



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Thursday 8 February 2018 at the Nova Scotia.

1. Apologies:

Karen Isles, Simon Baker, Trevor Thompson (attended for part)

2. Bosun's Report:

The power boat is in for a service on Wednesday ready for Saturday.

An old Topper with split hull has been donated to a school for use in their playground.

Can everyone please write any breakages or defects with club boats or property on the board in the club room.

New flooring is being laid in the club room on Wednesday and can everyone please wipe their feet before entering.

Bosun's day will be on Saturday 17th Feb. Can as many as possible attend please.

The compound is nearly full but we do have a couple of spaces coming up.

Chris Q. said that the mark buoys are splitting. If anyone can get replacements it would be useful please.

The club enterprise needs some work to the bailers which leak.

3. Treasurers Report:

Income has fallen by £1000 on last year but spending has also reduced by more so the balance is healthy.

Membership and storage fees can remain unchanged for another year.

Insurance £900, Harbour Master Licenses £3000, BCC Compound £2200

The boat fund stands at about £3600

4. Commodore's Report:

Ben said this he was now entering his third year as Commodore so would have to step down next year as will Kathy as Treasurer. We will need replacements next year so if anyone is interested please let us know.

He was pleased to see the club still doing well with membership levels healthy.

The clubs size is limited by the size of the water and boat storage.

Last year we entered the Avon Triangle thanks to Rich S and Isla for getting us involved. We were 4th and 7th overall.

This year it will be held here at BWSC on 7th April 2018. We can enter up to 3 teams of 3 and will need anyone interested to volunteer. Last year we had

Ben , Richard S and Isla

Pete & John G, Kelvin and Mike & Julie in the Laser 2K

This year we had a problem with AllAboard using the race course for learners. This was resolved swiftly and all seems to be well now. We must ensure OODs wear HiViz top so AllAboard know who is in charge on our side. There will also be a duty manager from AllAboard.

The Hansa TT (Sailability Access Boats) is back with us this year. This will be run as a joint venture between BWSC (running the race side) and AllAboard providing back up etc. We will need lots of help for this please. This will be June 2nd.

June 3rd will see the Comet Open again for which we will also need help.

The new website is up and running thanks to Adrian Mac. John G and Tom Diffey. Please visit it regularly as there will be lots of news and notifications on it.

There have been a few training sessions on rules and OOD duties.

The club room is looking good and now also has new flooring. Please bring your slippers.

5 Vice Commodore's Report:

Alan gave a very interesting report as ever for the 2017 season which was the 39th season of BWSC. (The club must have started in 1978)

As it's quite long I have appended it to these minutes.

6 Harbour Liaison Officer's Report:

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7 Election of Officers

Mark Pilgrim is willing to take on some of Grahams duties.

Proposed Ben, 2nd Kathy Voted unanimously.

8 Corporate Membership for AllAboard

Ben explained that we are trying to get the Race Squad able to race with us as well as some Instructors. He proposed that we might achieve this by coming to an arrangement with AllAboard for an Associate Membership.

We need young members for to ensure the future of the club

We want to help Instructors learn about racing and also encourage newly qualified Sailors from the school to think about joining the club. Most will think they are not good enough although they are.

RYA is concerned that many many people learn to sail but never sail again.

A long and lively discussion took place.

Some feel we must have a substantial safeguarding policy in place.

Some worried youngsters will be dumped with no way to contact parents if anything goes wrong.

Some worried about huge numbers of AllAboard people sailing.

It was agreed that the committee would finalise details and report back and an EGM could be held to finally agree.

9 Shorter Pursuit Races

Richard J has suggested that pursuit races are very long being based on a 60 minute race for a boat with a 1000PY. The Gull races for 82 minutes and even the K1s are 64 minutes. As pursuit races cannot be shortened they are frequently not held if the weather is unpleasant or there is insufficient time due to the pursuit race being the last of the season with shorter daylight hours.

Richards proposal was to have a shorter time or to have two pursuit times for a long race or short race at the discretion of the OOD.

It was pointed out that the races could be shortened if OODs wanted to by using average lap times to decide result.

The proposal was rejected.

10 Scoring System Changes

Adrian MacF proposed that the scoring system should be changed. At present anyone not entering a race is scored the number of boats in the whole series plus 1. This means the series overall standings cannot be calculated until the end of the series resulting in lots of aborted work. However this is in line with Appendix 9 of the RRS.

He suggested that boats who did not attend be scored the number of starts plus 5.

The proposal was agreed

11 Any Other Business

Ben said it was proposed that there should be a separate prize for crew of the year.

The proposal was agreed.

Graham asked if he might donate a trophy for this. Agreed.

10 Prize giving

Prizes were presented to series winners as listed under Vice Commodores report above.

Post meeting note: It was discovered there is a discrepancy between the Vice Commodores series winners and those shown on the club website. This will be reviewed.

Series winners were as follows:

New Years Day: 1 Ben Palmer 2 Isla McNeil 3 Chris Q

Head of Harbour: 1 Nigel Osborne 2 Ben P. & Kathy C. 3 Richard Jones

Icicle Series: 1 Adrian Holmes 2 Ben Palmer 3 Kelvin Palmer & Chris Queree

Spring Series: 1 Richard Steptoe 2 Isla Macneil 3 Chris Queree

Summer Series: 1 Ben & Kathy 2 Rich Steptoe 3 Adrian Holmes

Autumn Series: 1 Rich Jones 2 Chris Q 3 Pete Sanders & John Gulson

Winter Series: 1 Ben Palmer 2 Rich Steptoe 3 Isla Macneil

Regatta: 1 Jackie Draper 2 Chris Queree 3 Mark Pilgrim

BWSC Appearances 2017

Richard Jones 33

Kelvin Palmer 33

Ben Palmer 30

Chris Queree 27

Pete Sanders 25

Isla Macneal 24

Rich Steptoe 24

Jackie Draper 21

Adrian Macfarlane 17

Mark Hicks 16

John Stansfield 16

Adrian Holmes	16
Trevor Thompson	15
Mark Pilgrim	15
Kathy Cashman	9
Ross Henderson	9
Simon Baker	9
Karen Isles	9

