

REDDITCH SAILING CLUB

Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting

Held at the clubhouse, Arrow Valley Lake, 20th March 2017

Present:- Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Training Officer, Hon. Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and members numbering 18 (Meeting Quorate 24 / 70)

Apologies:- L Mowatt (Lifesavers), L Turley, A Jones

Minutes of 55th meeting:- Proposed by D Bishop **Seconded** N Jones

Commodore's Report: - Pete Gale

Really, I have very little to say, apart from three things.

Firstly, as you will hear from the Treasurer, the finances are in good order although we keep a close watch on the trends.

Secondly, I would like to mention the state of the sailing club grounds and buildings. The working party on Saturday had a small group of us tackling jobs around the site, particularly the car park. I have to say that by lunch time all of the main jobs had been completed and the site is tidy and well looked after. However I think that much of the credit for the ongoing good state that the fabric is in goes to the regular working groups who tackle small jobs and keep on top of the sailing club grounds.

Thirdly I would like to thank the members of the committee who undertake a wide variety of activities, many of them behind the scenes or away from the normal sailing on a Sunday.

Having served for two years as Commodore I now stand down.

Vice Commodore's Report: – Norma Jones

We started the year with an enjoyable darts night organised by Dave Bishop. Tuesday night suppers were successful as ever and well attended we really have some great cooks. Andy then organised a training night about the safety boat use. Later in the year Bart's Bash again attracted good support.

A successful Christmas party was held at Fulford Heath golf club organised by Dave Bishop and Alan Shirley. Jane and Elaine very kindly provided bacon baps on Boxing Day.

Burns night was celebrated with Haggis and whisky - Bill addressed the haggis in style.

And lastly we had a video night including race management organised by Greg.

I would like to thank everyone who has made these events possible with a very special thank you to Lyn and Elaine who work so hard to keep the bar running.

If anyone has any ideas for social events please let any of the committee know as your input is important. I will continue to help and maybe make a few cakes. Signing off - Norma

Rear Commodore's Report: – Mike Squirrell

In the main, racing has continued to run smoothly, with some minor changes to start times reducing the length of the handicap race. Safety cover has been generally good with few dramas.

The safety boats are running well with minor problems sorted once they have been reported. It is important to report any engine/boat problems to the Rear Commodore or committee so they can be addressed. All engines have received a major service during the past year.

We hope that all OOD's will continue to brief their crews prior to racing, to make sure that they understand their duties for the day. It is important for OD's to check that the full crew are available as soon as they receive the OD instructions.

Setting Rotas for the first series of the year (winter) is always difficult with the low membership numbers and the uncertainty of who is going to rejoin, so please bear with us if changes and adjustments need to be made.

This year the RYA RACING RULES GUIDANCE, Rules infringement system came into practice, has anybody used them?

Thank you to the Sailing Committee, and other members who have helped me in my role as Rear Commodore for the past 2 years.

House report : - Ian Ranford

In the past 12 months we have again had our Spring and Autumn working parties. Both were well attended considering our membership numbers. All the programmed works for these working parties have been successfully completed. Mid morning coffee and hot lunch both very welcomed and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Social Committee.

At our most recent working party held in March 2017, we were able to carry out emulsions to the Gents shower, repair works to the boundary fence, concreting works to the end slipway ready for rubber matting to be installed and finally levelling works to our main outer car park.

Future works to be carried out by the Gentleman's Working Group will be to replace the wooden fascia to the club house with UPVC.

Over the last few years, we have spent money on replacement rather than repair works which in the long term reduces time on repairs and money i.e. plastic facias, plastic windows, plastic doors and a plastic OD hut. This year we have decided to suite more of our club house locks to enable ease of use, reduce replacement costs and add extra security.

A special thanks to our cleaner, Anne making the Club House a very clean and pleasant environment to use every week.

All this work has been carried out by you the members but the extra work throughout the year has been completed by 2 Gentlemen's Working Groups and a special thanks must go to the group who meet weekly to keep the club grounds and boat park in excellent condition.

The club house and grounds remain the most important asset of Redditch Sailing Club. A big thank you for all your help.

Training Officer's Report:- A Beardshaw

Adult training in the club remains strong with demand for courses in 2016/early 2017 good although some spaces remain. Positive conversion of those on course into members.

We are looking to run Start Racing course on Sunday afternoons later in year - wait for poster.

Junior Sailing enjoyed good support over summer, a number of stage 1 & 2 awarded. 2 scout packs returned in 2016 with total of 31 scouts enjoying evening sailing. Encouraging junior support for 2017 with 1 cub pack already booked. There are plans to reach out to local school and scouts etc this year over summer.

Sea cadets offering good source of new juniors, some already racing. Further training and opportunity in 2017 to encourage more regular participation.

Powerboat training suffered due to lack of instructors over last 2 years. Actively seeking courses for new instructors to attend.

Use of club training boats has been good. Please use with care and report any issues to ensure they remain serviceable. Old training fleet of GP14's to be sold, all at very reasonable price if looking for boat.

Need to thank instructors and helpers, their support is invaluable. Anyone thinking of instructor or assistant instructor can speak to myself for support.

Reminder that Spring courses start this week, assistance always welcome.

Honorary Treasurer's Report: - Greg Croydon

Summary:

The accounts for 2016 show a deficit of £3k compared with last year's surplus of £0.5k. There were a couple of large and unusual expenditures in the year which accounted largely for this position - see more details below. Funds at the end of the year had risen to £16.7k from £18.6k at the end of 2015.

Income:

Membership decreased by 3 to 78 with 15 new members welcomed. Training continued to generate a good surplus thanks to courses run for youth groups and the hard work of the Training Officer. Social events and the bar continued to generate both an important income stream and, more importantly, a social nucleus for the Club.

Expenditure:

Building maintenance was higher than last year (at £2.9k) as it included further cost for the front entrance and new locks, and work relating to the 5 yearly electrical upgrade. We are budgeting for a spend on building maintenance closer to half this level in 2017. The other major spend area was on some significant service work on the outboard engines of £2k. As always, we continue to rely heavily on members for the bulk of the repair and upkeep work.

Capital Spend:

There were no capitalised items of expenditure in the year. This has led to an fall in depreciation of around £500.

Balance sheet:

The balance sheet of the club remains in good shape with funds of around £17k. As always we must all work on gaining and retaining new members and getting more people on the water.

Auditor:

The accounts were audited by Sue Cranmore BA (accounting & Finance).

Proposal:

I propose that the accounts are accepted by the Members. G J Croydon, Honorary Treasurer

It was proposed that Sue Cranmore be appointed for 2018 as the reviewer of the Club Accounts.

Both proposals were approved by those present.

Election of Officers:-

Commodore

Mark Crowther, being eligible and willing to serve is proposed by G Croydon and seconded by I Ranford - duly elected unopposed

Vice-Commodore

Position vacant

Rear-Commodore

Dave Day, being eligible and willing to serve, is proposed by I Ranford and seconded by P Gale- duly elected unopposed

Hon.Secretary

Alan Cooke, being eligible and willing to serve is proposed by D Bishop and seconded by G Croydon- duly elected unopposed

Membership Secretary

Peter Gale, being eligible and willing to serve is proposed by A Shirley and seconded by M Crowther- duly elected unopposed

Hon.Treasurer

Greg Croydon, being eligible and willing to serve is returned unopposed.

Training Officer

Andy Beardshaw, being eligible and willing to serve is returned unopposed.

Election of Committee Members:-

The following current **Committee Members** are willing and able to serve and offer themselves for re-election:- I Ranford, A Shepherd, L Turley, P Fuller, R Harrison, A Shirley, D Bishop. All approved by the Meeting

Paul Bate and Ross Crawford offer themselves for election.

Paul Bate :- Proposed by G Croydon and seconded by D Bishop

Ross Crawford:- Proposed by I Ranford and seconded by M Squirrel

All approved by the Meeting

