

Shoreham Sailing club

Annual General Meeting of Shoreham Sailing Club
Sunday 24 November 2019 at 10am
Shoreham SC Club House

Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jeff McTaggart, Tyler and Lisa Harmsworth, Chris Handel, Steve Pople, Philip Pople, Alan Hardy
2. **Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM** – see separate document: [Treasurers Report 2018](#)
 - Proposed: Ben Jones
 - Seconded: William Warren
3. **Matters Arising from 2018 AGM**
 - **CIO Application:** Our application to become a Charitable Incorporated organisation has been submitted. No action is required until we hear back from the Charities commission at which time we will hold an EGM for members approval.
 - **Chairmans headboard:** Correcting the names on the Chairmans board has still to be actioned, but we will prioritise it for next season.
 - **Slipway ropes:** Ropes down the side of the slipway have been tested, but have yet to be actioned along its length. It will be a job for the winter but will be in place for the new sailing season.
4. **Commodore's report**

2019 started badly with our public battle with the Environment Agency and their contractors. The end result is a great surface which we have been able to use throughout the season, but there are ongoing issues with the slipway which we are trying to resolve. Jeff has been by my side and kept me sane throughout this and I am delighted that he has agreed to continue as Vice-Commodore for a further year.

The Port have approved the expansion of our boundary to the East of the club and we are in the process of fencing this, and our entire grounds. We now have some fantastic gates built by John Mills which provide a wonderful entrance to the club, a significant improvement on what we had before.

Whilst we will celebrate our club winners and our successful sailing season at the prizegiving next weekend we've been lucky to have many members competing on their national circuits, the highlights being;

- Tyler in his D-one was 3rd at the Nationals and 6th at the World Cup
- Bill and John were 4th at the Wayfarer world championships
- Many top ten finishes in Merlin events for Alex's Warren and Jackson and William
- Chris Hodge was 2nd at the Weta nationals

Its great to see the juniors expanding their horizons beyond Shoreham;

- Toby Vincent sailing on the oppie south circuit
- Luke Harrison & Rhys Griffiths in toppers on the London & SE circuit
- Rhys Griffiths being selected for the RYA London & SE Zone Squad (the first rung of the British Sailing Team ladder).

The improver sessions have been run successfully in 2019 by Gareth and his wonderful team of volunteers. 35 young sailors attending (5 from Adur) – with race training out at sea and the beginners in the harbour. Their aspirations are to increase the participation of the Adur SC juniors, apply to be an RYA recognised club for youth and to arrange Topper open and training for 2020/21

There are a large number of people who have gone the extra mile for the club this year and I would like to publicly thank;

- Paul, Richard and the catamaran team that laid chains and sorted the dinghy park at the beginning of the season
- Jeff McTaggart, Tim Jones, Alan Hardy and the team of jetwashers who have endeavoured to keep the slipway weed free.
- Bill who has designed and built some wonderful RIB trailers for us
- The Mandy's who have again done us proud in the galley creating some wonderful meals on Wednesdays and for our open meetings.
- Lisa for stepping in to take on the role of honorary secretary, as well as carrying out her sailing Secretary role.

We have two members who the committee would like to reward for the time, effort and commitment that have given to the club for many years. I am pleased that one of them is here today. Joining Alan Warren, Alan Chaplin and Peter Field, we would like to award them with honorary memberships of Shoreham Sailing Club.

The first is a member who's commitment to the club sees him down here at every opportunity come rain or shine. The club is in his heart and we have all benefitted from his unstinting enthusiasm. In recent times he has meticulously maintained our safety boat fleet amongst numerous other tasks and unseen work needing done, but he is also credited with keeping the club afloat when it was in difficulty in years past. Chris Lintern is a true club member and we hope by honouring him in this way he realises how much he is appreciated.

The second is Ralph, who has put in as much time, but most of it unseen and he has worked diligently behind the scenes on ensuring that the club is well-placed to take advantage of every Tax benefit available to us and as such saving the club many thousands of pounds over the years. Most recently he has been the driving force behind our application to become a Charitable Organisation, providing invaluable support, advice and doing most of the legwork. Ralph also instigated the club's Community Amateur Sports Club status which gained us invaluable rates relief. Sadly Ralph hung up his sailing boots this year, but we hope that he will remain involved with the club.

5. **Treasurer's report** – see separate document: [Treasurers Report 2019](#)
6. **Approval of accounts** – see separate document: [Treasurers Report 2019](#)
 - Proposed: Philip Ayton

- Seconded: William Warren

7. Re-elect auditor

- Proposed: Philip Ayton
- Seconded: William Warren

8. Club Development 2019

This year we have raised £13,420 from grants from Tesco bags of Help, Eric Twiname Trust, Adur Community grants and Sport England. These funds are specifically for junior boats – 3 plastic optimists for the improvers and two RS Feva's for the race training group. The club has also purchased two second-hand toppers. The Sport England grant of £10,000 was led by Rob Rattray. Paul Wilcox has kindly agreed to take on the role of bosun for these boats and we will discuss at the next committee meeting a protocol for juniors to loan boats outside of the improver and junior racing sessions.

We also heard on Friday that our application to the Rampion fund for £10,000 towards a new safety (committee) boat was approved. Whilst it goes some way towards the costs of a new boat I am keen to get further funding before committing to an actual purchase so this will be my priority over the winter.

We have now stopped our focus on junior boats (much to Paul's relief!) and after a committee boat our next priority will be fundraising for a new training room.

9. Approve 2019 subscription and boat fees

- Subscriptions: Annual subscriptions to remain the same and joining fee reduced to £30
 - Renewing members: We would like to reward our renewing members by offering a 5% early payment discount.
 - Boat parking fees: To increase by £5 per boat type;
 - Topper in racks: £20
 - Small: £55
 - Single: £60
 - Double: £65
 - Catamaran: £75
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- Proposed: Helen Hilditch
 - Seconded: William Carroll

10. Elect officers and committee members

Due to a number of people stepping down, there will be some changes on the committee for next season. We owe a huge vote of thanks to Bill and Lisa who have supported the committee for many many years and whos advice and expertise we hope we will still be able to call on should we need it – because it is bound to happen! This year Richard stepped back from running dutyman for too many years to mention and has stayed on the committee to support Louise in organising the merchandising and we hope will co-ordinate some training activities for members next season.

Those wishing to stand again for 2020;

- Chairman: Sophie Mackley
- Vice-Chairman: Jeff Mctaggart
- Treasurer: Philip Ayton
- Membership secretary: Chris Handel
- Phantom: Ivan Walsh
- Youth: Will Carroll
- Social: Jamie and Toni Wright
- Improvers: Gareth Griffiths
- Lasers: Martin Walker
- Merlin: William Warren
- RS200s: Louise
- Cruising and recreation: Chas Hammond

- Proposed: Bill Whitney
- Seconded: Nick Le Mare

We have received the following nominations for the remaining vacancies;

- Dutyman: Paul Walker kindly stepped in to take over the running of dutyman from Richard, and has agreed to continue in this role next season, with Ivan being the public face of dutyman.
- Sailing secretary: Ben Jones and Helen Hilditch have offered to take on the role of Sailing Secretary
- Wayfarer: Having changed his allegiances Paul has offered to take on the role of Wayfarer fleet captain.
- Training: Richard Bramley
- Catamaran: Vacant
- Honorary Secretary: Vacant. Chris Lintern volunteered on the day to take this on and subsequently Helen Hilditch also volunteered and was co-opted by the committee.

- a. Proposed: William Warren
- b. Seconded: Richard Bramley

11. Any other business

- Sussex Yacht Club membership: Tyle Harmsworth asked for clarification on the reciprocal membership deal with Sussex YC. Sophie Mackley explained that the understanding is that members of Shoreham SC have the equivalent of an associate membership at Sussex YC, and the same applies for them. If Sussex YC members have boats they would like to keep and sail from the club then they need to join as full members.