



Beaulieu River Sailing Club

## MINUTES OF THE 84<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING

Held on Saturday 19 November 2016 at the Village Hall, Beaulieu

The Commodore opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Tim & Camilla Lawrence, Nicholas & Harriet Pleydell Bouverie, Ian & Gillian Strathcarron, Peter Hayward Broomfield, Anna Rostand, Bee McGill, Brian & Marilyn Sheinman, Paul & Gillie Kennerley, David & Kate Davies, Adam & Patricia Mills, Charles & Jo Cooke Hurle, Richard Vaughan, Andrew Prue, Nicola & Robert Rawlings, Harriet Phipps and Sarah Steel.

### 2 Births, Marriages and Deaths

The following births were announced:

Cora to Graeme & Victoria Ker  
Ophelia to James & Amelia Milne (nee Marling-Roberts)  
Iona to Sam & Lara Smith-Bosenquet (nee Aguis)  
Joshua to David & Rachel Morrison  
Samuel to Tim & Camilla Lawrence (nee Pleydell-Bouverie)

The Captain congratulated the following members on their marriage:

Edward Hayward-Broomfield to Bella Shelbourne  
Kate Roberts to Saxon Ridley  
Lucinda Bubear to Hilton Holloway  
Max Slee to Claire Redmond  
Jonathan Chitty to Sarah Ellard

The Captain read the names of members who had died in the last year and as a sign of respect a minutes silence was observed by those present.

Chris Leyland  
Lady Ross  
John Noyce  
Sture Wigart  
Ed Dubois  
David Jackson  
Edward Brunton

### 3 Minutes of 2015 AGM

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Bill Slee and seconded by Anthony Haas

#### **4 New Members**

The Honorary Secretary announced that the following people had joined the Club during the course of the year:

Michele & Mark Sopher  
David & Rachel Morrison  
Nimesh & Fiona Patel  
Tony, Yvonne and Georgina Bishop Weston  
John & Susan Pemberton  
Rev John Cooper White  
Jonathan & Lucy Pittard  
Nick & Sophie Bubb

#### **5 Captain's Report**

The Captain noted that the Club's great strengths continue to be sail training and an active youth program commenting that some of the younger members are now willing to participate not only in their own class and age group but across the fleet with one or two exhibiting a very competitive streak.

He noted that the Club's social calendar has been fairly active. The season had started with pre-season drinks in the Bucklers Hard museum and much of the remaining social activities had revolved around race days. Unfortunately some of the major events of the year, including the regatta and the race to Gravelly, had been affected by bad weather.

The Captain said that the intention was to have the 2017 annual barbecue at lunchtime after a race as the format had proved very successful this year and more members had taken part than in previous years.

Recapping the events of the year he said that Angela Hayward-Broomfield had organised a few days of informal "top of the river cruising" and there had been teas, lunches and a BBQ hosted by Gina & Robert Gayner, David & Liz Walker, Ted Fort, Carol & John Hackman and Maria Stratton. As members seemed to prefer informal events linked to sailing he said that the intention was to continue along similar lines for 2017.

The Captain mentioned that he was aware that some members wanted a more elaborate function and said that if there was strong support for the idea then the Committee would welcome anyone who was willing to take it forward.

He then took the opportunity to mention that the Club was still short of a social secretary and remind members that the Club needed their support to make events and sailing happen. Support could take many different forms including safety boat crews, starting platform, allowing the Club to use jetties, making the teas and offering to host lunches and teas during the racing

The Captain mentioned the retirement of the Harbour Master, Mike Nicholls, and his replacement, Wendy Stowe, acknowledging the support they provide to the Club policing the river traffic during the regatta.

He reported that the clubhouse at Needs Ore and the Donkey Hut in Rope Factory Field were in good shape, any maintenance issues having been ably resolved by Peter Bettridge. He said that the Needs Ore pontoon needed some attention and that this would be undertaken prior to the start of the 2017 season.

The Captain thanked Lucy Markby and Rupert Scott for their hard work as Captain of Junior Sailing and Captain of Scows respectively acknowledging that they had both done a fantastic job in their respective post. Lucy had been an inspiration to all budding sailors and Rupert had introduced batten sails and forged closer links with the Royal Lyminster scow fleet.

The Captain thanked the rest of the Committee for their support and hard work pointing out that without them the Club would cease to function. He acknowledged that it is the Committee who runs the Club not one individual.

He paid special thanks to Gerry Marling Roberts, Frances Robinson, Lizzie Anders, Ted Fort, Gerard Downes and Peter and Angela Hayward-Broomfield and thanked the members generally for their support.

Closing he said that the Club would continue to use email and the Club website as the primary method of communication because it is fast, easy and accessible to all and keeps postage costs down.

## 6 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary asked members to remove their boats from Rope Factory Field and Needs Ore as soon as possible. He reminded members that the Club could charge a pound fee for any boats that were not removed and he said that any items that were left in the hut would be given to charity.

