



SPINNAKER SAILING CLUB LTD



Annual General Meeting Minutes – 11th December 2016

Commodore, Ros Rogers, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Present:

Directors

Ros Rogers
Chris Davey
Ian Campbell
Mike Raymond
Richard Barrett
Christine Drummond
Sarah Andersen
Paul Naser
Simon Walworth

Voting members

Jay Jones, Rick Taylor, Greg Ansell, Richard Bickford, John Clarke, Roy Price, Jon Everett, Phil Hargraves, Hugh Sturdy, Hillary Wade, Tim Wade, Abi Cleverly, Joe Gallivan, Ian Hickman, Janet Schofield, Viv Turnball, Nick Wilde, Nick Rogers, Mike Greenland.

Nick and Amanda Robinson were not present but nominated Ian Campbell as their proxy for the meeting.

30 members present including through proxies.

Non-Members/ Staff

Tim Murdoch and Jackie Geller

1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Musselwhite, Angie Davey, Chris East, Amanda Jukes, John Hale, Peter May, Hywel Morris, Stuart Laycock, Sophia Laycock, Dick Meredith, Geoff Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Philip Brown, Stephen Eley, Adrian Lucas, Eric Blyth, Rory Morrison, Neil Speck, Bob Swaffield.

2. Directors Report

This had previously been circulated via email to all members and copies were also available on the day. Comments and questions were invited but there were none.

3. Report from the Honorary Treasurer

4. Resolution to adopt the Membership Rates for 2017

The Accounts to 30th September 2016, which had been independently reviewed by Roy Price, were presented at the meeting. As the Report included changes relating to membership fees, item 4 of the Agenda was included in the discussion here. Comments on the Accounts generally were invited but no questions or comments were raised.

Mike Raymond (Honorary Treasurer), led a discussion on the proposal to discontinue joining fees and to reduce the discount for senior members.



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The joining fees are regarded by the Committee as a major disincentive to join at a time when Spinnaker, like most other clubs, is experiencing a decline in new members. Fewer of the Club's prospective new members see membership as long term and are thus deterred by a high initial cost of joining.

As regards the discount for senior members, the Committee felt that this age group often makes the greatest use of the club and, with no evidence that their disposable income is less than many families, a discount was no longer warranted, particularly given the fact that the rate has risen less over recent years than for other membership categories.

Members were invited to comment.

Michael Wilde, reported that the rate for juniors up to the age of 25 years at Christchurch Sailing Club was fixed at a nominal £25 and was concerned that we were not competitive in this age group.

Mike Raymond suggested that you could look at all areas of the club and always find others who might offer cheaper rates in a particular category. It was accepted that younger persons are a vital group and are what we need to attract. This would be kept under review. The club is targeting schools and it is hoped that the revised rates as proposed will prove attractive.

Simon Walworth added that a review of the junior membership has been on going over the past few years and in many cases really makes little difference as the vast majority of juniors are part of a family membership.

Other members thought that the cost of membership including dinghy space costs was still quite low compared to other clubs and sporting organisations and remains good value.

Comments were made that too many boats in the dinghy park were there without payment. This is currently being addressed and action is being taken to identify the boats in question and take steps for their removal.

(FEES TO BE ADDED)

Resolution to adopt Membership Rates for 2017 as above:

Proposed – Simon Walworth

Seconded – Christine Drummond

Voting in favour – all, save for one vote against (on the increased rate for senior members)

5. Adoption of the Rules and Bylaws of Spinnaker Sailing Club Ltd

Following the incorporation of the club earlier this year the Main Committee (Board of Directors) approved these in the form posted on the website and the notice board at the club. With a few minor amendments, these are a combination of the old rules and bylaws and elements of the old constitution which it was inappropriate to include in the Articles of Association.

Under Article 5.2 "The directors may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or Bye Laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the Club."

Under Article 5.4. "The Club in general meeting has the power to adopt, alter, add to or repeal the rules or Bye Laws."

Ros Rogers (Commodore), explained the requirement to re-adopt the Rules and Bylaws for the club. These comprise some 74 clauses but need to be approved in the existing form until the time is found for them to be rationalised.

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Simon Walworth invited confirmation that the Committee would continue the process to review and update the Rules and Bylaws, which was given.

Ian Campbell explained that the existing rules which have evolved and been extended over a number of years. An initiative has commenced to bring relevant rules to the notice of members in a more practical fashion and to update them at the same time. The intention is to ensure that whilst there would be a comprehensive set of rules, those which relate to a particular aspect of the club should be easily accessed where they logically relate e.g. rules relating to the use of the Club dinghies should also be found in the Dinghy Hire Folder.

Christine Drummond suggested that the opportunity could also be taken to identify a manageable number of rules which members should regard in priority (such as those applying to safety) and these would be short and to the point and prominently displayed. These could be referred to as “the Golden Rules”.

Resolution to adopt the Rules and Bylaws posted on the website and Club notice board under Article 5.4:

Proposed by: Sarah Andersen

Seconded by: John Miller

Votes in favour: all present

6. Items of business notified to the club

None notified

7. Election of Officers and Directors (Main Committee)

Ros Rogers opened this with sincere thanks to the retiring members of the Committee: Simon Walworth, Rory Morris and Eric Blyth.

Members agreed that they would vote on the election of Officers and for the remaining Directors/members of the Main Committee together as one vote.

The nominations for officers were:

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| Commodore: | Ros Rogers |
| Vice Commodore: | Chris Davey |
| Rear Commodore Sailing: | Ian Campbell |
| Rear Commodore House: | Paul Brearley |
| Treasurer: | Mike Raymond |

The following were also willing to stand for re-election as directors/ members of the Main Committee: Paul Naser, Sarah Andersen, Christine Drummond and Richard Barrett.

Club members who have been nominated and seconded for election are: Roy Price.

Resolution to approve the election of Officers and Directors as above:

Proposed: Greg Ansell

Seconded: Simon Walworth

Votes in favour: all present

8. Election of Honorary Members

Ian Campbell spoke of Eric Blyth, and recommended that he be awarded honorary membership for his longstanding contributions to the club through Sailability (at least 10 years). Eric has remained a major part of the club through his regular presence on the Main Committee and played a significant role in the rebuild of the club.

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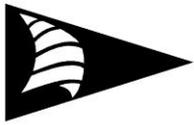
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Proposed: by the Committee
Votes in favour: all present

9. Awards

The Bill Bacon Award to **Penny Dawson** for her outstanding work and encouragement through the social committee.

The Rear Commodore's Trophy to **Sam Schofield**, for representing the club in his Optimist at local and national events.

The Meeting was closed and followed by prize-giving hosted by Ian Campbell and then tea was served.