and Fiona Fowler, Shirley Bailey, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Doug Croucher, Andy Daish, John Adams, Nicky Fitoussi, Quentin Stokes, Sue Hunter, David Deininger, Gary Woodley, Andrea Paines, Margaret Norris and Janice Greaves.

3. To appoint two tellers

Two tellers, Carl Bray and Jim Hemus, were appointed to count all members present. 51 were counted.

4. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 55th AGM

The minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting, held in the Clubhouse on 27th November 2015 were approved with the following amendments:

7. Spelling of Clive Rusden's name corrected
9. Spelling of David Burrows' name corrected

The motion was proposed by Helen Langdown and seconded by Frank Paines and carried unanimously.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Stephen Waite reported that there had been a good surplus this year mainly due to the championships and open meetings. The Club was dependant on its volunteers to run these meetings.

Unfortunately, the Club could not meet the new Government ruling that 50% of Club members needed to participate in sailing every year to get an 80% rate reduction.

The national rate valuation had increased the dinghy park rates by 250% but the Club would be challenging this with the Council.

The grant application to Sport England was unsuccessful. Grants were difficult to obtain.

The Club was spending some of its surplus by investing in new heating, and had other projects in mind for the future. However, there was a need to maintain good reserves, which were on target for this year.

The membership was fairly static at 146-150 for the past year.

The accounts as set out in the balance sheet were approved. Proposed by Sally Perry and seconded by Carl Bray. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. To appoint an auditor for the Club

Clive Rusden was appointed as auditor for the Club. The motion was proposed by David Burrows, seconded by Jim Hemus, and carried unanimously.

7. Commodore's Report

The Commodore thanked members for coming to the AGM and for supporting him and his family during the past year.

DR also thanked Steve W for all his work, time and effort spent on the Club's finances, insurance and resolving the issue with the Sport England grant.

2016 had seen some major changes both inside the Club and on the water.

The outside of the Clubhouse had been painted according to the terms of the lease and looked very smart.

DR thanked the wonderful team of Wednesday sailors and weekend volunteers who painted the interior of the Club, and had done a spectacular job.

New heating had been fitted and was being monitored for efficient usage.

Work to be done in coming years would include blinds for the windows, insulating the walls, changing failing windows and redecorating the entrance hall.

On the water youth training took place at the Hengistbury Head Centre, was well received and prompted an adult training weekend.

Ladies that Launch and Tuesday Training continued to be very popular with a big thank you to Richard, Margaret and Ken.

Thank you to Richard for organising training in Running Races, Race Rules and Power Boat sessions. More training was being planned for next year.

Sadly Edna May and Seafox had been sold as maintaining them proved too expensive. The Club had two ribs for running sea races, and had purchased a smaller Rigiflex to cover safely and training in the harbour.

There was a new dolly for the ribs, and thanks to David our Bosun for the hard work on the trolleys and ribs.

The D-Zero National Championships, organised by Alan Tarrant, was well managed, and the Contenders European Championships later in the year ran smoothly thanks to Gary, Saron, Simon and Paul. Both events were a big success both financially and for the Club's reputation, with thanks for the mammoth efforts from Club members.

Thank you to Sarah, our Press Secretary, for the witty and informative weekly newsletters. Also for the photos and the write ups in Yachts and Yachting.

The first social event after the AGM would be the well attended and lovely Christmas Lunch hosted by our Galley Team of Nikki, Sue and Jane, who have run the galley so well during the past year. The team was now stepping down, and DR thanked them for their hard work in the smooth running of the galley. A new Galley Team would be needed and volunteer members were asked to contact DR or Tania.

Some great Social Events had been held during the year including a Midsummer Dance, Halloween Party and a Quiz Night. Many thanks to our Social Team of Fiona, Jenny, Helen, Roz and Sabin for organising all the events. DR also thanked Christine for organising the excellent Dinner Dance.

The Dinghy Park survived the bad weather and Frank, our Dinghy Park warden, had been kept busy with members wanting boat spaces. Thank you to Frank for your time and efforts in managing the Dinghy Park for the Club.

Thank you to Graham, our Membership Secretary, for putting together a successful induction programme for new members.

Racing at sea and in the harbour had declined this year possibly due to weather conditions, although numbers were good when racing did take place. Chris and Paul had done a fantastic job managing the racing this year although both new to the job.

DR also thanked the Pico Team, the Vision Team, the Warden Team, who lock up and unlock the Club, and others for their efforts. A very special mention was made for Tania who worked tirelessly for the Club, managing the Clubhouse, teams for weekend racing and reminding DR what he should be doing! Thank you Tania.

Some items were still outstanding for the committee to deal with such as changing the door code and the outside tap. However, with the help and support of Ken, as Vice Commodore, a fantastic committee, the Trustees, the Club Steward and other volunteers a lot of what was asked for at the last AGM had been achieved and the Club had been very well run.

DR took the opportunity of the AGM to thank all the members who volunteer to help run Highcliffe Sailing Club, and for their hard work during the year.

8. Proposals

i) Constitution

It was decided that for tax reasons the changes to the Constitution made in 2004 needed to be deleted and the old wording reinstated. This was because the Club was no longer a member of the Community Amateur Sports Club so no longer needed to comply with their requirements. The motion to change the Constitution wording back to pre 2004 was proposed by Stephen Waite and seconded by Dom Rogers. The voting was 44 for and 3 against. The motion was carried.

ii) Incorporation

The proposal was to incorporate the Club, which is currently unincorporated, as a company limited by guarantee. This was to enable the Club to enter into contracts and hold property in its own right. The committee or the trustees of the Club would no longer be personally liable, and the financial liability of the committee and members would be limited to £10.

A Special Meeting would need to be held with 75% of the members present voting in favour for the incorporation to be proceeded with.

The motion was for the committee to move forward with the work to incorporate the Club and to arrange a Special Meeting for members. It was proposed by Stephen Waite and seconded by Dom Rogers. The vote was 44 for and 3 against. The motion was carried, subject to the Council agreeing to transfer the lease to the Company without changing the terms and finding a cheaper quote than Lester Aldridge.

9. To elect Flag Officers for 2016/17

The AGM voted in favour of suspending Rule 15.7 and in favour of a vote by show of hands for items 9 and 10.

The Flag Officers for 2016/17 were nominated as follows:

Commodore – Dominic Rogers proposed by Richard Brooks seconded by Ken Fowler
 Vice Commodore – Ken Fowler proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Steve Waite
 Rear Commodore Sailing – Chris Perry proposed by DR seconded by Ken Fowler
 Rear Commodore House – Tania Tarrant proposed by DR seconded by Ken Fowler
 Hon. Treasurer – Steve Waite proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Hon. Secretary – Patricia Whiffen proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 All the nominations were unanimously approved.

10. To elect Committee Members for 2016/17

The committee members for 2016/17 were nominated as follows:

Sailing Secretary – Paul Anderson proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Bosun – David Dixon proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Press Officer – Sarah Desjonqueres proposed by D. Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Social Secretary – Fiona Fowler proposed by Dom Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Membership Secretary – Graham Platt proposed by DR seconded by Ken Fowler
 Committee Post – Vacant
 Dinghy Park Warden – Frank Paines proposed by D. Rogers seconded by Ken Fowler
 Galley Coordinator – Vacant

All nominations were unanimously approved.

11. Re-election of Trustees

The committee recommended that the present trustees, namely Trevor Philips, Peter Emerson, Steve Waite and Ian Pike be re-elected as Trustees. All were proposed by Dom Rogers, seconded by Ken Fowler and were re-elected.

12. The Commodore closed the meeting at 9.48 pm