

Minutes of the AGM, Yeadon Sailing Club, 2nd March 2024 at 3pm

Present:

Members: Jon Wheble, Geir Rafnsson, Ian Jones, Phil Graham, Dennis Becod, Glenis Burgess, Tony Langley, Paul Bradley, Louise Harding, Patrick Gregory, Karen Gregory, Jackie Friend, Tony Langley

Visitor: Martin Tanner

Apologies:

Tim Burnett, Rachel McInnes, Howard Chadwick, James Hayward, AJ and Esme Gregory, James Hardcastle, Chris Sowerbutts

1. The minutes of the AGM March 2023 were accepted as a true record, proposed Tony Langley, Seconded Glenis Burgess, passed unanimously

2. The annual report was received having been circulated to all members by email. Reports from officers were received, spoken to and questions asked:

Training report - Tony Langley

Tony requested more volunteers to help develop adult sailing on Tuesdays - Ian Jones offered. Also need more Tuesday non sailing helpers.

Future dates: Training planning meeting Tuesday March 12th 7.30 at club

Set-up boats for training Tuesday 26th March

First training session weekly from 9th April

Sponsored walk for buying new adult buoyancy aids 10.30am Saturday 23rd March being the first day of racing for new season.

Sailing report, Jon Weble

Council will fully fund liquid to counter blue green algae.

2024 sailing duties OOD and AOOD will not be pre-allocated. As last year please go online to duty an and select dates. Sailors who race are asked to do a duty one in six times they race. Information online re duties. If new to this please ask an experienced person for help and offer for AOOD ie assistant.

Social sailing will happen when there is a powerboat on for racing, you can social sail at the same time as races or on a Tuesday, 6-9pm, light permitting. To be advertised.

If people want other times please ask so it can be organised eg after racing.

NB a power boat has to be on the water for all organised events.

Membership - Tony spoke to this in Tim's absence

Noted that 2023 membership was 78 down from an average of 140 historically. It's believed causes for reduction include the pandemic, and the cost of living crisis.

Social media- Neil McInnes

Neil manages the clubs Facebook page. Agreed to advertise activities on local Yeadon Facebook groups.

Karen to set up a Facebook "group" for members to post items and ask her daughter about setting up TikTok.

WhatsApp- club to encourage members to join the club WhatsApp. There is also a committee on and a Tuesday night one. The role of the latter to be reviewed by the trainers.

3. Financial report - Tony Langley

The accounts for 1st January to 31st December 2023 are with Val Walton, independent examiner.

The draft financial statement is in the annual report. The reduction in annual membership income was highlighted, a drop from £15,000 to £10,000 with annual expenses of £14,000. We may need to draw on reserves in 2024. The sale of duck food dropped a bit due to closure for blue green algae, but helped reduce the deficit.

Proposal that the draft annual statement of accounts be accepted :

Proposer Tony Langley

Seconded Phil Graham

Passed unanimously.

Proposal that Val Walton continues in 2024 as independent examiner

Proposed and seconded as above, passed unanimously with thanks.

Proposed that receive the annual report

Proposed Neil McInnes

Seconded Louise Harding

Passed unanimously

4. Election of trustees of the CIO

Louise Harding and Dennis Beard proposed on block by Neil McInnes, seconded by Phil Graham, passed unanimously.

5. Election of club officers and committee members

Retiring members Sarah Cook and Kimberley Bateman were thanked for their support.

Secretary: Jackie Friend

Membership Secretary: Tim Burnett

Treasurer : Tony Langley

Sailing Secretary: Jon Wheble

Sailing Coach: Tony Dufton

Bosun: Paul Bradley

Child protection officer: Paul Bradley

Committee member: Glenis Burgess

Committee Member: Geir Rafnsson

Proposed on block by Karen Gregory and seconded by Glenis Burgess

Passed unanimously

6. Determining the fees for 2024 - Jon Wheble

Members were told that the emergency annual meeting of members on the 20th January passed a motion for the club to change its membership structure to a flat fee per household paid annually of £50 allowing a boat space or use of club boats at club organised events, plus a pay as you can donation by monthly direct debit. Tim has been developing the process and the committee have given the online joining a trial run.

Discussion followed:

The committee agreed it was taking a risk relying on good will, but noted that we can collect gift aid on donations. Tony D said the RYA officer who visited the committee thought this a unique approach and they could do an article. It was noted that the fee and "PAYC" method would be reviewed after 12 months by the club.

It was asked if the costs of running the club could be included in a simple way with the renewal/joining notice eg monthly costs under various headings eg £500 pcm for licence to use water and have land use and annual total.

Jon favoured giving members a range of 3 donations and how that would support the club.

Proposal to agree 2024 fees as £50 per household plus a voluntary contribution by direct debit, noting the request of suggestions of amounts to be decided by the committee

Proposer: Neil McInnes

Seconded: Phil Graham

Passed unanimously

7. Close of Meeting

The meeting was formally closed at 4.10pm followed by discussion on the licence and attempts to renew it and deal with issues with the anglers club. It was also raised that members thought permission to use other craft eg paddle boards would make club membership more attractive.

Noted that Tony Dufton is to contact a senior officer in parks, Richard Hern to discuss angling club issues and raise the request to be allowed to use other craft.

Next Committee meeting 7.30 on 4th March at the White Swan, Yeadon.