

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at the Royal Ocean Racing Club, St James' Place on Wednesday, 4th December, 1991.

Present: H Caldwell
J Laing
M Ware
W Brown
G Jones
B Dandridge
R Creer
J Dunkley
M Smith
S Forbes, Multihull Offshore Cruising
& Racing Association

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence were received from A Reynolds, G Calvert and P Wallace.
2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday, 23rd September, 1991 were approved and signed by the Commodore.
3. Matters arising:

Multihulls - Simon Forbes Racing Secretary for MOCRA attended the meeting and there was an exchange of information. It was agreed that Richard Creer would liaise with Simon concerning the participation of MOCRA in CCRC races. Those races not suitable, mainly joint races with other clubs were identified and noted by Simon Forbes.

RC/SF

Simon would be reporting back to his own Committee with a view to promoting suitable events within the MOCRA handbook. It was agreed that participants should join CCRC and race under their sailing instructions. Mike Smith would forward brochures to Simon Forbes including membership application forms.

MS

4. Officers Reports:

Commodore: Hugh Caldwell read out to the Committee a letter from G Calvert thanking everyone for his Honorary Membership to the Club and expressing his delight with the honour.

ACTION

Hugh Caldwell also reported on the satisfactory conclusion to the season including both the AGM and the Laying Up Supper. The latter was again successful, although a number of members had felt that the band was too loud. The Secretary had made representation to the Agency concerning these complaints.

Sailing
Secretary:

R Creer informed the Committee that he had now taken over responsibility from B Dandridge and was in the process of finalising the 1992 Programme.

R Creer then presented with M Ware details of the present computer software arrangements for providing results information, namely:

1. The present system prepared by P Wallace.
2. The McMullen system currently recommended by RYA.

Both systems were discussed and each had their own advantages with the main advantage being a lack of any further cost if we remained with our existing system. However, this system was not particularly user friendly and it was difficult to provide Series details at the same time as the results for races. The McMullen system was able to provide this service.

The Committee approved the purchase of the McMullen package within a budget of £600 and to include telephone support for next season.

RC

R Creer then requested the Committee to consider the basis by which results are sent to members and whether this should now be increased to give all members results after each weekend's racing. This was discussed by the Committee but a decision was postponed until the assessment of costs can be provided by M Ware and R Creer.

RC/MW

ACTION

Honorary
Treasurer:

J Laing confirmed that the accounts for the Club were approved at the AGM and that the subscriptions had now been increased to £35 p.a. and £15 p.a. for crew members. J Laing reported that a slight profit had been made at the Laying Up Supper mainly due to the success of the raffle with a slight surplus being contributed to the Club funds. This was after the inclusion for guests, namely Pam and Derek Metcalf and the flowers for G Calvert's partner.

J Laing reported on his initial findings on prizes and submitted some initial costs for glassware by Staffordshire Crystal and Devon Engravers. The question of prizes was discussed by the Committee and J Laing was asked to further research the market and see if further competitive quotations can be obtained. The general view of the Committee was that good quality crystal glass should be used.

JL

5. 1992
Programme:

The general tone and number of events within the 1992 draft Programme was approved by the Committee. This was still subject to the finalisation of social functions.

The Secretary informed the Committee of the approach by the Chichester Chamber of Commerce concerning a joint event with the Le Havre Yacht Club over the weekend of 4th July. It was agreed that the Sailing Secretary would liaise with the Chamber of Commerce and investigate further this event. The Committee, in principle, approved participation and assisting where necessary.

RC

6. AGM:

A number of points at the AGM were discussed by the Committee and in particular, the question concerning Marks was debated. It was decided that a Sub-Committee under the Sailing Secretary would investigate further these points with a view to recommendations for any changes necessary with the sailing instructions or courses.

RC/WB

R Creer confirmed that the starting equipment had been checked and would be complete for the 1992 season.

ACTION

7. Fitting Out Supper: The Secretary informed the Committee that Itchenor would be unable to host the supper in April and could only accommodate the Club during March. The Committee decided that it was preferable to hold the event during April and considered this year's event at the Char Bar to be very successful. The Secretary could therefore organise an event in a similar manner next year.

MS

8. RYA: A number of issues had been raised by the RYA concerning Yachtsmen and the Committee confirmed that the Secretary should write on behalf of the Club supporting the RYA's position.

MS

9. Any Other Business: Commodore's Reception

H Caldwell raised the question of the Club's Reception for other Commodores and guests. This had not been held for the past two years and should be held in 1992. H Caldwell offered to contribute towards the costs of the event but the Committee felt that this was not a principle they wished to accept and that the Club should pay for this expense.

H Caldwell put forward the Brookfield Hotel in Emsworth as a suggested venue for the event. The Committee were a little concerned at the likely costs and various alternatives were put forward. It was decided that H Caldwell should proceed further and other members of the Committee would assist in trying to provide alternative venues.

HC/ALL

- Questionnaire to Club Members: H Caldwell presented to the Committee a draft questionnaire for submission to members of the existing Beta Fleet and to boats with 1991 Channel Handicaps of .930 and below. Subject to a number of small amendments, the questionnaire was approved and would be sent out to members for return to the Sailing Secretary.

HC/RC

- New Members: As part of the discussion on handicapping, it was noted that a number of boats and new members had not actually raced during the season. R Creer and H Caldwell would arrange for these members and boats to be contacted.

HC/RC

There being no further business the meeting concluded and the Committee proposed a vote of thanks to Hugh Caldwell and RORC for their hospitality.

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held at the Chichester Yacht Club on Saturday 10th November 1990.

Present: The Commodore: P Chivers
 Vice Commodore: H Caldwell
 Hon. Secretary: M A Smith
 Hon. Treasurer: J A Laing
 Sailing Secretary: P Wallace
 28 other members

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

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| G Calvert | S Hunt |
| R Morris | M Golding |
| B and G Hall | P Dale |
| P Willoughby | J Hampton |
| C Hoare | A Reynolds |
| R Aspinwall | |

2. The Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting having been circulated were approved.

3. There were no matters arising.

4. The Commodore's report was presented by Paul Chivers.

5. The Sailing Secretary's report was presented by Peter Wallace.

6. The Treasurer's report was presented by Jim Laing and he proposed that the subscription for 1991 remain the same at £33 with £14 for crew members. This was seconded by the floor and approved unanimously by the meeting.

7. The reappointment of Derek Sheffer as Honorary Auditor was proposed by Hugh Caldwell and seconded by the floor and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. There was no other business other than the election of Officers.

9. Election of Officers

The nominations for Commodore, Vice Commodore and Sailing Secretary were all accepted and approved unanimously by the members present.

10. A vote of thanks was expressed by the Secretary to Paul Chivers for his term as Commodore and this was roundly supported by the floor.

11. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Chichester Yacht Club for the provision of the meeting room and there being no further business the meeting ended at 11.30am.

12. The formal part of the meeting finished and informal discussion was held on other matters raised by members and chaired by the new Commodore, Hugh Caldwell.