

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Newhaven and Seaford Sailing club 2015.

Held at Seaford Clubhouse on Saturday 11th April at 6.0pm

Attendance 54 made up of: FSWD 25, FSND 2, ISWD 11, ISocWD 4, ISocND 1, Hon 2, Cadet 1, FSocWD 5, Life 3.

Quorum needed 20 voting members in attendance, actual voting members at AGM 41

- 1 Apologies for absence** Dave Robertson, Jack Baker
- 2 Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting** which had been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Graham Hardy, **Seconded:** Mike Godwin. all in favour

- 3 Directors Reports and Financial Statements** which had been previously circulated were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Zoe McCaig, **Seconded:** Jason Tooth, all in favour

- 4 Seaford Clubhouse - Plan and Strategy**

A document that had been previously circulated about the future of the Seaford Clubhouse were introduced by Ian Johnson and discussed briefly. The meeting agreed to preliminary exploration of planning.

- 5 Amendments to Articles of Association by Special Resolution,**
Introduced by Ian Johnson as necessary to bring our articles into line with Sport England recommendations in order to qualify for a grant towards new safety boats.

17 Quorum

Proposal to Change 17.2 and 17.3 to:

17.2 Five Directors are a quorum at a Directors' meeting.

17.3 At an Annual General Meeting or Emergency General Meeting then 10% of the membership, as registered on the last day of March in that year, personally present, shall be a quorum.

Proposed: Chris Turner **Seconded:** Kay Young , all in favour

23 Directors

Proposal to Change 23.2 to:

23.2 Five Directors are a quorum at a Directors' meeting.

Proposed: Chris Turner **Seconded:** Michael Veale, all in favour

6 Election of Board of Directors and Club Officers

Directors

Commodore -	Ian Johnson
Vice Commodore -	Stuart Ford
Rear Commodore Seaford -	Simon Suter
Rear Commodore Piddinghoe -	Andrew Walker
Rear Commodore Newhaven -	John Nash
Treasurer -	Rob Sims
Training -	Bill Giles
Secretary	Ian Johnson

Sailing Secretary – unfilled at Director level but Rupert Smith will carry on at Officer level.

Officers

Bar Manager -	Mike Beaumont
Berthmaster Piddinghoe	Vacancy
Berthmaster Seaford	Howard Minto
Book-Keeper	Helen McCawley
Bosuns	Paddy Turner/Chris Turner
Cadet Co-Ordinator -	Zoe McCaig
Catering (THE Galley) -	Steve Mitchell
Child Protection -	Carolyn Turner
Development -	Vacancy
Dutyman Administrator –	Michael Veale
First Aid -	Carolyn Turner
H&S -	Chas Humphreys

Mainsheet - Vacancy
Membership Secretary - Gilly Jones
Publicity – Terry Jones
Recorder - Laurence Venus
Social Secretary - Vacancy
Webmaster - Vacancy
Principal Training Centre - Ed Hall
Head Of Dinghy Sailing School - Ed Hall
Head Power Boat School - Vacancy
Head Of Keelboat School - Vacancy
Head Windsurf Instructor - Vacancy
Fleet Captain – Squibs- Penny Springall
Fleet Captain – Lasers – Graham Hardy
Fleet Captain – Cats - Terry Jones

All elected en bloc

Proposed: Rupert Smith **Seconded:** Chris Turner, all in favour

7 Election of Accountants -

Harts of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, who have served us for many years

Proposed Helen Renson **Seconded** Penelope Duncan, all in favour

End of the formal business of the AGM the floor was open to discuss questions that had been sent in advance.

8 Open forum

Question from Ronald Damm

Dear NSSC

As a recreational sailor with children who love sailing but are (not yet) into racing, I have a problem with the current system of duties. I would like to raise this as an agenda item for the next AGM.

Firstly I do agree with the ethos of a club run for its members by its members and do have no problem doing volunteer services. However if I look at the current volunteering most of

it is consumed for the (relatively small) racing fraternity (2* helm; 2* crew; RO; ARO) that is 6 volunteers for the (my estimation) 40 people that race frequently.

