

Minutes of the SRCMBC 2019 Annual General Meeting

The 2019 AGM was held at 7.30pm on 17th April at the Pavilion in Vaggs Lane, Hordle. The attendance was 33 members and committee members, Apologies were received from John Andrews, Jean Scott, Shirley Hardy, Vaughan Jackson, Bob Eaton, Derek Rule, Peter Jones, Alan Bond.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes for the last AGM were read and approved.

Proposed by Colin Vear

Seconded Doug Freeman

MATTERS ARISING

Workshops were looked into, though not enough interest from members and therefore not carried forward at present.

Website contributions are gratefully received from members, who can either put items or photos on the website themselves or can contact Peter Taylor who will assist.

Newsletters will continue 3 times a year, February, July, October.

The Committee have decided to keep subscriptions the same as for 2018

Proposed by Colin Vear

Seconded Jacob Roth

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR (March 2018 to March 2019)

The Captain welcomed members to the meeting. The club has had another good year with lots of members sailing and supporting the club. Membership remains strong and we currently have 142 with 76 renewed and sufficient funds in the bank to support our outgoings

The two annual shows went well with strong support from the membership. Lots of varied and excellent models were on show at both events, public attendance was good and additional advertising and outside displays helped to publicise the events. The takings at both shows were good and we were able to give good donations to our chosen show charities namely National Coastwatch, The Hants and IOW Air Ambulance, RNLI (the RNLI and National Coastwatch were in attendance at the events with displays and stalls). My thanks go to everyone who exhibited models, helped with set up and pack up and generally helping through the day. Special thanks go to Andrea Reith and Penny Coombs for doing a fantastic job running the refreshments at Milford, to Brian Rapley for once again setting up his fairground organ and to Lorna and Andrew for running the raffle and fundraising.

In addition to these two big club shows members also attended and displayed models at other events which are enjoyable but also publicises our activities, examples are The South West Models Shows at the Bovington Tank Museum, Milford RNLI AGM and Xmas Fair. We do get invites to display at other events but cannot always accept if they run over several days or are outside without protection for the models, for example we have been asked to consider Calshot Lifeboat Day, Lymington Lifeboat open days, Hythe Summer Fair, New Milton Family Fun Day etc but we no longer have a gazebo to use for outdoor events after it was damaged at the Calshot Lifeboat Day.

Charities currently supported by the club are RNLI, Hants & IOW Air Ambulance, National Coastwatch Institution, New Forest Disability and SCARF, our contribution to Guide Dogs has now expired.

EVENTS

Navy Day 8th July – Excellent weather and a fine pondside display of models and lots of models being sailed. My thanks go to the committee for their help and to John Wills for helping me with the packing and unpacking of the hire van.

You will probably remember that we had a problem with the access road being closed by the Forestry Commission for repair and resurfacing in May, which made sailing days rather difficult although we were still allowed access with the key. The closure also meant we had to postpone the Steering Competition planned for the 20th May for safety reasons, we then planned to hold it again on 12th August but had to cancel the day before due to high wind and rain, hopefully we will get to hold it in 2019. (We are only planning one steering competition per year now as member participating has declined).

Annual Club Exhibition 1st September - A fantastic display of over 100 models and we raised money for H&IOW Air Ambulance and RNLI. We collected £422.10 on the day which was split between the two charities and we received a further £430.00 from Bank which went to RNLI this year. David thanked Lorna and Andrew re raffle etc, committee and members for helping to set up and packing up, also for manning door. Also to Andrea Reith, Penny Coombs particularly for running the refreshments and Brian Rapley for displaying his fairground organ, which is spectacular and enjoyed by all, including residents who open their windows to listen. Also thanks to Paul Nixon for obtaining sponsorship from Wightlink for the raffle.

Xmas Lunch 8th December – We had our Xmas Lunch at The Walhampton Arms in Lymington, the event was well attended, and the tickets were sold out. Members enjoyed an excellent meal with a carvery main course ensuring no one went home hungry. The raffle was very successful and raised £139.00 for SCARF and New Forest Disability, also £140.00 was sent to New Forest Disability from the bank. Our thanks and appreciation to Lorna and Andrew for once again arranging it for us.

Highcliffe Exhibition 23th March 2019 - Held at Highcliffe Sports and Social club, third event at this venue. Larger display than last year, with more publicity, which brought a larger foot fall in to the show. Funds were raised for RNLI and National Coastwatch at Calshot Tower and £171.50 was split between the charities and the Bank £180.00 went to the RNLI this year.

Other events attended by members, were the RNLI AGM and Xmas fair, and Bovington Tank Museum Exhibition, which was joint with SWA in February and October, there is limited space but good club publicity.

Pictures for all our events are on the website.

I must extend a big thank you to Lorna and the Committee for their help and support throughout the year. To Peter Taylor for his continued management of the website. Please remember that the website is now the main reference for publishing club events changes to dates and for generally giving club info so please ensure that you check it regularly for updates. We are always looking for members to contribute to

the site with photos of new models and maintaining your gallery, if you don't have one yet please consult with Peter and he will help you set it up.

The sad news is that during the year we lost one of our stalwart members Harold Hartigan and our sympathy goes out to his family in their loss, but it is nice to know that several of his models were purchased by club members and can still be seen sailing at Setley as a tribute to his modelling skills.

Thanks to Lorna for doing an excellent job as Treasurer and for compiling the newsletter, managing club apparel and for sorting our club badges and calendars you truly are my right-hand person.

I know that some of you have heard that I will not be standing for re-election in March 2020, after much deliberation I have decided that as I will be approaching 76 the lifting and carrying, and setting up and packing a van or my car is getting harder. I will no longer be eligible to hire a van and I feel its time to pass the baton on to someone else. I have also not been 100% fit since last November and will be having a major operation next month, which will put me out of circulation this year until August at least and will not be able to give the club the attention I have done in the past. We will be discussing this later in the meeting.

Last and by no means least a big thank you to you the members for supporting the club and making club days and events enjoyable and fun. Let's hope we have a really good 2019.

Proposed Brian Rapley

Seconded Mike Beard

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer mentioned to members that last year it was suggested that a change of venue might be on the cards, because of some trouble hiring the Hall last year, though on reflection and depending on if members read their emails and checked the website it was decided that the Pavilion at Hordle was the venue again for the AGM, and everyone was thanked for turning up.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report showing items of Income received as per balance sheet, and the details of Expenditure also as per balance sheet.

Subscriptions were kept the same as 2018.

Subs are now due and out of 142 members 76 have re-joined to date.

Items explained by the Treasurer from the balance sheet are as follows -

Income

Subs remained the same as last year £1,062.00.

Clothing £235.50, Boats from past members for charity £190.00, yacht sold for charity RNLI £50.00.

Calendars ordered 110 sold for £348.00 - these sold for £4.00 Wall calendars and £2.50 CD Landscape calendars, these were produced in time for the Milford Show, all were sold, except for ones given out as per Captains Report. This year a profit of £27.23 was made. Wall and CD calendars will again be ordered before the end of July so we can take advantage of a 10% discount, so they will be on sale August onwards.

It was explained what money was taken at Highcliffe Show and Milford Show, the money that was collected at Highcliffe was £171.60 and this was divided between RNLI and Coastwatch Calshot Tower, money taken at the Milford Show was £422.10

Christmas Lunch TBC
Proposed Steve Watling

Seconded John Wills

WEBSITE

Peter informed members that he was happy to run it though more contribution from members of the scale section, either pictures, information or stories, would be appreciated. At present the sailing section use it regularly by posting the results from their various races. The club would love to see more postings on the website to stop it stagnating. Photos of models would be appreciated, they can then be considered for the club's calendar, how you build your models if you want to pass on your expertise, advice etc this can all be put on the website for members to read. We still have queries from people all over the world and these are passed on to members,

It was mentioned if any member wishes to put an item or photo on the website, please log in to register and post your comments, this then goes to Peter Taylor to approve before being put on the site.

If you have any problems or don't want to put it on yourself, please contact Peter, David or Lorna and we will do it for you, or Peter will provide instruction.

Please, Please Contribute it's easy.

Proposed Carol Hellicar

Seconded Steve Watling

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLUB EXHIBITION AT MILFORD ON SEA

The Club's exhibition at Milford on Sea is on 7th September in the usual Hall, setting up will be on Friday 6th September between 4-7pm. Help will be needed on both days, to transport items from David's house to the hall and back again when finished, also to set up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. David has asked for all members who can help to contact him with names and contact numbers and what they are able to help with. Mike Beard has offered to help with transport to get various items to the hall instead of hiring a van. David will be shortly asking for members to advise him how many boats they are bringing, it is usually a good show of boats and enjoyed by all. We will again ask Paul Nixon if we can get sponsorship from Wightlink.

We will again advertise it as much as possible, in local papers, radio, posters etc.

Help will be needed to man the door and tea and coffees.

Brian Rapley was asked if he could bring his fairground organ.

Mike mentioned it might help visitors to see how the boats sail if they are shown how the rudder, sails or motor work, they can see of Peter's computer but it might help to actually see things move, if members are willing to show visitors and have handsets at the ready. John Wills and Arthur Shannon has offered help to David.

The charities for the day will be RNLI and H&IOW Air Ambulance.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Lorna informed members that she was willing to organise the Xmas lunch and the choice was between South Lawns or Walhampton Arms. Members were informed that South Lawns last year were charging £20.50, but to go into the Cornwallis suite we would need 45 people or more and would have to pay deposit of £250.00 and full amount 14 days before event, with no refunds if members could not attend, compared to Walhampton Arms 2 course £16.50 and 3 course £19.50 with only members attending being charged.

Unless anyone would like to organise the Lunch and they could therefore choose the venue. Members voted for Lorna to organise and Walhampton Arms, Lorna would advise date when able to in June.

GAFF RIG/VINTAGE SAIL DAY DISCUSSION

David advised members that a Gaff Rig day had been mentioned to him last year, an email had been sent out but only 4 replies received. It was asked if it could be tried again this year, Jim Forrester has agreed to organise the day, 6 members at the AGM showed their interest and emails to members will be sent out to obtain interest, then Jim can decide whether it would be worth organising.

A static display and also free sailing would be organised. Jim mentioned about having a bring and buy sale on the day with members bringing any unwanted boat items, though taking them home if not sold.

David mentioned that with only having one steering competition, maybe the other trophy could be presented on the day. A date has been set as Sunday 9th June 2019 though if bad weather on that day, maybe rescheduled to Sunday 16th June.

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THE CAPTAIN AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES –

As David mentioned in his notes he is standing down in March 2020, members at the AGM suggest that if the position could be done by two people, the answer was yes though the club needed one person to be the Captain and be the figure head. Also, it was mentioned to help him through this year maybe a member could volunteer as his deputy, if anyone would like to do any of these positions, also the committee needs new members as Arthur has stood down this leaves only three, please contact David or Lorna.

David mentioned he would be able to organise Navy Day on 12th May before his operation, then he will be out of action for some time. All queries etc during this time can be directed to the committee.

Club Calendars – Member were informed that the club ordered 110 Wall and CD Landscape calendars, which again sold out, we again sent one to Model Boat magazine, Milford Hall, RNLi, Forestry Commission, Cornwall Models, Fratton Models and Radio Solent. It was put to members if they would still like the same format Wall and CD Calendars for next year and we have decided to order these types of calendars again. Hopefully we can keep the prices the same Wall calendars £4.00 and CD £2.50. Members will be advised of price when able. Lorna will sort pictures and order them before end of July to get 10% discount and should be on sale August onwards. Please let Lorna know if you would like to put your name for one.

CLOTHING - Members were reminded that the club still have clothing in stock in all sizes. If anyone requires clothing not in stock, the club will get price from manufacturer and inform member if price differs from prices now shown on website, clothing is only ordered when required.

BADGES - Please could all members wear your badge at the lake it can be very difficult sometimes to know if you are a member, and it save the committee asking all the time, and it will help the committee to learn names.

CLUB ENAMEL BADGES – The Club now have an enamel badge priced at £2.00 each, picture on website, if you would like one please contact Lorna.

KEYRINGS – Peter in South Africa has made the club 20 scale keyrings and 6 sailing keyrings, the club are selling them for £2.00 each, if anyone would like one please contact Lorna (limited edition will be put on website)

NEWSLETTERS -The Club will still produce a Newsletter three times a year (in February, July, and at end of year). to advise members of any events coming or any general information the club feels members need to know. Some members are not on the internet, so it keeps them up with the news. If anyone would like an article put in the newsletter, eg building boats info etc anything you feel would be of interest to other members please advise Lorna or David, any little thing would help, otherwise its going to be a very short paragraph.

WEBSITE - If any member would like an article or photo put on the website, which you feel members would be interested in please register on website or let Peter Taylor, know and one way or another we can get it will go on the website, don't be shy have a go. At Highcliffe and Milford Shows Peter is prepared to show members how to use the website, we will help you in any way we can.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH – Peter stood up and talked to members about coastwatch, if anybody would be interested in finding out more, Peter would be more than happy to talk to members about it, leaflets can also be obtained.

David, the committee and members would like to thank Arthur Shannon for all his help and support on the committee, he has now stood down from committee.

David thanked the committee for all their help and assistance during the year and everyone who has helped keep the club going.

As no other business was put forward, the Captain and Committee thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was finished at 8.30.