

# Shoreham Sailing club

Annual General Meeting of SSC  
Saturday 8 December 2018 at 5pm  
SSC Club House

## Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alan Hardy
2. **Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM**
3. **Matters Arising from 2017 AGM**
4. **Chairman's report**

It feels like a lot longer than a year since Chas handed over the Chairmanship – still, I'm now a quarter of the way through.

2018 has mostly been taken up with the slipway, and its fair to say that what we have currently is amazing. Whilst we are not there yet in terms of reinstatement we now have a wonderful asset thanks to a huge amount of time and effort from Richard, Jeff, Peter, Philip and Chas.

Despite the upheaval we still managed to get on the water and have enjoyed some great sailing. This is all possible through the hard work of;

- Lisa as sailing secretary and Martin on results
- Richards' tireless work on dutyman
- Gareth and Will's work with the juniors
- Chris Lintern's continued maintenance of the safety boats
- All our fleet captains.

On the shore Mandy has continue to manage the galley excellently, ably manned by Rita, and we've had a wonderful slipway party organised by Toni and Jamie.

Thank you to everyone.

Whilst we will celebrate our club winners at the prizegiving we've been lucky to have several members competing successfully at on their national circuits, the highlights being;

- Merlin:
  - Alex Warren: 1<sup>st</sup> at Inland championships and numerous opens
  - William Warren: 2<sup>nd</sup> at Shoreham open
- Phantom: Tyler was 4<sup>th</sup> and Steve 9<sup>th</sup> at their Championships
- RS600: George was 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of seasons and 3<sup>rd</sup> at their championships
- Wayfarer: Bill and John were 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Southern Areas and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wayfarer finale

- Albacore: Louise finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall as a crew
- Sussex YC match racing was won by a team from Shoreham. Well done Toni, Helen and Louise.

Looking to 2019 I'd like to see the club back up to full steam with this years' disruption behind us. I said last year that I'd be focusing on fundraising and have been unsuccessful so far, bar some buoys from the Eric Twiname Trust, but I will persevere.

We're in a great position to develop further with our newly signed 50 year lease with the Port and have strengthened our ties with Sussex YC and the Port. It is also great the Adur SC have settled in so well and want to stay.

Roll on 2019 when hopefully we will have some grass.

**5. Treasurer's report:** [Treasurer's report to 2018](#)

**6. Approval of accounts**

Proposed: Philip Ayton  
 Seconded: Peter Bennett  
 Carried

**7. Re-elect auditor**

Proposed: Nick Le Mare  
 Seconded: Ian Knight  
 Carried

**8. Club Development Plan**

Chairman said focus this year is for a new committee boat. Chris Lintern has spent considerable time researching boats and has identified ones being built in Christchurch by Patriot boats. Further research and grant applications need to be done to ensure that the club can afford and accommodate one.

Gareth Griffiths reported that the junior section is active and growing. They held regular improver sessions throughout the year and had a successful day sailing Merlin Rockets, something he would like to pursue further with other fleets in 2019. They plan to continue improver activities next year.

Nick Le Mare asked if we are going to adopt RS200 as a fleet, which the chair confirmed. Louise was proposed to be the Captain of the RS200.

Proposed: John Shelton  
 Seconded: Jeff McTaggart  
 Carried

**9. Approve 2019 subscription and boat fees**

- Boat parking fees: Due to the disruption in the dinghy park this season we are proposing to freeze the dinghy park fees for next season.
- Subscriptions: We are proposing that all individual fees will rise by £5 for 2019, and the family membership by £10.

- Renewing members: We would like to reward our renewing members by offering a 10% early payment discount in light of this season's disruption.

Proposed: William Warren  
 Seconded: Lisa Whitney  
 Carried

## 10. Elect officers and committee members

George and Alice, Carolyn, Peter and Kevin are all stepping down. Thanks to all

- Chairman: Sophie Mackley
- Treasurer: Philip Ayton
- Sailing Sec: Lisa Whitney
- Wayfarers: Bill Whitney
- Phantom: Ivan Walsh
- Catamaran: Paul Wilcock
- Youth: Will Carole
- Social: Jamie and Toni Wright
- Improvers: Gareth Griffiths
- Lasers: Martin Walker
- Merlin: William Warren
- Dutyman: Richard Bramley

Proposed: John Mills  
 Seconded: Tyler Harmsworth  
 Carried

- Cruising and recreation: Chas Hammond (having stepped down as Vice Chair)
- Vice-Chairman: Jeff McTaggart
- Membership secretary: Chris Handel
- RS200s: Louise

Proposed: John Mills  
 Seconded: Gareth Griffiths  
 Carried

- Honorary Secretary: Vacant

## 11. Any other business

**Constitution changes:** The committee submitted proposals to change the constitution;

- Change Chairman to Commodore
- Remove lower age of cadet membership to accommodate Improver age range
- Include grandchildren in a Family membership,
- Raise the age limit to 21 of young people in a Family membership

Change from Chairman to Commodore: Nick Le Mare wished it to be noted that he did not want a change from Chairman to Commodore.

Proposed: William Warren

Seconded: Richard Bramley  
Carried (1 against and 1 abstention)

Remove lower age limited for cadets  
Proposed: Gareth Griffiths  
Seconded: Will Carroll  
Carried

Include grandchildren in a family membership  
Proposed: Ivan Walsh  
Seconded: Will Carroll  
Carried

Raise the age  
Proposed: Ian Knight  
Seconded: Lisa Whitney  
Carried

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation:** The committee have put forward a proposal for the club to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The main benefits of this are to;

- Safeguard the committee and Trustees against any liabilities
- Access greater funding opportunities
- Take advantage of some VAT reductions and exemptions.

This model has been chosen as the least onerous way to become a charity, with no impact on the functioning of the club and reporting to the Charities Commission is in line with our current financial management. Applications are submitted online and we would need an EGM for final approval.

Discussion included changes to the number and responsibilities of Trustees, our eligibility for gift aid and the benefits for businesses donating to charities, costs of implementing and auditing.

Proposed: Sophie Mackley  
Seconded: Jeff McTaggart  
Carried

**Chairman's headboard:** Nick le Mare reported that there are gaps in the record of Chairman recorded on the board. William Warren to action.

**Recording events:** Nick Le Mare suggested that we need to keep history digitally as we are moving away from paper. William Warren suggested that photos of significant events should be printed and kept.

**Ground reinstatement:** Tyler Harmsworth asked about the grass area which is not draining and has significant areas of surface water. The committee continue to pressure the Environment Agency and are waiting for a satisfactory response.

**Slipway:** Chris Handel asked about the slipway and providing a means of tying on boats which would particularly help single handers. The committee agreed to look into this further.

**Sailing programme:** Tyler Harmsworth asked about the programme and the possibility of extending the series and reintroducing the Cooler series. Lisa Whitney reported that a draft has been sent out to committee members and will be confirmed at the next meeting in December before releasing to members.

**Duties:** Tyler Harmsworth questioned why there are not enough people to man the committee and safety boats as we have the members. The chairman reported that we are trying to get all those who are members but do not participate to sign up for duties and that we are negotiating with Sussex YC for their safety boat people to come and help us.

Chris Lintern thanked William Warren for the new garage door.

Philip Ayton thanked Sophie for her hard work

Meeting closed 18.30hrs