

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Beer Sailing Club

**Held at the clubhouse (and remotely on Zoom) at 7.30pm on Monday
21st November 2022**

The following members attended the meeting:

Stewart Aplin	Helen Beaumont	David Boalch	Alan Back
Alan Burley	Jim Carthy	Gilly Chamberlain	Graham Cotton
Barbara Cotton	Andy Deakin	Kevin Fahey	Ali Green
James Green	Rob Gregor	Sally Gregor	Henry Jaggars
Norah Jaggars	Adrian Mills	Kit Mundy	Chris Pickles
Lesley Spencer	Matt Taylor	Sarah Taylor	Justin Thompson
Andy Weston-Webb	Lucy Weston-Webb	Keith Whittaker	(27)

Apologies were received from:

Midge Adams	Ruth Bullock	Martin Diplock	Wendy Dobbs
Colin Fenner	Lucy Fenner	Jo Fox	Adrian Griffith
Sarah Griffith	Tony Norman	Clive Webb	George Wyatt
Sally Wyatt			(13)

Minutes of Beer Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting 2021

The minutes from the 2021 meeting were summarised and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Commodore and Honorary Secretary: Joint Report (delivered by Matt Taylor)

Welcome everybody, and it's great to be able to meet face to face rather than by Zoom as per the last two years.

Before I get onto the more formal matters, everyone was sad to lose two of our Life Members, Colin Westlake and Sheila Driver and our Life President, Phil Bastone. Colin and Phil, in particular, played such a massive part in the development of the club and all are sadly missed. I am pleased to announce that David Boalch has accepted a well deserved nomination to be our Life President and even more pleased that he is carrying on in his role as Treasurer.

The Committee has met nine times in the last twelve months with Zoom being used for those who couldn't be present in person.

2022 has seen a welcome return to normality with increased activity levels both on and off the water. After what was a difficult two years, I would like to thank all of our members for their adherence to the rules that we had to put in place and their respect for other members during this time.

Membership in 2022 has again increased to record levels (317 adult members compared to 279 in 2021). Whilst membership remains 'officially' closed on the website, we have allowed new members to join via our waiting list. Having the waiting list has enabled us to monitor demand and contain the pressure on our resources, thus enabling as many members as

possible members access to social events. We are planning to operate in a similar way as we head into 2023.

It has been good to get back to normality on the water - more from Kit on sailing matters shortly.

Since the last AGM, we have managed to put on 11 varied social events, again including a mixture of food and music offerings. These were all well attended and we managed to cope with demand with only one event having a small waiting list. We have also held 3 Winter Warmer Lunches with more to come over the next few months. Coffee Mornings have been a resounding success with strong attendance including lots of guests and visitors. Bar opening was scaled back to Thursday evenings and, with the exception of a few busy nights, it is fair to say that attendance has been generally disappointing.

With our finances still in decent shape the Committee have continued to make some upgrades around the clubhouse (and the fleet which Kit will talk about). A new oven and commercial dishwasher have both been installed, thus making life in the kitchen a bit easier! New cutlery has also been purchased in time for the Christmas Dinner! The defibrillator was installed in the Spring and has been deployed three times since then.... although fortunately in each case it didn't have to be actually used. The Committee are currently looking at proposals to improve the changing room and toilet facilities and also refurbish and extend the decking on the beach to improve boat access. We are also still in the market for a replacement for our second patrol boat but have not yet found a viable option given its level of use. We will continue to explore areas whereby we can improve the infrastructure of the club for the benefit of our members both in the clubhouse and on the beach.

At this point, the committee would like to thank all of our volunteers for their help and support in all areas of the club, both on and off the water, during 2022. We have managed to get more people involved this year but still need further volunteers to come forward if we are to put on similar levels of events next year. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support and commitment in again moving the club forward this year.

Sailing Secretary's Report (delivered by Kit Mundy)

2022 has been another good year for sailing in Beer, despite some unfavourable weather conditions which affected some of the planned events. We held a Spring series, Thursday series, Summer series and even an Autumn series in the recent gales (all of which were won by Michael Taylor – congratulations to Michael!) The Regatta dinghy sailing this year was blessed with some fantastic weather (for sun bathing) but unfortunately not quite so good for sailing. We did manage some capsizing practice though!

We managed to run 2 of the 3 planned development days – these were well attended and followed up with some great food in the club afterwards. Thanks to all the volunteers that make these development days so successful. We plan to run 3 development days again next year.

