

Minutes of the 66th AGM held on
Saturday November 21st 2015 at 11am
At Saundersfoot Sailing Club

Present at the meeting were the following members, Jo Musson, Rob & Elizabeth Talboys, Martin Andrews, Rolfe John, Roger & Christine Howells, Tom Owen, John & Tonia Griffiths, Keith Jones, Ben Roberts, Alison and James Roberts, John and Angela Hollies, Tom Eyre, Maurice Clarke, Colin James, Jim Ball, Mick & Judy Lightwood, Malcolm Williams, John, Nina, Rosie & Lloyd Mammatt, Andrew Richards, Dave & Dianne Jones, Paul & Julia Griffiths, Christine Range, Ann Downing.

Apologies were received from the following members, Steve Cavell, Tony Charles, Clare Stanniland, Hywel & Rhys Jackson, David McDermot, Graham Wellman, Steve and Harry Hinksman, Andrew & Bodil Humphries

Presidents introduction

Presidents Report Saturday 21st November 2015

Mr Commodore, Members of Saundersfoot Sailing Club , Good Morning and welcome to the 66th Annual General Meeting today.. Makes a change to have the meeting on a Saturday morning..

Before we commence our business of the day it is with sadness that I remember the passing of one of the Club's Life Member's this year.

Mr Lindsay Gallon passed away in April this year.

Lindsay had been a hard working member until ill health prevented him making his usual contributions to the running of the club. He held the role of Treasure with distinction for a number

of years, and enjoyed his frequent duties as Race Officer.. Lindsay was Predeceased by his wife Joyce in September 2014. A truly remarkable couple who served Saundersfoot Sailing Club over the years.

Members please will you join me in being upstanding while we remember Lindsay with a minute silence.....Thank you.

Before I hand over to our Commodore Martin to conduct the matter of the day, I should like to say a few words..

The Sailing Programme has attracted good number of entries from members who have taken part in all kinds of weather. What has been interesting has been the number of new boats in the dinghy park, I sense that the dinghy fleet is enjoying a boom.

Gone are the days when dinghy sailors would have to wait to see if there was enough boats on the water to hold a race..

Do I feel a buzz around the place, for the second year running over 30 boats entered the Barts Bash.

My crew and I on Twmbarlwm had to restrain ourselves at the start to avoid the dreaded OCS signal.

The enthusiasm displayed both on the water and in the clubhouse was something special.

I should like to see all the events that are held in the club house attract the wider support of the membership. Last weekend we had a Curry Night and a talk by Jim Ball on his 10 year voyage around the world. The evening has been described as one of the best evenings in the clubhouse. So folks the events being planned do deserve your support.

I hope that the dinghy fleet continues to attract new members, and just maybe a new cruiser captain will be able to encourage more cruiser sailors to participate in club events.

Well done to Paul Griffiths our Dinghy Captain for all his efforts in maintaining the Sailing Programme.

I should like to offer my congratulations to

Dinghy Champion 2015 Maurice Clarke

Junior Champion Hywel Jackson, now sailing a Laser 4.7

Lady Champion 2015 Jo Musson

Lady Helm race was won by Mrs Julia Griffiths in a Topper.

The reports that appear on media web sites and the Tenby Observer are great reading material, certainly entertaining. Well done Mick Lightwood

I don't wish to steal the Commodore's thunder, but I remember saying at the AGM last year that

Coppet week and a National Championship (larks) should help to maintain a healthy bank balance.

I am looking forward to learning the results of our endeavours from the Treasurer Mr Rob Talboys later.

One member that I feel is deserving of a mention in despatches is Mr Roger Howells, our legal eagle who has very carefully maintained a watching brief on all rule changes etc. Thank you Roger.

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Commodore Martin and his Committee for the efforts that they have put in, in performing all the various tasks that have to be undertaken during the year.

Well done.

Thank you for your time today, I now hand over to Martin who will oversee the matters of the day,

The minutes of the AGM 2014 were accepted as being correct. This was proposed by Dave Jones and seconded by Mick Lightwood & Roger Howells.

Commodores Report Martin Andrews stated that having been in position for 2 years and looking back, it had taken the first year to become familiar with the role and as no one has come forward to take on the position, Martin would be willing to continue into a 3rd term of office and build on his efforts so far.

He commented that positive events had taken place at the club and gave thanks to all the volunteers. He noted that the dinghy fleet is currently the Jewel in the crown for Saundersfoot sailing club and is continuing to grow and develop. He stated that other clubs

would be happy to get the regular turnout that SSC achieves on a regular basis for club racing. As a club we are proud of this and would like to see it continue. Martin noted that Paul (Griffiths) had a hard working team of supporters to achieve this positive outcome and stated that we need more volunteers to help the club run smoothly. The role of the committee has previously been single positions but Martin noted that now with such busy lifestyles, it was time for teams to fulfil the gaps on the committee.

Martin gave thanks to the Tuesday crew consisting of Graham Wellman, Tom Owen, Rob Talboys, Malcolm Williams, Andrew Humphries and Jo Musson for being present to open the club house and help keep the building running.

Sail Training has had a very successful year starting with Push the Boat Out and continued well with trainees joining the Sunday racing fleet.

Coppet Week was as good an event as ever and Martin gave thanks to our sponsor Andrew Evans of St Brides Spa Hotel.

Martin noted that the team came together again to organise a very successful Larks Nationals in August and he offered special thanks to Race Officer John Griffiths and his team of helpers for their hard work. It was noted that the success on the social side was down to bar manager Charlotte who despite being employed for certain hours went over and above her duty to ensure the sailors and crews plus all the helpers, had a great time and most importantly stayed within the club.

The McMillan Cancer Horse Racing night raised £1000 and had organiser Anne-Marie Littlewood in tears of joy at the result.

Other uses of the club house over the year included the Harbour Commission utilising our unique location for the opening of the decking. Footlights drama group had a Who Done It dinner here and various talks have been well attended with the most recent being the Curry Night with Jim & Caroline Ball which had the club house packed with people.

Over the winter period Wisemans Rowers have asked to use the club house for training events and we are pleased to have such a good relationship with them. To quell a rumour, Wisemans Rowers are not leaving Wisemans Bridge, nearly supplementing their programme using our facilities over the winter and the shelter of the harbour for some training. One of our objectives is to support all water based activities and Martin welcomed these activities taking place.

Martin stated that as a club we need to encourage more members to join as the committee are not getting any younger and the roles need to be handed over to the next generation. Martin noted that John Griffiths had a proposal to encourage an increase in numbers.

The Commodore then gave special thanks to the efforts of Graham Wellman who, over the years has been in most of the roles of the committee and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the club. However Graham is not in good health and after talking it over with his family has decided to step down from the committee. This has left two gaps on the committee as

Graham was both the membership secretary and the bosun. These roles are important and need to be filled immediately.

Martin noted that a lot of work has been done on the clubhouse and changing rooms with a new kitchen and the vanity unit in the ladies. Martin continued that he would like to see the garage have a makeover with a refurbishment and reorganisation to make it easier to find equipment.

Finally, Martin closed by inviting all members to a quiz night being held at the club on December 18th. He noted with regret that the Christmas Dinner had been cancelled as there was insufficient support. If it had not been cancelled at that time the club would have been liable for a very large bill. Martin asked the members to support the quiz as it is the last meet before Christmas and stated that the club would be decorated for the event.

Martin invited anyone who wished to discuss a role on the committee to see him privately after the food had been served.

Next was the **Treasurers Report** which is relatively self explanatory from viewing the accounts. Rob Talboys gave a vote of thanks to Paul Johnson for scrutinising the club accounts for nominal payment. The accounts were proposed by John Hollies and seconded by Malcolm Williams as a true statement of the clubs finances.

Proposals this year there was just one proposal made by John Griffiths and seconded by Dave Jones to change the membership fee structure. The background to the proposal is to increase the membership by reducing the basic joining fee from £25 to £15 for adults and from £15 to £10 for junior members. There would be a penalty for late payments of £10 to try to ensure everyone pays by March 31st. Money is needed to pay for the activity of running the club and in particular the dinghy races.

Under the proposal, single dinghy owners pay the same fees as last year just allocated slightly different from last year. However it will be cheaper for couples who don't own boats to encourage them to rejoin the club. The committee set the dinghy park fees but if we do this and don't get the members in then we will be £1k down but if we gain 30 members who spend £20 each over the bar we break even. Rolfe John interjected that it was a bit of a gamble to try this but that the risk was worth taking.

Dave Jones pointed out that 40% of members are late payers and will pay the same amount as this year so this might not encourage people to pay on time.

John Griffiths commented that most of the expense is on the dinghy fleet as most money is spent on them, the cruisers don't do much within the fleet.

Martin Andrews pointed out that there is an age gap developing within the club with lots of older members and a few younger members but not many in between.

Dianne Jones stated that we need to attract sea loving members who don't necessarily sail to be part of the club.

The proposal received a unanimous vote in support and the motion was accepted.

The **Election of Officers for 2016** was as follows

Commodore Martin Andrews

Vice Commodore vacant

Secretary Jo Musson

Treasurer Rob Talboys

Membership Secretary Rolfe John offered to take the role on a temporary basis (now taken by John Mammatt after the AGM)

Dinghy Captain Paul Griffiths

Sailing Secretary Paul has a team which includes this role but essentially John Griffiths fulfils this position at present

Bosun vacant (but Mick Lightwood has since offered to take on the role)

Press officer Mick Lightwood

Social Secretary Nina Mammatt

Cruiser Captain vacant

Kayak Captain vacant

House Manager vacant

Principal Training Officer Malcolm Williams under rule 4d

These positions were unanimously accepted by the members.

Any other business Roger Howells had reviewed and made minor changes to the club rules by updating them to bring them in line with changes in the Licensing Act and had delegated the rule provision for the club to make by laws which is no longer applicable as we are not a statutory body.

Martin then thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting.

Minutes documented by Secretary Jo Musson 21/11/15 and written up 28/11/15.