



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Penzance Sailing Club commenced at 17:20.

There were 42 attendees.

- **Apologies for Absence:**  
Bill Gross.
  
- **Minutes from the meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Via Zoom:**  
Minutes from last year's meeting had been published on [www.sailscorpion.co.uk](http://www.sailscorpion.co.uk), sent to members via email and were available at the meeting.  
There were no amendments and were therefore approved unanimously.  
**These were signed off as being a true account by Nick Lightbody and Alan Ritchie.**
  
- **Matters Arising from the minutes:**  
There were no matters arising.
  
- **Chairman's Report:**  
See attached report by Chris Yates
  
- **Secretaries Report:**  
Steve Walker gave a view on the way forwards with the association in a positive position, financially and the way it was carrying out its activities.
  - Ensuring we supported the building of new boats now there was a strong demand.
  - Develop working relationships with championship host clubs had brought benefits.
  - We had received excellent feedback from the RYA and national media in the way we had encouraged an inclusive approach while keeping a strong racing vision.
  - Continue with good communication with membership
  - Support the pro-active committee members
  
- **Treasurer's Report:**  
Copies of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were circulated and presented to the meeting by Treasurer Russell Wheeler.  
A thank you to Edward Parsons for auditing the accounts.  
**The meeting voted in favour of the Treasurer's Report: proposed by Jerry Hannabuss, seconded by Dave Snutch.**
  
- **Election of Officers:**  
Chairman: Chris Yates  
Treasurer: Russell Wheeler  
Class Secretary: Steve Walker  
**No other nominations were received so all three were voted as Class officers**

- **Committee Positions**

President – John Mursell

Membership – Jo Mahy

Events – Peter and Rachel Gray

Website – Malcolm James

Advertising and PR – Hannah Edge

Prize Organiser – Nicola Willars

Championship Co-ordinator – Dave Elston

Sponsorship – Non Committee role

Technical Advisor – Jerry Hannabuss

PR/Marketing - TBC

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

- **Class Association Membership for national championships**

After a healthy discussion, the meeting confirmed the previous AGM decision from 2018, for NOR/SI's at national championships to include that both helm and crew should be members of the class association. At least 1 to be a full/family or youth member.

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

- **Membership Subscriptions**

Following the agreement for both helm and crew to be association members at national championships there was a proposal to amend the Associate subscription from £25 to £15. Introduce from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Ordinary Membership £35

Associate membership £15

Youth £15

Family £45

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

- **Venues for future Nationals:**

Dave Elston presented the Penzance championship P&L account showing the association expected to break even for the event. (note: latest accounts now show a good profit following additional income)

Next year's Nationals will be at Looe Sailing Club starting 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022, preparation was well in hand. One note is that Looe were expecting to charge £190 per boat which could increase the entry fee to £240-£250. Negotiations would continue.

Future venues: 2023 Eastbourne SC , 2024 Castle Cove SC, 2025 TBC.

Tenby and a return to Penzance were proposed as possible future venues.

- **Sailing and training programme for 2022:**

Rachel and Pete Gray confirmed that events for 2022 would be focussed on 5 or 6 larger events either at existing Regatta or shared with other classes. An outline list of events was presented, to be published on the class website as soon as confirmed.

Events will be published in good time.

Training events would be available for 2022, either full weekends or in line with open meetings.

- **Any other permitted Business:**  
There was no other permitted business.  
The AGM closed at 18:21.

Thank you!

Minutes taken by:  
Steve Walker  
Class Secretary, National Scorpion Association  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021

*All above mentions reports can be obtained by contacting the Class Secretary direct on [secretary@sailscorpion.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sailscorpion.co.uk) or on Scorpion Association web site*