

SUSSEX SAILABILITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
23 FEBRUARY 2013. 15.00.
SUSSEX YACHT CLUB SHOREHAM-BY-SEA

Chairman: John MacTear

Notes: Lesley Mercer

Members/Volunteers Present: 26

Apologies for absence.

Prior to meeting: Martin Lindsay-Hills, David Rammus.

At meeting: Margaret Vick.

1. Approval of minutes from previous AGM, 25/02/2012.

The minutes of the 2012 AGM had been made available to members and were also available to view at the SYC Main Office.

Proposal: That the minutes of the 2012 AGM be accepted.

Proposed: Richard Jackson

Seconded: Ian Bush

Agreed by the meeting.

2. Adoption of Accounts.

The Full Accounts were available to members prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer, David Skinner, summarised and explained salient points from the Accounts.

These healthy figures include the successful bid for the Sports England grant (£10,000), but not the latest purchase of another boat (approx. £7000). This will be included in the next accounting year.

He commented: because currently interest rates are generally low there is very little advantage to be had by moving funds, hence the small interest amount on the present accounts.

He commented: the item 'Instructors & Helpers Expenses' would from next year be 'General Expenses'. This year's accounts have been 'signed off' and cannot be amended.

He explained the time scale for fixed asset (the boats) depreciation is seven years.

Before closing the Treasurer asked were there questions from the meeting. There were none.

Proposal: That the accounts for Sussex Sailability for the year 2012/13 be accepted.

Proposed: David Skinner

Seconded: Pat Jackson

Agreed by the meeting.

3. Appointment of Trustees.

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| 3.a | Existing Trustees, continuing in post: | David Skinner, Kevin Headon, |
| 3.b | Retiring candidates: | Martin Lindsay-Hills, Alan Saunders |
| 3.c | Resigning to re stand candidate: | John MacTear |
| 3.d | New standing candidate: | David Rammus (SYC Commodore) |

Proposal: That these changes in the List of Trustees be accepted.

Proposed: David Skinner

Seconded: Sue Vivian.

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2013 Appointed Trustees:

David Skinner, Kevin Headon, John MacTear, David Rammus

The meeting thanked the outgoing Trustees, noting a formal thank you to Martin Lindsay-Hills.

A formal letter of thanks and appreciation to be sent to Martin Lindsay-Hills, on behalf of all of Sussex Sailability, in recognition of his long standing dedication to the establishment and continuing development of the Sussex Sailability facilities and growth of membership.

From the floor: A collection 'facility' to be available should members wish to express their appreciation for Martin Lindsay-Hills. The exact details to be discussed and arranged by the incoming committee.

4. Appointment of Operations Committee.

Existing committee members:

David Skinner, David Terry, John MacTear, Kevin Headon, Martin Butcher, Steve Lee, Sue Pedley, Wendy Taylor. (Full Members of SYC)
Chris Pelling, Ian Bush, Jay Forsyth. (Associate members, Sussex Sailability)

Proposed new committee member: Chris Taylor

Proposal: That the above Operations Committee be appointed.

Proposed: Sue Vivian

Seconded: Dickie Jackson

Agreed by the meeting.

5. Chairman's Report. (Copies available from the Committee).

The Chair began by reporting a very successful year, with numerous sailing, power boat and training sessions attended by sailors and volunteers alike, adding only one or two events, such as the Sonar entries for the Sussex Regatta, being unfortunately 'weathered off'.

Kevin Headon said entries to Cowes Week had been successful, with two Sussex Sailability crew and a profoundly deaf crew having an enjoyable time.

Pat Jackson reported the Access Racing throughout the season had been well attended and successful.

The Chair told the meeting, Sussex Sailability has a healthy stock of boats for sailors and volunteers to use and that two of the older boats will be sold during the coming season.

We have about 90 active sailors, some 40 or so regular sailors and about 30 regular volunteers, the rest being made up from occasional participants and helpers.

He reported the Volunteers Day in March last year had been well attended and a repeat event is hoped for this season.

Shore based sessions for a variety of topics went well, outside events happening when weather permitted. Topics included subjects such as: power boat handling, First Aid, assistant instructor, hoist handling and disability awareness.

The Boat Jumble and BBQ were well supported, volunteers and members generally having a successful fundraising year. Well done and thanks to all involved.

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John MacTear thanked the Fund Raising sub-Committee, including Sue Pedley and Jay Forsyth, for all their efforts throughout the season, with special mention to Margaret, for organising the successful bid for the £10,000 Sports England Grant.

The Chair again thanked Martin Lindsay-Hills, explaining, Martin has decided to step down due to failing health. He added, Martin is a founding member of Sussex Sailability and has helped build it into the successful band of volunteers and members it is today.

The Chair thanked Jay Forsyth for organising the Sailability Christmas Lunch, adding it had been a fitting conclusion to the end of 2012.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 David Skinner (SYC Mooring & Maintenance Committee) apologised for the inconvenience caused to Sailability members by large concrete blocks filling the disabled parking bays. These are for the rebuilding of some of the pontoons and should be moved within 1-2 weeks, adding most of the boats squeezed in around the area should be going back in the water very soon as well.

6.2 Pat Jackson thanked all the volunteers that had helped with the Access Racing throughout the year.

6.3 Des Silverson asked about the condition of E Pontoon, it is slanting and appears to be sinking.

David Skinner replied, the Mooring Cttee is aware and is monitoring the situation. The pontoon steel frame had twisted, but it is not sinking. Should conditions change then a non-slip surface might be considered.
He suggested a letter from Sussex Sailability, expressing concern would not go amiss.

Des Silverson also asked: was the Mooring Cttee aware, a Dory, with attached outboard, on the end of the pontoon overhangs, gets in the way and could potentially damage boats & people coming ashore.
David agreed to look at the situation directly after the meeting and deal as appropriate.

6.4 John Redman suggested creating an Annual Award for Volunteers to thank them for their hard work. The meeting considered the pros & cons of this

John MacTear offered: the RYA Sailability already issues Certificates of Recognition for sailors and volunteers, for a variety of categories, maybe submitting candidates for SYC recognition could be a way of thanking volunteers.

The committee agreed to discuss this further.

6.5 John MacTear told the meeting, the overhead display showing before the meeting and created by Chris Taylor, will hopefully be included on the Sussex Sailability website in due course.

6.6 John MacTear, on behalf of the meeting, thanked Jay Forsyth for the refreshments available at the back of the meeting.

6.7 Finally, the meeting offered thanks to the Operations Committee for its hard work over the past year.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at: 15.55.