In other clubs the racing part of the club provides the volunteers for racing **and** the people who race pay an extra subscription per race.

I am now facing a situation that I have to pay for not being able to volunteer (at least not for the time required anyway, this with 4 children with different pursuits) to sponsor the people who want to race.

My question for the club is to examine the possibility of a fairer way of assigning duties based on the different uses that people make of the club.

From conversations with other (non-racing members) I know I am not the only member who feels this way. I think this would benefit the club as a whole and will probably help getting enough volunteers.

I am happy to discuss or expand on this anytime.

Kind regards

Ronald Dam

ZM – thought that there could be opportunities for people to earn points at Cadet evenings providing they took on a specific role.

TJ – said that if anybody does anything for the club which is above and beyond usual general help then they can apply to the Dutyman Administrator for a points credit.

Questions from Mike Woollard

1 The a/c's normally show I/C streams. Do they clearly show the income received from the cafe, after allowing all costs, ie gas, electric, water etc. ie the net profit to the club

RS provided a detailed answer to the question to the satisfaction of the meeting.

2. Jane and Clives contract was a month either way. What are the terms of Steves contract? Is it the same?

RS provided a detailed answer to the question to the satisfaction of the meeting.

Questions from Chris Turner

Thought I would send you some questions, so you can clear them off when you summarise the report.

1. Could you clarify under the membership section, where you conclude that active sailing memberships have increased, and the logic in that, given that total sailing membership numbers, including students have actually dropped by 5, so I'm a bit confused.

IJ provided a satisfactory answer

2. How much do Plumpton College pay annually for the use of Club Boats, and does that money go into the membership account rather than the sailing school receipts account?

IJ provided a satisfactory answer

3. Of the £22,031 maintenance expenditure, and the £15,629 additional fixtures costs added to the capital account, I assume about £35K of that relates to the costs of upgrading and refitting the galley?. Given that, can you confirm the approximate annual income we expect from the Galley, and when we will fall into profit, as I assume at the moment it will be about 4 years before it becomes a net contributor to the club finances.

- RS provided a satisfactory answer
4. Very minor point, which if no one else raises don't bother with, but on page 14 bottom figure Net Profit for last year (22,022) was a positive number so should not be in brackets.
RS had already noted
 5. A frustration for me is people not turning up for duties and no way on duty-man of recording this. Is there a simple system we can put in place to allow the list of regular offenders to be held to account? (Not an easy one I know, not expecting perfection!)
answered in previous discussion
 6. What's the latest status on the grant for the rescue boats at the pond?
answered in previous discussion

Questions from Stuart Ford

- 1 To rename "Social Membership" to be called "Non-Sailing Membership" this puts sailing into all membership categories.

Was discussed, meeting felt Non, was a negative

- 2 Times are a changing we have moved forward 63 years sailing dinghy's have advanced along with the other paraphernalia that goes with sailing and a sailing club. Soon we have a general election and ALL of those over 18 can vote in general. Here at our sailing club we have segregated sailors from non sailors.

Currently Social members cannot vote on the running of their club. I would like to propose that these members are allowed to vote and have a say on issues that do not relate to sailing issues but on everything else. Although their membership is not as much as sailing members those who do not do duties are very much in line with sailing members who do. For those who have opted for duties many of these people undertake their duties for the benefit of the sailing members who race as they fill rescue boat crews and ARO positions. Along with that they are the backbone of the bar duties and help in many other ways. Without these valuable members the club would not be as successful as it is. If it was based on income they probably match others as they do support the non sailing activity of the club and pass money over the bar. Their contribution also helps the club to have a successful galley operation and do support this on Wednesday, Friday evenings along with Sundays. In turn this benefits the sailing element as they help to make it viable to open at these times.

Lets bring ourselves up to date and break down barriers and become an all inclusive club where EVERYBODY has a say in what NEWHAVEN and SEAFORD Sailing Club does in the future. Sailors able to vote on ALL issues and Non Sailing members on the other issues as well.

General discussion – concluded that Sailing membership should maintain their position

