

## **Minutes of the 71st AGM of Saundersfoot Sailing Club**

**Held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 1500 hours.**

**Present** in person or by video link (zoom)

Nina Mammatt  
John Mammatt  
Mick Lightwood  
Tom Eyre  
James Roberts  
Alison Roberts  
John Griffiths  
John Hollies  
Angela Hollies  
Rob Talboys  
Keith John  
Phil Thomas  
Gabi Slaughter  
Maurice Clarke  
Eirwen Clarke  
Carl Roberts  
Malcolm Williams

Paul Griffiths  
Martin Andrews  
Dave Hannam  
Dave Plester  
Keith Jones  
Julie Ward  
  
Roger Howells  
Steve Clarke  
Christine Howells  
David McDermott  
Mel Kemp  
Mark Kemp  
Jim Ball  
Kevin Upstill  
Marja Cross  
Jen MacDonald

### **Apologies were sent from**

Andrew Richards, Alison Cooper, Jenny Burns, Lyn Sandell, Bunty Hunt, Sandra Ayris, Robin Lucas, Sian Atwell, Steve Clark, Christine, Ann Downing

### **President's address**

In past years it has been usual for the President to address the meeting. Rolfe John was President until, sadly he died on 24 December 2019. Rolfe had been a long-standing member and active club supporter. Our thoughts are with Rolfe's widow, Carol and with the other club members who have lost loved ones this year. The role of President has not been refilled.

### **Meeting Chair**

In the absence of a Commodore, Gabi Slaughter (our multi-tasking treasurer) opened the proceedings.

### **2019 minutes**

Proposed by John Mammatt and seconded by Alison Roberts that the 2019 AGM minutes (as previously distributed to all members) are approved.

### **Treasurers Reports:**

In the run up to the AGM our treasurer had released reports for the last 2 year's accounts ending 30 September 2020 and 2021 respectively. In accordance with club's rules the accounts were checked and "signed off" by a scrutineer. There were no questions arising and the accounts were adopted.

### **Proposals to Change Club Rules:**

In the run up to the AGM the proposed new rules were released with an explanation of why changes were proposed. They are attached for your information. The amended rules were proposed by Keith Jones and seconded by Tom Eyre.

The meeting agreed the rules - providing that the issue of Equality and Anti-Discrimination, as raised by Carl Roberts, was addressed. Furthermore, item 5 G shall read “all members who require a space for boat storage, should pay the appropriate fee by 28<sup>th</sup> May of the current year” and not by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 which would have meant a pointless rule change each year.

Andy Richards put forward a proposal prior to the AGM to ratify the Rowing Rep position on the committee, recognising the role WBRC now play within the structure of SSC rather than it being a co-opted position, motion discussed and accepted.

**Change in Membership Fees:**

In the run up to the AGM members had been advised that the Committee recommended that the current membership fees be increased to keep pace with rising costs. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, Adult membership would increase to £30 per year and Junior membership would increase to £15 per year. The meeting agreed that the proposed new fee structure was reasonable and should be adopted.

**Appointments to the committee:**

In the run up to the AGM all members had been advised of those existing Committee members who were standing for election. Members were given the chance to put forward opposing names or names to fill the vacant posts. The Secretary did not receive any nominations prior to the meeting.

The meeting endorsed the reinstatement of the existing Committee members who were standing for re-election. In addition, Maurice Clarke volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary and Jen MacDonald, Social Secretary. Their offers were gratefully accepted by the meeting. Keith Jones will support Maurice by monitoring and advising on dinghy park matters and craft allocations. The new committee is as follows.

Commodore	Vacant
General Secretary	Martin Andrews
Treasurer	Gabi Slaughter
Dinghy Captain	Paul Griffiths
Membership Secretary	Maurice Clarke
Bosun	Dave Hannam
Press Officer	Vacant
Social Secretary	Jen MacDonald
Cruiser Captain	Tom Eyre
House Manager	Mel Kemp
Kayak Representative	Vacant
Rowing Representative	Phil Thomas
Committee Member	Dave Plester
Immediate Past Commodore	Nina Mammatt
Sail Training Principal	**
Junior Representative	**
Club Welfare Officer	**

\*\* Shall be appointed as necessary by the General Committee

### **Any Other Business**

Alison Roberts expressed her thanks to Mel Kemp for her efforts in obtaining an Enhancement Grant for the club, which the meeting endorsed.

The meeting was grateful to Gabi for the positive and informative newsletters she has provided over the year. However, if only someone would take on the Press Officer role and bring together news from the sailors, rowers etc sufficient for distribution and a weekly slot in the Tenby Observer that would be very helpful. The regular feature was enjoyed by many outside the club and raised our profile in the community.

Opportunities for members to meet socially have been very limited. However, with the club house lower deck refurbishment and all the safety measures in place now seems the time to reopen the club house and bar, on a regular basis. Our new social secretary with support from Nina Mammatt, will draw up a rota.

The condition of an ash tree on harbour land behind the club house is of concern. David McDermott offered to draw this to the attention of the other harbour commissioners at their next meeting.

David Plester outlined plans to working with Saundersfoot Primary School to provide senior pupils with on water experiences. Volunteers will be needed during the summer term of 2022.

Meeting ended at 4pm