



Beaulieu River Sailing Club

MINUTES OF THE 90th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Saturday 19 November 2022 at 18.00 at Beaulieu Village Hall

87 members present

The Commodore, Mary Montagu-Scott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the BRSC AGM.

Apologies:

Charles and Jo Cooke-Hurle, Richard Chitty, Patrick and Steff Fairweather, Rich and Becks Pearsall, Chris and Cynthia Bake, Peter and Victoria Roper-Curzon.

1. Minutes of 2021 AGM

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Tim Robinson and seconded by Peter Marling-Roberts. These were signed by the Captain.

2. Births, Marriages and Deaths

The following births were announced by the Captain.

Isaac to Chris & Natalie Kirkman
Kit to Harry & Jessica Gayner
Max to Fergus & Flick Duncan
Florence to Jack & Laura Broadhurst
Luis to Symon & Alice Stratton
Oscar to George & Laura Moore-Gwyn

The Captain read the names of members who had died in the last year and as a sign of respect a minute's silence was observed by those present.

Robin Pleydell-Bouverie
Joan Wallrock
Michael Pelham

Sue Nicholas
Dick Thirlby
Captain Lorne Campbell

3. New Members

The Honorary Secretary announced that the following people had joined the Club the course of the year and invited the new members present to make themselves known.

Simon Shaw & Ita Wooller
Alex & Rebecca Mills
Lindsay Bisiker
Done & D'Arcy Hoogewerf
Rich & Bex Pearsall

Chris & Cynthia Bake
Charlie & Alice Dudbridge
Peter & Victoria Roper-Curzon
Lindy Shanks

The Commodore recognized the contribution to the Club of John Claridge by awarding him an Honorary Membership and thanked him for all his involvement with Scows; John was present. She gave a brief history of John's sailing life in design, building and competitive sailing as well as the history of the Beaulieu Scow; nearly 600 Scows have been built with John's development. In return, John thanked the Club.

4. Captain's Report

The Captain thanked the members, Committee and Trustees for all their support and involvement during Covid. He awarded a bottle of whisky to both Gerard Downes and Peter Hayward-Broomfield for all their support in maintaining Needs Ore clubhouse, slipway and starting platform. He also informed the club that there was now a portable defibrillator to be kept at Needs Ore during the summer, Rope Factory field for events there and over the winter kept at no. 7 Needs Ore Cottages.

5. Honorary Secretary's Report

The Hon Secretary reminded members that all dinghies and equipment should now have been removed from Rope Factory Field and Needs Ore, three Scows and four Optimists still at RFF. The Sail Locker at NO had been emptied last winter and unclaimed spars would now be used as spars by class Captains or donated to charity. It would be emptied again this year and spars stored with either June Kirkman (Toppers) or Tom Dykes (Lasers). She reminded members that Club regalia; club ties, burgees and the Hugh Casson print were available to purchase. The winter project would be to put a comprehensive list together of dinghy owners, boats, sail numbers, BRSC registration to make it easier to locate dinghy owners.

6. Honorary Sailing Secretary's Report

The Hon Sailing Secretary confirmed that there had been a very good year of sailing and activities, starting with the opening season drinks, which were held at the Palais des Vâches, courtesy of Nick and Caroline de Rothschild. The new Captain of Scows, Victoria Bonham-Carter had introduced a post race concept; those coming second in a Scow race would write the race report, posted onto the website. She gave a brief re-run of the race results. Pre-race training took place, covering VHF radio, race platform, first aid and safety boat. Keyhaven and Lymington Scows joined BRSC Scows for the Down River Race. The Newtown Creek Race took place with Guy McNair-Wilson as the 'mother-ship'.

Senior Sailing week was successful, with over 20 teenagers taking part. 55 youngsters took part in Junior Sailing week. After 35 years Ginna Gaynor had stood down as sailing master for Junior sailing week. For nearly 20 years she has been very ably supported by Frank McGinn. They received a huge round of applause for their extraordinary contribution to Junior Sailing.

An electric outboard had been purchased for the rescue boat at the top of the river, together with new buoys and flags. At Needs Ore, the slipway had been re-concreted and the boat-park would be infilled to prevent flooding. Huge and grateful thanks given to all volunteers over the year, for those providing post-race refreshments and to Tim Robinson for regularly updating the website. More volunteers encouraged to come forward.

The full report together with the results of the racing series can be viewed on the BRSC website.

7. Honorary Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Hon Treasurer, the Captain gave a brief resumé of the finances taken from the Treasurer's report. Annual subscriptions had been increased, Junior Week had broken even and Senior Sailing a small profit. Cost of Senior sailing would increase in 2023 to cover cost of employing a professional Senior Instructor. Beaulieu Estate had not charged for maintenance of Warren Lane for a

third year. First Aid boxes had been upgraded. The re-concreting of the slipway, purchase of a defibrillator and electric engine had been major outlays. Social events had increased this year, including the opening season drinks at Palais des Vâches, Jubilee BBQ at Needs Ore as well as the upcoming 90th birthday celebration also to be held at Palais des Vâches. A deficit therefore for the year of approximately £3,000. Anticipated upcoming expenses for 2023 being the fill in with hoggin and topping with shingle, of the dinghy park. A suggestion was made to lay the dinghy chains at 90 degrees to help the dinghies remain aligned to the wind. The accounts were accepted and agreed with the proposer James Gedge and seconder, Sam van Holthe.

8. Election of Committee Members

The following were due to retire from the Committee but had agreed to continue : Charlie Bubear, Captain of Junior Sailing, James Gedge as Bosun and Richard Chitty as Treasurer. The Captain called for a proposer and seconder in support of these appointments, Nick Bentley-Buckled proposed and Ross McGinn seconded.

The Commodore reported that Bill Vance would be retiring as Captain after 16 years on the Committee, four as Captain. She thanked him on behalf of the Club for all his time. June Kirkman had accepted the role and was thanked for stepping forward. The Commodore called for a proposer and seconder to appoint June, Nick Bentley-Buckle proposed and Peter Marling-Roberts seconded. June Kirkman spoke to confirm that she had accepted the role because of the support of an excellent Committee.

The Captain confirmed the date of the next AGM as 18 November 2022. she thanked everybody for attending.

The Commodore then spoke on the 90th Anniversary, she read some delightful extracts from her grandmother, Pearl Pleydell-Bouverie's diary from the start of the Club in 1931. She commented on the social and wonderful nature of the club which continues today very much in the spirit of her grandmother; having fun on the river, friendship and learning to sail. She encouraged everyone to join the party in December.

The date of the next AGM would be Saturday 18 November 2023.

The Commodore then declared the meeting closed.

Drinks and canapés were served.