

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Beer Sailing Club

Held at the Clubhouse on Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.30pm

The following members attended the meeting:

Alan Adams	Patricia Adams	Chris Adkin	Matt Taylor
Martyn Burr	Tina Bishop	Sarah Taylor	Andy Weston-Webb
Alan Back	Annie Boalch	David Boalch	Chris Pickles
Martin Diplock	Gilly Chamberlain	Adrian Mills	Henry Jagers
Geoff Pook	Hugh Sutherland	Alan Burley	Keith Whittaker
Kevin Fahey	(21)		

Apologies were received from:

Brian Potter	Deidre Potter	Jenny Bastone	Phil Bastone
Angie Cromwell	Garth Cromwell	Jean Davies	Norah Jagers
Ursula Makepeace	Helen Mundy	Kit Mundy	Michael Taylor
Veronica Whittaker	Tony Ridewood	Juliette Ridewood	Sylia Aplin
Jim Carthy	Stewart Aplin	James Green	Lucy Weston-Webb
Mike Entwistle	Di Trewick	Glyn Holford	Sue White
Nigel Harding	Matt Pritchard	Sue Pritchard	Andy Deakin
Vicky Deakin	Gill Carthy	Sue Redish	Heather Adkin Ali
Green	(33)		

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The minutes from the 2018 meeting were summarised and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Honorary Secretary's Report (incorporating the Commodore's Report) - delivered by Matt Taylor

The committee has met ten times during the last twelve months.

The club has had another very positive year, with membership increasing from 268 to 306 and a number of successful initiatives undertaken. These broadly fall into three main areas, which are equally valid going forward:

1. Increasing sailing participation and getting more people out on the water
2. Continuing to develop the social side of the club, thus providing greater value for money to our members
3. Investment in the facilities of the club to best support its activities and continued development

The first of these will be covered in more detail in the Sailing Report but it was really good to see more than forty "development" sailors taking to the water during the year and the vast majority of those all becoming members.

The club has organised eighteen varied social events during the year, including winter lunches, Gin and Jazz, Wine Tasting, Casino Night, Café Rene, Fish and Chip Supper and several BBQs. In addition, the clubhouse has hosted numerous other events (some

charitable) including cream teas, a curry night, spoofing and several private functions. The weekly Coffee Mornings have run through most of the year and continue to be not only successful but also provide a valuable social outlet. Additionally, we have opened the bar on Sunday lunchtimes and Thursday evenings through the main sailing season.

At this point, a vote of thanks was expressed to all our volunteers on the social and bar side of things for making all this extra activity possible. We are already working on a programme of events for next year – if you don't already volunteer to help please contact Angie Cromwell (Social) or David Boalch/Andy Weston-Webb (Bar) to get involved in whatever way you can.

We continue to invest revenues to support both the sailing and social side of the club.

An RS200 dinghy was purchased in the year, giving increased capability for two person sailing. Beach access has been improved with the introduction of grip strips on the decking and chains have been laid to provide more secure storage for kayaks and rowing boats. The club has also purchased a wire winch which we intend to get refurbished and modified over the winter in order to assist recovery of the patrol boats.

The clubhouse environment has been improved with the striking mural and picture wall. New outdoor furniture has been purchased and the older internal chairs replaced. Bar improvements have included the introduction of credit card payments and new fridges to support the move to bottled beers. Our new website has also had lots of positive feedback since going live in the summer. This now includes full webcam coverage of the beach and prevailing sea conditions.

The Committee will meet during the winter to discuss other potential improvements for next year.

Finally, Matt expressed the thanks of everyone to Ali (who is stepping down as Commodore) and James and Hugh (who are stepping down from the Committee) for all their input into the success of the club over many years. We hope that we can rely on their continued support going forward, particularly on the water!

Sailing Secretary's Report (delivered by Hugh Sutherland)

Hugh summarised the sailing activities for the year.

Six development days were successfully undertaken with 41 development sailors taking part – a really great result and thanks were expressed to all the experienced sailors who have given their time to support this initiative.

Thursday evening sailing was generally successful with 16 races completed out of a total of 21 available days. Attendance has averaged around 6 sailors each week, making for some good racing.