We had the first sail away for a number of years which proved to be popular, including tea and cakes on Branscombe beach. We will be doing more of these next year too.

We held our end of season lunch recently at which we recognised the many contributions from members, not just for sailing but also for all the work this year by our volunteers on the patrol boat, in the race hut and on the beach. Thankyou everyone involved! But we are always looking for new volunteers, in particular for the patrol boat and race hut!

Next year we hope to make some enhancements to the sailing programme to try to encourage more of our members to get out on the water, particularly on Sundays. Too often we have only 3 or 4 boats out on the water, whilst we have many more boats on the beach! We have invested in a new addition to the fleet of club boats – a dual-handed Laser2000. As a reminder, all the club boats are available for use by club members on organised sailing days, for a nominal £5 per time. This is a great opportunity to hone those skills!

Next year we will be hosting the Merlin Rockets open event on **10th and 11th June**. These are lovely (and fast) 2 handed boats which will be a great event to host on Beer beach. We will be reliant on volunteers to support the weekend – on the beach, the race committee, bar and social. So please get this date in your calendars for next year. Your club needs you!

Honorary Treasurer's Report (delivered by David Boalch)

David Boalch presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The club continued to be profitable with membership subscriptions, bar sales and social income increased from last year's figures, as can be seen on page one of the financial report.

Page two of the report shows details of the club's assets, cash at the bank and liabilities to the end of the tax year.

We continued to hold a comfortable bank balance at the end of the year, despite having spent on various improvements within the clubhouse.

Proposal for the Continuation of Beer Sailing Club for the Year 2023

(Proposed: Matt Taylor Seconded: David Boalch) **Passed unanimously**

Proposal for new Hon. Life President – David Boalch

(Proposed: Matt Taylor Seconded: Kit Mundy) **Passed unanimously**

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Commodore: *Matt Taylor (Proposed: David Boalch, Seconded: Kit Mundy)* **Approved**

Vice Commodore: *Kit Mundy (Proposed: Steward Aplin, Seconded: Matt Taylor)* **Approved**

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

Treasurer: *David Boalch (Proposed: Matt Taylor, Seconded: Gilly Chamberlain)* **Approved**

Committee members: *Stewart Aplin, Angie Cromwell, Ali Green, Chris Pickles, Sarah Taylor (Membership), Andy Weston-Webb & Lucy Weston-Webb.*
(All proposed by: Matt Taylor Seconded by: David Boalch) **Approved**

Non-Committee Appointments

Independent Examiner: *Barry Follett (Proposed: Matt Taylor, Seconded: David Boalch)* **Approved**

Annual Subscriptions

Proposed Annual Subscriptions 2023

The Committee proposed to keep the membership fees at the same levels as last year.

Proposed Membership Fees and Structure 2023

	2022	Proposed 2023
Single Adult	£30	£30
Junior	£0	£0
<i>(Must have parent/guardian or sponsor who is a member)</i>		
Visitor	£40	£40
<i>(Family plus one dinghy per week)</i>		

Proposed Boat Fees 2023 (includes Race Fee, Beach Storage Fee and winch use)

	2022	Proposed 2023
Standard Dinghy	£110	£110
Any additional Dinghy	£45	£45
<i>(NB only if Standard Dinghy already paid)</i>		
Multihull	£150	£150
<i>(Hobiecat, Dart etc)</i>		
Junior Dinghy	£70	£70
<i>(Dinghy owned by member up to the age of 18)</i>		
Rowing Boat up to 4m	£45	£45
<i>(NB no engine, no fishing gear)</i>		
Kayaks/Paddleboards	£28	£28
Adult use of club boats	£5	£5
<i>(Cost per use excluding Development Days; juniors remain free at all times. Note that costs will not be levied to those members who are already paying for a private dinghy on the beach)</i>		

Passed unanimously

Start and Finish dates for the sailing season 2023

Commence: Sunday 16th April. *End:* Sunday 17th December

Approved

Any Other Business

Beer Luggers Club – Matt advised that a meeting would take place in December to discuss the Luggers becoming part of the Sailing Club (and noted that if this was to happen an EGM of both Clubs would likely have to take place, particularly if the constitutions needed changing). It was agreed to progress further.

Passed unanimously

Matt proposed a vote of thanks to all the Committee for their hard work over the last year.

Passed unanimously

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm