

Minutes of the SRCMBC 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM was held on 17th August at 7pm, at All Saints Hall in Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea, Lymington. The attendance was 16 members and committee members. Apologies were received from John Frost, Roy and Brenda Springett, Colin Vear, Jenny Davis, Christ Burrows, John Andrews, Olly Pat Bill Chapman, Peter Taylor, Peter Sheppard, Kenneth Cookes, Colin McNeill, Colin Marham, Steve Watling.

The Treasurer opened the meeting at 7pm by thanking everyone for turning up and it was nice to see members again. Members were informed as we had no Captain David had agreed to chair the meeting. The floor was then turned over to David.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes for the last AGM were sent out to all members with the newsletter and were also on the website, a copy on the night was provided. As it was 2019 when we were last together, we all decided that we now start a fresh.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded Mac McAusland

Matters Arising

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

Newsletters will continue 3 times a year as decided by members.

The Committee have decided to keep subscriptions the same as 2019.

Proposed by Mac McAusland

Seconded by David Purchase

Non-Captains report

David pointed out about the permit for the pond and how Nigel the Captain of the Sailing Section (the sailing section are the part of the club that hold and negotiate the permit) had so many problems trying to negotiate it. When the country had problems with Covid the Forestry took the permit away from the club as the regulations did not allow groups to meet. Then when he asked for it to be reinstated, they came back and asked him to fill in a customer account request form in order that they could raise an invoice

Also, an application form to request a Permit including a map showing our paths to the pond.

They requested our Public Liability Insurance to be 10m, but insurance companies feel only £5m is needed because of the risk to our boating, the Forestry did agree to this.

They also needed Risk assessments, a copy was sent to them, they came back and said we didn't have anything regarding sailing in adverse weather, it was pointed out members didn't sail on these days, so this was added to assessment

They needed our Covid Measurers concerning members.

A Safeguarding Policy was needed even though both the Sailing and Scale have no junior members at present, but one was compiled and sent to them.

The Forestry requested £75.00 application/documentation fee on top of the permit which Nigel eventually got them down to £240.00 so total amount was £315.00 of which we pay half. It is felt the fee will be increased when the next permit is due.

The Forestry also capped the boats on the water to 12, which is still in force, so please be careful and keep to the Setley Pond Operating Areas, so all members can enjoy their sailing time, also if there are more than 12 boats trying to sail, please be considerate towards other members.

Members who we have sadly lost over the past two years.

Jacob Roth, Peter Gargan, Arthur Shannon, Richard Coombs, Doug Freeman, our condolences go to their families.

Proposed John Edwards

Seconded Brian Rolls

David then said a few words- just wanted to say a few words as I stand down from scale Captain after 15 years.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to have led the club from a small membership to the present 117. I have done my best to arrange your events and competitions and I hope that those of you who participated have enjoyed them.

I would like to thank the members who have supported me on the committee and in other ways to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

In particular I would like to express my very sincere and heart felt thanks to Lorna who has been an amazing club treasurer and my right-hand person. I could not have done the role without her help. To Peter Taylor thanks for the brilliant website.

To the newcoming Captain Charles I extend my best wishes for his future in the club and express the wish that you will give him the same support that I have had from the membership. I know he brings a wealth of experience to the role and will continue to make the club even more successful.

Thank you all.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report for year 2020 and 2021 the years we did not have an AGM, copies were shown to the members at the meeting.

Year 2020 finished with a balance of £2,755.68.

Year 2021 finished with a balance of £3,455.78, subs were not collected for this year.

Year 2022 finished with a balance of £3390.24.

Income

Subs £355.00, all subs were collected from members before AGM.

New Members £90.00

Bank Interest £0.90

Calendars £279.84 68 calendars ordered all sold.

Hordle pavilion credited us in error £28.54.

Expenditure

Website £100.80, sailing section charged third.
Bank charges £15.00
Public Liability £116.40 same as last year
Refund of subs £50.00
Macmillan Local Cancer profit from calendars £50.00
Calendars and postage £263.13
Newsletters postage and new members £56.40
Hordle pavilion refund £28.54
Badges £10.88
Car Stickers £39.60
Sub Cards £45.00
Stamps £10.00
Doug Freeman Donation £30.00
Arthur Shannon Donation £30.00
Richard Coombs Donation £30.00
Final Balance £3,390.24 end of March 2022

No request for rent for pond in 2022 balance sheet, and not received sailing section website fees, these will both be in next year's figures.

The Treasurer then advised members of the charges the Bank charge to run the account.

The account is charged £5.00 per month, which has been since April 2022 and then we are charged the following

Credits 40p each – paid in at branch.

Cheques 40p each – paid in branch or by mobile app.

Cash 0.40% per £100.00 – in branch

Direct payments in and out of the account are free.

Therefore, the club have been charged.

£25.00 (£5.00 monthly) for running account

£11.99 for paying in Cheques and cash.

Members were advised that if they didn't want to pay by direct payment this did not make any difference cheques and cash still accepted by the club.

The Treasurer advised members that the club had tried to open an account with other Banks to get free banking, but had been rejected twice by Lloyds and Nat West, probably because I had no account with them, and other banks from their websites were not accepting any new accounts as so many were trying to switch.

The Treasurer will again look to see if any Bank will give free banking.

Also members were informed that the club had decided that the venue for the AGM would be changed from Hordle to Milford, due to the fact that we needed to have doors and windows open and felt Hordle was not very private to do this, the Hall at Milford was £12.00 per hour and the kitchen would have been £16.00 per hour it was decided to not provide drinks this year.

Proposed Nigel James

Seconded Simon Jeffs

Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2022/2023

No nominees were received for Committee members, though we had a nominee for Captain. Charles Chambers was nominated for Scale Club Captain, proposed by David McNair-Taylor and elected by all members at the meeting.

Also, Andy David as Committee member, Boiler testing and Lorna Soffe Membership, Treasurer were re-elected by all members.

Proposed John Edwards

Seconded Paul Nixon

David then stood down and invited Charles to take his place at the table, he then had this to say.

I have been retired for about 11 years now and I initially moved back to Lymington from Buckinghamshire about 7 years ago, during the 25 years or so in Bucks, I was a keen model yacht competitor racing 6m yachts as well as building scale sailing boats. It was during this time that I along with 3 other modelers formed the Two Islands RC MYC and worked with Milton Keynes Council and Parks Authority, we negotiated the lease of a suitable lake and successfully developed the Club which is still very active today with approx. 80 members.

I was the Clubs first Chairman, a position I held for 4 years, I was also a member at Watermead (Aylesbury) Model Club which had a greater emphasis on scale thus being able to enjoy all aspects of model sailing.

As some of you may remember I joined the Solent Model Boat Club when I first moved to Lymington, however I decided after a couple of years in the town to sell up and buy a bigger yacht and seek adventure by crossing the Atlantic and spending 2 years in the Caribbean sailing the Islands and becoming a Rum Connoisseur, Chairmans St. Lucian became the favourite!

On my return I moved to Bournemouth and sadly sold my yacht, but this has led to a renewed interest in modelling which had always been one of my hobbies. I re-joined our Club at this point.

Currently I have numerous models ranging from large sailing yachts to trawlers and warships with, as is usually the case several in various states of construction or restoration.

As I have now been elected, I will do my best to continue the great stewardship that David has provided for 15 years ably assisted by Lorna. I would also like to be able to reinstate some of the activities that have been put on hold due to Covid. I trust this would be something the wider membership would want. I am a regular on most Thursdays and Sundays and keen to see the Club continue well into the future whilst maintaining its excellent reputation as being a friendly well-run Club.

Finally, I would like to thank David and Lorna for their nomination and support in my application to be the Scale Captain.

Website

Peter could not be with us tonight, but has asked he would love more contributions from members of the scale section, either pictures, information on your boats, stories about how you have built your boats from start to finish, your expertise, advice etc can all be out on the website , these stories may help other members with their building.

Photos of models would be appreciated as they can then be considered for the club's calendar.

If members would like to put anything on the Website or would like help with the website, please contact Peter (leave message on answerphone)

Club Exhibitions 2023

It was felt that it is too late in the year to organise any exhibitions or events. It was put to all members if this was something that they would like in the future and the opinion was yes, if possible, with everyone willing to help where they can, the committee will look into this.

Halls for exhibitions were mentioned.

Masonic Hall, Lymington

Highcliffe Hall

All Saints Hall, Milford on Sea

Lymington Community Hall

If members could think of any others, please contact the committee and they will be looked into, to find the most suitable.

It was mentioned to members that Events at the pond, depending on what was arranged may need a permit from the Forestry, so hopefully we can arrange events that don't need this, members were asked to inform committee of what they would like.

Maybe a Vintage Sail, Gaff Rigg, Warship display etc.

AOB

Club Calendars – The club have ordered 96 this year priced at Wall £4.00 and Desk £3.00, 82 have already been spoken for, if anyone would like one, please contact Lorna.

Clothing – Members were reminded that the club still have clothing and caps in stock in all sizes. If anyone would like an item of clothing, please contact Lorna.

Badges – Please could all members wear your badge at the pond, it can be very difficult sometimes to know if you are a member or not, especially with new members joining and some members not being to the pond during Covid, it will also help Charles our new Captain and the committee.

Newsletters will be produced 3 times a year.

If able look at website for boats for sale, we are also considering if boats are for sale on website for over a year they may be presumed sold and taken off.

The club is also thinking of splitting photos between current and old, so when members or non-members are looking to contact about a certain boat, they will know who is current and who have left the club.

Please keep to operating areas as we are only able to have 12 boats on water at one time. It will help members to sail yachts and motor safety so everyone can enjoy their time there.

Member brought up about clearer signs on no fishing and priority to model boats when in use by club, the committee will look into this and also felt that signs can easily be removed from the pond.

Christmas Lunch was mentioned and was felt that this year was a bit late to organise, so committee will look to organise one in 2023.

The club also mentioned that David still has all of the club's bits and pieces in his garage re Steering competition etc, the committee have asked for David to make a list of items he has then a member said they could either be distributed between members if still needed or took down the tip.

Before the meeting was adjourned a presentation of an engraved glass tankard was presented to David for all his hard work and dedication to the club over the years as Captain.

Members were thanked for attending and thanked for their participation.

Meeting was finished at 8.30.