Sunday sailing has been more sketchy, partly due to weather conditions but also on occasions through not having enough sailors, particularly in the last few weeks. However, we did manage to complete Spring, Summer and Autumn race series and squeezed in the Ladies, Veterans and Pursuit Races.

Hugh confirmed that the purchase of the RS200 was part of a move towards double handed sailing which will prove beneficial in getting more inexperienced sailors out on the water.

Thanks was expressed to all the volunteers on the patrol boat and in the race hut and in particular to Brian Adkin for his extensive coverage of Thursday nights through the whole season.

Honorary Treasurer's Report (delivered by Alan Adams)

Alan Adams presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2019 (available on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse).

In doing so, he paid tribute to the senior members of the Club who ten years ago had the foresight and courage to construct the top class Clubhouse we all enjoy today. At personal risk they put up the funds for the project and physically carried out the construction. Equal thanks were given to the members who in the ten years since that time worked hard organising Club activities both sporting and social, earned the funds to repay the rebuilding loans, whilst giving enormous pleasure to so many members. This history goes a long way to explain the comfortable financial situation that the club is in today.

Turning to the statements:

Page 1 summarised the year's financial outcome from all the Club's activities. These are the best results of the past five years and show a £1,500 increase in profitability over the previous year. This is attributable to healthy increases in subscriptions and bar sales. People are aware that we now enjoy a credit card facility which offers members a more convenient method for payment of various types of transactions with the Club and this has no doubt contributed in some part to the present satisfactory outcome.

Page 2 showed that the Club's has assets amount to £137,253 of which £28,493 is held as cash or for conversion into cash. With liabilities of only £941, all of which were satisfied in full within two weeks of the end of the financial year, this is an extremely healthy margin of solvency.

Alan confirmed with absolute conviction that the present financial state of the Club is highly satisfactory and, in his estimation, will continue to remain so for the foreseeable future.

Proposal for the Continuation of Beer Sailing Club for the Year 2019

(Proposed: Phil Bastone Secoded: David Boalch)

Passed unanimously

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Commodore: Matt Taylor *(Proposed: David Boalch, Secoded: Alan Adams)* **Approved**

Vice Commodore: Kit Mundy *(Proposed: Phil Bastone, Secoded: Matt Taylor)* **Approved**

Secretary: Gilly Chamberlain *(Proposed: Sarah Taylor, Secoded: Andy Weston-Webb)* **Approved**

Treasurer: Alan Adams *(Proposed: David Boalch, Secoded: Matt Taylor)* **Approved**

Committee members: Stewart Aplin, David Boalch, Angie Cromwell (representative of the Social Group), Sarah Taylor (Membership), Andy Weston-Webb, Veronica Whittaker, Kit Mundy, Chris Pickles, Ali Green, Michael Taylor

(All proposed by: Matt Taylor Secoded by: Alan Adams)

Approved

Non-Committee Appointments

Independent Examiner: Keith Izzard (Proposed: Matt Taylor, *Seconded:* David Boalch) **Approved**

Annual Subscriptions

It was proposed to maintain subscriptions and boat fees for 2020 at 2019 levels as per below

Proposed Membership Fees and Structure 2020

<i>Single Adult</i>	£25
<i>Family (2 adults plus children under 18)</i>	£50
<i>Junior</i>	£10
<i>Visitor (Family plus 1 dinghy per week)</i>	£30

All agreed unanimously

Proposed Boat Fees 2020 (includes Race Fee, Beach Storage Fee and winch use)

<i>Standard Dinghy eg Laser, RS Feva, RS200</i>	£105
<i>Any additional Dinghy NB only if Standard Dinghy already paid</i>	£40
<i>Junior/Cadet Dinghy eg Mirror, Topper, RS Quba, Laser, Pico</i>	£69
<i>Rowing Boat up to 4m NB no engine, no fishing gear</i>	£40
<i>Kayaks and Paddleboards</i>	£25

Note: all boat fees for 2020 maintained at 2019 levels.

All agreed unanimously

Start and Finish dates for the sailing season, 2020

Commence: First Sunday in April. *End:* Last Sunday in December **Approved**

Any Other Business

David thanked Matt and Sarah for all their hard work at the club over the last few years.

Norah Jagers (in her absence) proposed a vote of thanks to the whole Committee for all their hard work over the past year. This was passed with acclaim.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm – thanks to everyone who attended!