

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Beer Sailing Club

**Held at the clubhouse (and remotely on Zoom) at 7.30pm on Monday
13th November 2023**

The following members attended the meeting:

Sally Wyatt	Kevin Fahey	Norah Jagers	Henry Jagers
Jean Davies	Jim Carthy	David Boxford	Martin Diplock
Stewart Aplin	Tony Harwood	Nigel Daniel	Brian Grant
Angela Brooke-Smith	Tim Fenton	Sarah Taylor	Matt Taylor
Gilly Chamberlain	Alan Burley	Nichola Burley	Colin Lewis
Alan Back	Annie Boalch	Hilary Deakin	David Boalch
Lesley Henshaw	Elizabeth Marshall	Peter Marshall	Chris Pickles (28)

The following members attended the meeting via Zoom:

Juliette Ridewood	Tony Ridewood	Danuta Karpinska	Steve Bradshaw
Nicki Seight	Ang Cromwell	Garth Cromwell	Helen Follett
Barry Follett	Tracey Sheppard	Simon Gates	Ian Hancock
Mike Entwistle	Andy Deakin	Victoria Deakin	(15)

Apologies were received from:

Alison Johnson	Mark Johnson	Emma Cox	Gayle Chapple
Di Trewick	Lesley Spencer	Justin Spencer	Giles Frampton
Keith Whittaker	Veronica Whittaker	Graeme Cotton	Barbara Cotton
Tom Dyer	Kit Mundy	Helen Mundy	Ali Green
Susan Green	Brian Morman	Deb Morman	(19)

Special General Meeting – Chaired by David Boalch

The proposal to extend the term of the current Commodore, Matt Taylor, by up to a further two years was passed by the committee and agreed unanimously.

Annual General Meeting - Chaired by Matt Taylor

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The minutes from the 2022 meeting were summarised and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

Welcome everybody, whether you are here in the room or joining us by zoom from wherever you are!

Before I get onto the more formal matters, you may have noticed that the flag is flying at half-mast and I am sad to report that Percy Westlake passed away on Friday. Percy was an honorary life member, reflecting the massive contribution he made to the club over many, many years. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts go out to Ailsa and the family at this

difficult time. Everyone was also sad to lose Chris Adkin, Mike Green and Ursula Makepeace this year, all of whom who had been heavily involved in the Sailing Club and the Luggers over the years. They are all greatly missed by club members and the wider village.

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

I am pleased to announce that the year started with the merger of the Sailing Club with the Luggers who are now operating as a sailing class under the auspices of the sailing club. We will be meeting over the Winter to agree some terms of reference for the ongoing management of the class through a small sub-committee. We very much hope that as time goes on, we can encourage more people to get involved in the Luggers and Monday night sailing as we look to preserve this unique village tradition.

Membership in 2023 has again increased to record levels (354 adult members compared to 317 in 2022). Whilst membership remains 'officially' closed on the website, we have allowed a number of new members to join via our waiting list. Having the waiting list has again enabled us to monitor demand and contain the pressure on our resources, thus enabling as many members as possible access to social events. We are planning to operate in a similar way as we head into 2024.

Despite some "interesting" weather at times, we did manage to run a decent programme of sailing events - more from Kit on sailing matters shortly.

Since the last AGM, we have managed to put on 10 varied social events, again including a mixture of food and music offerings. These were mainly well attended and we just about managed to cope with demand. We have also held 3 Winter Warmer Lunches with more to come in the new year. Coffee Mornings were again very successful and I am pleased to announce that we are again supporting the village warm space "Cosy Mornings" with use of the clubhouse on Wednesdays through the Winter months. Bar opening was expanded to Monday and Thursday evenings to support the action on the water. However, in general it is fair to say that attendance was varied.

With our finances still in decent shape, the Committee have continued to make some upgrades to our facilities (and the fleet which Kit will talk about). We finally replaced our second patrol boat with a lightly used 5m Humber Rib – a very solid boat and very timely given issues with Bluebird during the Summer. Additional decking has been installed on the beach making launch and retrieval of the larger boats much easier, the gearbox on the wire winch has been replaced and the Lugger winch boxes refurbished. In the clubhouse, the tables were refurbished, the external changing room and toilet doors replaced and new freezer installed. We have also made a successful application for grant funding to support the purchase and installation of solar panels, a battery and a new water heater for the changing rooms – work should be completed in the Spring.

The Committee also continue to look at proposals to improve the changing room and toilet facilities with a design now finalised and quotes being sought. However, given that we will try to get grant funding and this work needs to be carried out between January and March, this is more likely to be a project for early 2025. We will of course continue to explore any other 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 2023. 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 (from Kit Mundy and delivered by Matt Taylor)

We have had another successful year of sailing at the club in 2023, despite the various elements thrown at us by the English weather! Despite the variable weather, we have actually managed to sail more often this year than in any of the last 2-3 years.

