



Beaulieu River Sailing Club

MINUTES OF THE 91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Saturday 18 November 2023 at 17.30 at Beaulieu Village Hall

94 members present

The Commodore, Mary Montagu-Scott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the BRSC AGM. She reported that there had been a fantastic year of sailing. The Laying-up Supper tickets had been sold out. Key dates for 2024 had been published.

Apologies:

Matt & Isabel Jacomb, Jonny Ormerod,
Daphne Cadogan, John & Christine Dare,
Gilles and Ines Graham, Stephen Dearing

1. Minutes of 2022 AGM

Approval of the minutes were 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

Bertie to Ben & Isobel Green (nee Chitty)
Henrietta to James & Georgina Hackman
Tahlia to Charlie & Stephanie Morgan
Ceiba to Charles & Ruedilyn Cox

The following marriages had taken place during 2023

James Kirkman to Philippa Shutter
Alice Chitty to Bill Cave
Sabrina McEwen to Rob McPherson
Charlie Stevenson to Natasha Barry

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.

Belinda, Lady Montagu
Fiona, Lady Montagu
Ian Tew
Val Bubear
Bill Rich

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.

John Claridge (Honorary Life Member)

Keith & Sally Hutton

Martin & Hannah Hull

Maurice & Laura Omerod

Martin & Amanda Wadhams

Claire Betty

Chris & Sarah Busby

Darren & Lisbeth Firth

Matthew & Isabel Jacob

4. Captain's Report

The Captain had inherited a committee that was working well. The new gravel and layout of dinghies at NO had been a success, however the nesting birds also enjoyed the new gravel and special consideration and care has to be taken. She reminded members that the club was run by volunteers and so thanked all the volunteers as well as observing that some committee members were looking to stand down. The Captain reported that she had been involved in the sail training for many years and had a genuine interest in the young sailors. Scow sailors had been seen to be taking out younger sailors and novices.

The Captain thanked Ginna Gayner and Frank McGinn specifically for all their support over the years as well as Robert Gayner who supported Ginna throughout. Ginna had already been made an honorary member of the Club. Frank McGinn was presented with honorary membership as a token of the club's gratitude.

The website had become very active courtesy of Tim Robinson, who has been our webmaster, a token of our thanks was given. The website would now be run by the Committee.

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. One Scow at NO and eight Scows and five Oppies at RFF, however due to the muddy condition of the field, the Estate has agreed to extend the date for removal. She confirmed that she had put a spreadsheet together of boats, sail numbers and registration stickers to make it easy to track owners. Anyone requiring stickers should email the Hon Secretary, the sticker remains with the boat, not the owner, so please inform her if any ownerships swap had taken place. New car stickers would be distributed with the programme in early 2024. Any change of contact details should be forwarded to Amanda Bentley-Buckle as Membership Secretary.

6. Honorary Sailing Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Hon Secretary (Lizzie Anders), the Commodore read out her report. 2023 saw another great year of sailing and fun on the River. The Spring Series Scow Challenge cup was won by Charles Nicholson. During this series, there was a Coronation Celebration race followed by drinks and BBQ courtesy of RWD. The Newtown Creek Club Rally was cancelled due to stormy weather. Over 60 children took part in the Junior Sail Training. A very grateful thanks to Charlie and Alice Bubear with the support of the instructors. Ginna's longstanding instruction week was replaced by a simple pottering week. High winds accompanied the Regatta with a compulsory Scow reef on the Saturday. Maria Stratton kindly again hosted the Down River and Up River races. Thanks were given to the RSYC at Ginns, Benji & Christian Scrimgeour, John & Carol Hackman, Julian & Holly Chichester and

Christoph & Sarah Brooke for hosting post-race socials. Further thanks to those who supported with refreshments, safety boats, course setters and start officers.

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

7. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer confirmed that the new honorary auditor, Hugo Mills, had approved the annual accounts for 2022 on 13 August and these were approved by the Committee on 13 November. The rise in subscriptions of £4,000 was due to the increase in the cost of subscriptions: £60 from £50 for family members and £30 from £25 for single members, income was also created by ticket receipts for the 90th party. The repair and replacement of the slipway had cost around £9,000, first aid courses had been subsidised by the Club and club house maintenance had cost around £2,000, a new electric outboard had been purchased for the top of the river and a small loss on sail training. Jubilee party and 90th party had cost the Club funds. Financial situation at the end of the year showed a small loss of £850. Net worth of the Club £95,000 of which £38,000 in Clubhouse and various other assets with £57,000 in cash.

The Treasurer gave a brief outline of the accounts for 2023: Income stable, an additional £4,000 on sail training as the fees were increased slightly and levelled across the classes. Expenditure, £10,000 spent on gravel and infill of the dinghy park area and safety boat engine servicing. With increase in interest rates, finances should be good.

The Treasurer reported that he was stepping down from the position but continuing to maintain the database for the club. Rob Rogers was introduced as the new Treasurer.

It was proposed that Hugo Mills continue as auditor for the accounts for 2023. This was proposed by Nick Bentley-Buckle and seconded by Ross McGinn.

8. Election of Committee Members

The following were due to retire from the Committee but had agreed to continue : Charlie Bubear as Sail Training Support, James Gedge as Bosun, Cassie Strang as Honorary Secretary and Lizzie Anders as Sailing Secretary. The Captain called for a proposer and seconder in support of these appointments, Vicky Roberts proposed and Charlie Bubear seconded.

The Captain called for a proposers and seconder for the appointment of Rob Rogers as Treasurer: Gerard Downes proposed and Ross McGinn seconded.

The Captain confirmed the date of the next AGM as 30 November 2024. she thanked everybody for attending.

The Commodore then declared the meeting closed.

Drinks and canapés were served.