

**Minutes of HSSC AGM, Saturday 17th November 2018, 16:00
Held at Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club**

Apologies for Absence

Elizabeth Quinn, Dave Finch, Stuart Hards, Sharon and Lee Rhodes, Charlotte Harris and Andrew Thompson, Chris Barnes

Approval of Minutes for 2017

Mary Harris proposed the approval of the 2017 AGM minutes.

Commodores report

Chris Addison reported a good summer with more activity on the water of all varieties and membership has increased by 11% on 2017. An increase in the membership fees hasn't deterred. We have seen growth in membership for the windsurfers following the successful Saturday morning 'Get back into Windsurfing' sessions. SUPing continues to expand. We have a brand new website and membership system, courtesy of Louisa. A great plus point is that we can keep track of exactly who our members are, ages, etc to help us apply for funding. We have 6 qualified dinghy instructors, 8 first aiders and we are almost at RYA Powerboat Level 2 status as a recognised training centre for powerboating. Affiliation with Hythe Cycling Club is still strong and we look forward to continuing that. After last year's revamp of the club we have reaped the benefits and there is certainly a feel good factor amongst the members. The extension has been big on the Committees agenda but grant funding is proving hard, the total works are in excess of £200,000 and funding is not as available as it has been. Chris asked that if any member knows of any corporate sponsorship then please get in touch. At the moment, we are planning on carrying out the whole build in phases. The Commodore thanked all the Committee & members who contribute to the club, he thanked Dave Finch who ensures we follow the correct legal paths, Boyd Garrard who does all the accounting, Elizabeth Quinn as publicity secretary, Anthony Elford as a diligent race officer, Andy Gibson who is here every Tuesday supporting the windsurfing, Louisa Spice Spice for fundraising, website and membership, Suzi Coley who has given numerous years as social secretary and makes events really affordable for everyone, Marc Carney who spends a lot of time in the club and also on the water training people, Tony Wyatt and Andrew Thompson for all their training. He thanked those that have volunteered for galley duty – we haven't missed any Sunday's and we have made a profit and not run out of coffee! He thanked John Shillibeer for building ramps and generally helping around the club, Rob Purvis for rescue boat training, Barry Hall for looking after the rescue boats, Phil Hards for being a bar legend (the bar is up 30% this year), Mary and Sharon for helping with social events, Pam Wright, Jo Robb and Claudia Carney for helping out at social events, Radek for kayaking, Andrew Thompson and Charlotte Harris for organising sailing results, Hythe Cycling Club for helping to run the galley, Lee Rhodes for servicing the winches, Willy Wire, Simon Clarke and the whole March maintenance team, Barry Farnes and Richard Homewood for Tuesday nights windsurfing and all the members who volunteer for race box duty and all other members who volunteer their time – THANK YOU!

Rear Commodore Sailing Report

Anthony Elford thanked everyone for turning up for their race duties and this meant that we always manage to run the races. He advised that he fears there may be less people available next year so people may have to do more than one duty. It has been a mixed

season for racing with either too much or not enough wind but still a good number of races held. Anthony is looking into getting 2 more race marks but the paperwork is daunting. He announced that Dan Hollands has volunteered to help with sailing more and they are looking into making more space in the boat park to help alleviate our boat storage waiting list.

Rear Commodore Windsurfing Report

Andy Gibson reported a good year with 65 races being held and some close racing. A great Saturday morning beginners group has been regularly held using the club equipment. We are out of storage space and overflowing into the dinghy park until we can find a solution for more storage. He reported that having the already rigged sails has been great for the learners as it saves time and gets people out on the water quicker. Storage wise, he reported that we only have 72 paid for board storage slots out of 110 so we need a better system for tracking who has paid each year and understanding which racks are free. We have about 20 racks used for club storage.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Chris read a message on behalf of Claudia to say thank you to the club and confirm that SUPing is still expanding and next year she was hoping to run Friday night racing.

Treasurers Report and Accounts for the year

Boyd Garrard reported that overall income has increased and SUP and social membership has increased. The bar income is up so thanks to Phil and Marc for great efforts. Without Sharon and Mary the income on the galley is down but it is still showing a healthy profit and is very popular and a central part of the club. Suzi has done a fantastic job with the events which helps with the bar income, we need to continue plenty of social events to keep the income coming. We have spent about £4,000 this year on club improvements and the members seem positive. The surplus this year is about £17,000 and we have put that back into our reserve, which is more than we spent last year on the improvement works so we are looking to start some building works soon as we can. Boyd reported that he was pleased with this year and it has been one of the most successful years for a long time and he feels that the whole club is working together and that reflects in people wanting to use the club. A question was asked about savings on the general rates in the accounts, Boyd reported that for some reason we have not paid water rates, despite him chasing them!

Appointment of Officers

Stuart Hards will be replacing Andy Gibson as Rear Commodore for Windsurfing, proposed by Barry Hall and Roger Harris

Dan Hollands to assist Anthony Elford with sailing duties – proposed by Tony Wyatt and Willy Wire

In light of Suzi Coley standing down, the Commodore asked if anyone wanted to stand for social secretary. No volunteers so he suggested that we have a group of 8-10 people to run an event each and asked for volunteers. Mary Harris said she can run one event with Sharon Rhodes. Marc Carney advised he and Claudia would run an event. There were no other volunteers.

No other volunteers to stand for the Committee so current positions remain.

Improvements

Marc Carney reported that he was pleased to see the changes we have made have improved income and therefore we can start thinking about self funding some building works. He reported we have sent out tenders and got prices in and the intention was to start in the New Year if not before with moving the Galley from the current location to the other side of the Club. If we are successful with funding then we will be looking to the members to assist with some of the building work to keep costs down and maximise our budget. The general maintenance of the club will be kept up to date in the meantime and he thanked all the members for the help so far and added that we would need a huge amount of help in the Spring. Hopefully the building work won't affect any activities at the club as the galley will remain in situ until the new one is built. The garage board store will have to be emptied in due course but plenty of notice will be given.

A question was asked about the budget for the new galley building works, Marc advised that to replace the stairs and to get the shell of the building up would cost in the region of £30,000.

A question was asked about funding the words, Louisa reported that funding is not as available as it was as the 2012 London Olympics are now long forgotten so sport is no longer a priority. However, she advised once the Committee have a firm plan of the phases of building required, she will do her best to seek what funding is available.

A question was asked about corporate funding, Chris advised he would welcome any members who can provide contacts for anything like that.

Amended Constitution -

Chris read the amendment to the Constitution as follows:

It is proposed that clause 2 be amended to read 'The Club burgee shall be dark blue with a badge at the hoist containing two stylised seahorses in varying shades of yellow/white superimposed upon the letters HSSC.' Previous wording was 'The Club burgee shall be dark blue with a badge at the hoist containing three stylised seahorses in varying shades of yellow superimposed upon one another.' The change reflects the change of club name and the fact that the name now only has 2 letters s in it.

A vote was taken and a unanimous vote was cast in favour of the change.

Any Other business

No other business was discussed and the meeting was closed.