We sailed on 17 Sundays out of a total of 26 which was great. It was a slow start to the season with the first three Thursdays cancelled but this picked up too with sailing happening on 13 of 25 Thursday evenings. We were not so lucky with the planned 3 development days and 2 sail aways – some of these had to be cancelled, others postponed to the Sunday. This happened to the Beer Dinghy regatta too, but we were still able to run the Regatta races on the Sunday.

Congratulations to all of the category winners! This year we introduced both line honours and handicap winners which provided some very tight racing. This meant that there was an even spread of winners across the year and cups awarded at the end of season lunch a couple of weeks ago.

Despite adverse conditions on a number of Monday evenings, we did manage to put on a program of Lugger racing through the Summer. Despite the handicap system, it is fair to say that this was not as keenly contested as the dinghy sailing, with Gannet 3 scooping most of the silverware.

It has been great to see a number of new sailors getting involved this year, not just on the development days but also on Sunday mornings. We intend to continue the (Saturday) development days and sail aways next year as they have continued to be well attended. Thursday sailing will continue to be focused on racing.

This year we have added to the fleet of club boats which are available for club members to use on organised sailing days. The club fleet now comprises 4 Picos, 2 Bahia's, 3 Lasers (one with a radial rig) an RS200, Laser 2000 and now a Scorpion. So, there is lots of choice for sailors of all different abilities. We ask for a contribution of £5 per boat for each use of a club boat. For next year we will be introducing a 'season ticket' of just £30 to allow members who do not have their own boat unlimited use of the club boats on any organised sailing event. We hope that this will encourage more of our members to get out on the water, at the same time being fair to our members who have their own boat who will also be able to use the club boats without any extra charge.

This year we unfortunately lost the services of 3 of our regular patrol boat volunteers for various reasons which could have caused a problem with the organised sailing. However, we had a fantastic response from a number of club members to volunteer for the patrol boat which meant we were always able to provide cover – thank you! This is really important to ensure that sailing can happen safely and that we can run the race programme. Similarly, we were able to staff the race hut throughout the year, again thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen! Needless to say, that we still need more volunteers next year for both the patrol boat and the race hut so that we can spread the load and not be reliant on the goodwill of a few.

Honorary Treasurer's Report (delivered by David Boalch)

David Boalch presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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 additions to the fleet and improvements within the clubhouse.

Proposal for the Continuation of Beer Sailing Club for the Year 2024

(Proposed: Matt Taylor Secoded: David Boalch)

Passed unanimously

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Commodore: Matt Taylor (Proposed: David Boalch, Secoded: Kit Mundy)

Approved

Vice Commodore: Kit Mundy (Proposed: Steward Aplin, Secoded: Matt Taylor)

Approved

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

Treasurer: David Boalch (Proposed: Matt Taylor, Secoded: Gilly Chamberlain)

Approved

Committee members: Stewart Aplin, Ali Green, Chris Pickles, Sarah Taylor (Membership), Andy Weston-Webb & Lucy Weston-Webb, Tim Fenton, Brian Grant.

(All proposed by: Matt Taylor Secoded by: David Boalch)

Approved

Non-Committee Appointments

Independent Examiner:

Barry Follett (Proposed: Norah Jagers, Secoded: Kevin Fahey)

Approved

Trustee (Additional):

Alistair Green (Proposed: Norah Jagers, Secoded: Kevin Fahey)

Approved

Proposal for new Hon. Life Member – Angie Cromwell

(Proposed: Matt Taylor Secoded: Kit Mundy)

Passed unanimously

Annual Subscriptions 2024

Proposed Membership Fees and Structure 2024

	<u>2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>
Single Adult	£30	£30
Junior	£0	£0
(Must have parent/guardian or sponsor who is a member)		
Visitor	£40	£40
(Family plus one dinghy per week)		

Proposed Boat Fees 2024 (includes Race Fee, Beach Storage Fee and winch use)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>
<i>Standard Dinghy</i>	£110	£110
<i>Any additional Dinghy</i> <i>(NB only if Standard Dinghy already paid)</i>	£45	£45
<i>Multihull</i> <i>(Hobiecat, Dart etc)</i>	£150	£150
<i>Junior Dinghy</i> <i>(Dinghy owned by member up to the age of 18)</i>	£70	£70
<i>Rowing Boat up to 4m</i> <i>(NB no engine, no fishing gear)</i>	£45	£45
<i>Kayaks/Paddleboards</i>	£28	£28
Adult use of club boats		
<i>Adhoc Use</i>	£5 per visit	£5 per visit
<i>Season Ticket</i>		£30 per season

Note :

1. This year we will be offering a "Club Boat Season Ticket", offering unlimited use (subject to club rules) at a cost of £30 for the full season. This will be collected as part of the membership process.
2. Payment for adhoc use for those not purchasing a "Season Ticket" must be made through the credit card machine before taking to the water.
3. Fees for club boat use exclude Development Days and juniors remain free at all times. Note that costs **will also not be levied** to those members who are already paying for private sailing dinghy storage on the beach.

Passed unanimously

Start and Finish dates for the sailing season 2023

Commence: Sunday 14th April. *End:* Sunday 15th December

Approved

Any Other Business

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

Passed unanimously

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm