

HARWICH & DOVERCOURT MODEL BOAT CLUB

Minutes of the AGM held at The Gardeners Arms Stutton 15th November 2023

The Commodore opened the meeting at 2003.

Members present C.Esdale-Pearson(Commodore), J.Alexander, L. Botheras, , J.Crowe, K.Stubbs, G. Lewis, T. Merrett, C. Hodge, F.Fish, B. Southgate (Proxy), R. Bloyce (Proxy)A.Stebbing (Treasurer/Membership Sec)

Apologies, K. Millett, A. Johnson, Jason Waite

Minutes of last Meeting

These had been circulated and read.

Acceptance proposed J. Alexander, Seconded F. Fish

Unanimous vote in favour

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Commodore's Report

Membership has continued to improve, with 46 members. Andy has some good news concerning the MYA fees for next year, which I will leave to him to claim credit. The clubs Centenary was celebrated with a DF65 event held in June, which was organised by Alton Radio Sailing club, in line with club policy of not holding open meetings. With 20 entries it was considered a success.

The IOM event scheduled for the next day was rudely interrupted by a medical emergency which was dealt with in a very capable and efficient manner. Thank you to all concerned.

The IOM event was re-sailed in November and was won by John Gill. Congratulations to John.

An interesting development is taking place in the IOM fleet with the continuing improvement of the Alioth 3D printed boats. The traditional boat builders will have to improve their game as these boats can be ordered and delivered in about two weeks. They are cheaper too. There was a successful event for R6M's held in the summer, won by Shaun

Holbeche, from Fleetwood, which shows how far people were prepared to travel. Thanks to the Kerridge family who organised and ran the event.

Tendring District Council recently visited the pond and old pump house. They have said in their report that the pump house will be re-painted and the doors repaired. They also said they will look into the possibility of installing a picnic table near the pond, and maybe even repairing the concrete edge of the footpath. As of yesterday, Tuesday 14th November, the council have installed two new benches near the pond, so we live in hope.

My thanks to the committee for helping make this another successful year for the club.

Acceptance of the Commodore's Report proposed by L. Botheras Seconded A.Stebbing

Unanimous vote in favour

Treasurer/Membership Secretary's Report

Andy talked those present through the balance sheet, highlighting the expenditure through the year and the healthy state of membership.

The balance at the bank was £1320.91

Membership (including those affiliated with other MYA clubs) has increased from 41 at last year's AGM to 46

The Commodore thanked Andy for his report.

Proposed C. Esdale-Pearson Seconded L. Botheras that the report be accepted. Carried Unanimously

Proposals

Andy outlined the proposal to maintain the levels of Subscription at £7 with the MYA at £10. He also noted that the Pump House rent was increasing from £50 p.a. to £55 p.a.

Proposed C. Esdale-Pearson, Seconded J. Alexander Carried unanimously

Election of Officers

Commodore Chris was prepared to stand again. Chris was elected unanimously, having been nominated by J. Alexander and seconded by F. Fish elected unanimously.

Sailing Secretary Chris indicated that the task was not onerous and that he was willing to continue. Proposed by J. Alexander, Seconded by J. Crowe elected unanimously.

Treasurer/Membership Secretary

Andrew Stebbing was proposed by J. Crowe and seconded by J. Alexander elected unanimously.

Club Measurer

Larry Botheras has completed Sail Measurement Training and will shortly take an assessment for IOM boat measurement.

Proposed F. Fish Seconded A. Stebbing elected unanimously.

Committee Members

In the absence of any new nominations, the retiring Committee, who were all prepared to continue (J.Alexander, R.Bloyce) were re-elected en bloc and unanimously. Proposed C. E-Pearson Seconded L. Botheras

Next AGM will take place at the Gardener's Arms Stutton on 20th November 2024 at 2000.

The AGM closed at 2023

Open Discussion

Following the conclusion of the main business, open discussion took place.

The discussion focussed on the Report received from Tendring DC concerning the Pump House, suggesting that in order to meet HDMBC's Actions listed in the report that the

Committee review the Club's Risk Assessment and Health & Safety documentation, with a view to covering the points off.

Meeting closed 2034