

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 6th August 2018 – Tenby Sailing Club. Meeting Commenced at 18:30.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Kay Ecclestone, Tim and Sarah Parsons.

2. **Minutes from the meeting on Monday 31st July 2017 – Castle Cove Sailing Club:**

Minutes from last year's meeting were made available. There were no amendments and were therefore approved unanimously. These were signed off as being a true account by Jo Mahy and Jerry Hannabuss.

3. **Matters Arising from the minutes:**

One matter arising was item 7 Proposed changes to Class rules, due to a delay in dealings with the RYA and the electronic vote had not taken place but an agenda item in the current AGM had been set. There were no further matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

See attached report by Chris Yates.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017 were circulated and presented to the meeting by Treasurer Malcolm James.

A thank you to Andy McKee for auditing the accounts was given.

The meeting voted in favour of the Treasurer's Report: proposed by John Mursell, seconded by Richard Bowers.

6. **Election of Officers:**

Chairman: Chris Yates

Treasurer: Malcolm James

Class Secretary: Steve Walker

No other nominations were received so all three were voted as Class officers.

7. **Committee Positions**

Membership Secretary – Colin Bradley

Events – Peter Gray

Website and Sponsorship – Simon Forbes

Technical Advisor – Chris Turner

Silver Scorpion Results – Carl Jones

Advertising and PR – Hannah Edge

Prize Organiser and Sponsorship – Amy Forbes

All the above Committee positions were voted in by a majority vote of the attending membership and are therefore declared elected.

New Committee Nominations:

President

John Mursell was nominated as President of the Scorpion Class. No other nominations occurred so John was voted onto the committee.

Nationals Co-ordinator

Dave Elston was nominated as Nationals Co-ordinator of the Scorpion Class. No other nominations occurred so Dave was voted onto the committee.

8. **Proposed changes to Class Constitution:**

Item 3 of the constitution – membership.

Amend item

3.a.vi Youth membership shall be open to any individual whose 24th birthday is after March 31st of that year.

Remove item

3.a.vii Student membership

Introduce item

3.a.vii Family Membership shall extend ordinary membership to include partner living at the same address and any children aged under 19 on March 31st of that year.

The proposals were voted in by a majority vote of the attending meeting with 2 abstentions, with agreement that the wording for family membership to be reworded as above.

There were no other proposed changes to the Class Constitution.

9. Membership Subscriptions

Introduce from 1st April 2019:

Ordinary Membership £35

Associate Membership £25

Youth £15

Family £45

The proposals were voted in by a majority vote of the attending meeting.

10. Proposed changes to Class Rules:

Chris Turner reported to the meeting that since the last AGM, he and Steve Walker had liaised with the RYA and the Technical Committee but due to delays the full proposal was not yet available.

He proposed that an electronic vote be undertaken by the membership before Christmas, so this remains a work in progress at time of this meeting.

11. Nationals Entry – Class membership

A proposal to amend the Sailing Instructions for future national championships to include that both helm and crew should be members of the class association.

After some discussion the proposal was agreed in principle, with the committee asked to clarify how this included family membership.

12. Venues for future Nationals:

Chris Yates confirmed next year's Nationals are at Llandudno Sailing Club starting 27th July. This would be a co-hosted event with the Lark class association.

Chris thanked the present Llandudno commodore and team for taking up the request at short notice following the cancellation from Beer sailing club.

Chris mentioned that the committee were focussed on delivering other joint events with other classes such as the Enterprises in future years. Even though we had bookings for on-going years they may be subject to change.

Future venues: 2019 Llandudno, 2020 Penzance, 2021 ??, 2022 Looe, 2023 Lyme Regis.

13. Sailing and training programme for 2019:

Pete Gray confirmed that events for 2019 would be focussed on 5 or 6 larger events either at existing Regatta or shared with other classes. Details to follow after committee meetings and events will be published in good time.

14. Any other permitted Business:

There was no other permitted business.

The AGM closed at 1930.

Thank you!

Minutes take by: Steve Walker, Class Secretary National Scorpion Association

Date: 6th August 2018, Tenby Sailing Club

All above mentioned reports can be obtained by contacting the Class Secretary direct on secretary@sailscorpion.co.uk or on Scorpion Association website.