BWSC 2017 dinghies Used and Times Used

Albacore	3	Laser 4.7	14	Vanguard	7
Comet	123	Laser Radial	11	Wanderer	23
Cormorant	3	Laser 2000	4	Wayfarer	23
Enterprise	6	Lightning	1	(Maybe the Gull was too	
Finn	5	Mirror	7	small to be noticed despite	
Firefly	2	Moth	1	appearing 33 times)	
GP14	1	Pico	1		
Kestrel	4	RS200	16		
K1	40	Solo	3		
Hartley 12	4	Scorpion	3		
Int 14	1	Supernova	23		
Int Moth	6	Target HIT	1		
Laser	11	Topper	7		

Graham's Reports

Harbour Recreational Users Group

March

South West boat show to be at the Harbour Festival

Plans for power boat racing in the Harbour

Nobody who attends HRUG reports back from the Harbourside Forum

A number of thefts and break-ins have been reported

June

Group requested involvement in establishing more water based activities at the Harbour Festival which is currently portrayed as a waterside drinking weekend. An approach is to be made to REM. (Richmond Events Management)

Car parking at Cottage and HM offices promised a barrier for the Cottage and permits for the HM car park. May have to wait until Metrobus is up and running.

Request that keys are signed for when obtained from the Harbour office

Continuing request for guarding to the Baltic Wharf pontoon

Request for an understanding of the Underfall Yard Trust relationship with BCC and HM

Dry dock to be brought back into commercial use

September

Need to arrange a group to be involved in 2018 Harbour Festival with MR

GC had met with Julie Sienesi, director of the Underfall Yard Trust for their involvement in the Festival

Parking :- plans for a contractor to take over the management of parking issues

Request for the toilets in the HM car park to be re-opened; request denied.

December

Harbour Festival developing :- Boat Club Challenge, best dressed boat, SW Boat Show. MR is now the " Maritime Curator" for the festival and is committed to more activities on the water.

Use of the entire water rather than at the amphitheatre, the map of the harbour in the programme stopped at the SS Great Britain.

Gloucester Festival puts Bristol to shame.

GC request for an update on who is managing all of the dilapidated boats in the boat park and when will action be taken.

January

Meeting at REM offices to discuss proposals for the Harbour Festival

Many proposals, some achievable, some expensive but general enthusiasm to improve the festival.

BWSC have offered to provide a sail-by from The Cottage to Prince Street Bridge with commentary on the type of boats with possibly an invitation to the CVRDA. We are also entered for the team event

Sunday will comprise a televised skulling sprint with international interest.

BWSC Calendar of events for 2018 has been approved by the HM (on the fourth draft) and all details have been published in the Notice to Mariners.

Baltic Wharf Sailing Club

Relationships regarding premises and activities :-

BWSC is a tenant, renting the boat storage compound from BCC

BCC owns the premises occupied by the Underfall Yard Trust

BWSC clubroom occupies space within premises forming part of the Underfall Yard Trust but owned by BCC

BWSC storage compound has no links with the Underfall Yard Trust

The water is the responsibility of the HM / BCC

BWSC only formal lease is for the storage compound

BWSC has established rights for use of the clubroom and safety boat mooring

BWSC Harbour Liaison

The future :-

Key issues :-

Harbour Strategy - business case and cost/benefit analysis of the Harbour to Bristol to report to BCC late spring 2018

This follows a previous review by Richard Smith and subsequent review in 2016 when Harbour resources were slashed.

What does this mean to BWSC ?

Our hobby / leisure activity may cost more

We may be differently managed

Things will change

What are we doing about it ?

I still meet with John Hirst, secretary and chair of the Harbourside Forum

I am in contact with councillor Mark Wright

I have good communications with the Harbour Master

I have met with Julie Sienesi, chair of the Underfall Yard Trust

I am part of a group reorganising water activities for the Harbour Festival

How will this help us ?

We will continue to have a full calendar of events

We will continue to figure prominently in the Notices to Mariners issued by HM

We will figure in the Harbour Festival and be part of the programme of events

We will be invited to put sails on the water for events hosted by the Underfall Yard Trust

We will seek publicity and make ourselves indispensable, supported by the contacts made who are influential in the Harbour and Harbourside.

Harbourside Forum

March

Clean up Bristol Harbour campaign (monthly using volunteers)

Powerboats proposal by BRM Europe, HM and RYA permission required.

Interest in rowing sprints from Prince St to SSGB.

Doors open days expanded from 7th to 10th September

June

Flood prevention – natural flood management and sustainable drainage systems

No powerboats in 2017 as need for full site management plans by safety advisory group, police and fire, licencing and public consultation.

30 people reported to have died in the harbour since 2005, water safety partnership being implemented. Social media, sponsored throw lines etc.

Coach park at fruit market

The Matthew in Gloucester. Gloucester remains a Harbour Festival with interesting nautical themes throughout.

September

Flooding

Water safety

November

Harbour Strategy commencing early 2018, reporting spring 2018. (Adrian Randall BCC contact)

SSGB new museum opens end March 2018; “ Being Brunel” - life, works, surprises

City BID now working

Ambassadors visiting levy payers

Cleanliness

Rough sleeping

Waste contracts (commercial)

Safeguarding Marshalls 12.00 to 5.00 am

Street pastors looking after those at risk and harm