## 7 Honorary Sailing Secretary's Report

The Honorary Sailing Secretary reported that the Spring Series got off to a good start with between 13-17 scows sailing from Factory Field on a regular basis and an impressive 32 sailing in the down river race. The rankings for the Scow Challenge Cup were 1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Markby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Montagu Scott, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Gedge.

He said that the half term junior regatta had seen a good turnout with 16 boats in total. There was fierce competition amongst the 11 Oppies contrasted with more relaxed sailing in the Scows and Toppers. Max Mills won the Scows, Grace Gedge the Toppers and Henry Gedge the Oppies.

The Senior Sailing week was well attended with a very impressive fleet of 24 Toppers and 8 Lasers. The variable conditions meant the rescue boats were kept busy. Will Butler won Lasers with Ruirí Duigan most improved. Alice Fanshawe won Toppers with Kitty Rawlinson most improved. He thanked the instructors Thomas Ormerod, George Chitty, Charlie, Nickie and Aggie Savage and also Frank and Piers McGinn.

The Honorary Sailing Secretary said that junior training week continued to go from strength to strength with 44 Optimists and 10 scows taking part in this year's event. He said conditions for the week had been favorable with good wind throughout which gave the more experienced sailors good sailing and racing conditions. The younger sailors showed courage and made good progress with support from their instructors. Fun on the water (treasure hunts, spit and cork races) was followed by some great after parties. He thanked Lucy and June, the instructors and also the parents who helped out as duty parents and party hosts.

The awards were -

- Captain's scow challenge trophy -Tobias Bonham-Carter.
- The senior optimist trophy - Henry Gedge.
- The intermediate optimist trophy- Molly Doherty.
- The junior optimist trophy - Freddie May.
- The novice trophy - Fred Hosier.

He said that the Summer Series saw an average of 12 scows per race. 5 out of 6 races had been held but regrettably the Gravelly House race was cancelled. Mary Montagu Scott won the Hextall Trophy, with Lizzie Anders in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Victoria Bonham-Carter 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Regatta was also impacted by the weather with racing on the Saturday having to be cancelled. The program was squeezed in on Sunday although the sailors got savaged by a squall coming through in the second half of the race. 14 Scows, 6 Lasers and 4 Toppers took part. In Scows the Commodore Trophy was won by James Gedge with David Davies 2<sup>nd</sup> and Peter Marling-Roberts 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Lasers the Youngs 420 Tankard was won by Symon Stratton with John Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alex Duncan 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Toppers Lena Mills and Grace Gedge shared the Tew Salver.

The up river race which was won for the second year in a row by Eric Williams with his grandson crewing, Jay Devonshire was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Gedges 3<sup>rd</sup>

The weather was favourable for the Autumn Series with a bonus final race. 7 races were completed with an average fleet of 11 boats per race.. The Gedges won the Borthwick Trophy for the Autumn series, with Mary Montagu Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bill Vance 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Club had two excellent races against the Royal Lymington one in June in Lymington and one in September at Needs Ore. Both races were followed by a meal.

The Honorary Sailing Secretary reminded members that the racing can only happen if there are people to assist. He thanked Bill Vance for his hard work running the safety boats, Gerry Marling-Roberts for her dedication to the starting platform and the people that had hosted sailors including the Gayners, Walkers, Ted Fort, Hackmans and Maria Stratton. He also thanked Rupert Scott and Lucy Markby for their contributions and hard work as Scow Captain and Head of Junior Sailing respectively.

## **8 Honorary Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reminded members that as the financial year had been changed a few years ago to run 1 Jan – 31 December the accounts could not yet be finalised, he could however report

- Subs for the current financial year were £16,500 which was the same figure as collected last year;
- Sail training profit increased by £2k due to an increase in participants;
- Income for the year was approximately £18,500;
- Profits for the year would be boosted by the fact that the safety boats and pontoons had been depreciated over 10 years to £200;
- Insurance premiums were the same as last year;
- The Club had placed cash in a 1 year fixed deposit account yielding an annual return of approx. £350 instead of the £13 earned in the previous financial year.
- The Club had made donations during the year of £200 towards the Harbor Master's retirement present, £60 for a wreath laid on Remembrance Sunday and £845 towards the cabinet in the Bucklers Hard Museum;
- Profits for the year would be approximately £6000 some of which would need to be spent on maintaining the pontoons and safety boats leaving the Club with cash reserves of approximately £90k.

He said that once the accounts had been finalised they would be reviewed by Adam Mills

## **9 Election of Committee Members**

The Honorary Secretary reported that -

- Bill Vance (safety boats) and Richard Chitty (Honorary Treasurer) had both reached the end of their tenure but were both willing to stand for re-election.

The reappointment of Richard Chitty & Bill Vance was proposed by June Kirkman and seconded by Ginna Gayner

- Rupert Scott was retiring as Captain of Scows and Tim Robinson had confirmed he would stand for election.

The appointment of Tim Robinson was proposed by James Gedge and seconded by Anthony Evans

- Lucy Markby was retiring as Captain of Junior sailing and James Gedge had confirmed he would stand for election.

The appointment of James Gedge was proposed by Lucy Markby and seconded by June Kirkman

## **10 Any Other Business**

## **11 Date of next AGM**

18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Close of meeting