



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting at the Chichester Yacht Club on Saturday, 12th November 1994.

Present: The Commodore Peter Wallace
 Vice Commodore Mike Smith
 Hon. Secretary Jacky Black
 Hon. Treasurer Jim Laing
 Sailing Secretary Mike Tong
 25 other members

1. Apologies for absence were received from:
Geoff Calvert, Derek Collinson, Brian Dandridge, Trevor Rose
2. The minutes of the 45th Annual General meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Commodore.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The Commodore's report was presented by Peter Wallace. In particular he thanked Jim Laing for his excellent stewardship of the club's finances over the past five years.
5. The Sailing Secretary's report was presented by Mike Tong
The Commodore thanked Mike Tong for his hard work in this his first year as sailing secretary.
6. The Hon. Treasurer's report was presented by Jim Laing.
It was noted that the club now had only 52 Boat Owning members, and that 17 members had not renewed their membership for the 1994 season; of those leaving the majority were new members from the previous year.
The deficit of £900 was not as bad as it might first seem as the club still had assets in the form of glass prizes, Burgees and Ties, the value of which had been carried forward to next years account.
However the income from subscriptions has fallen due to the reduction in full members. In addition the update to the software for the computer results programme had cost the club £186.00. Comment was made at this point about the fact that this programme had proved to have some errors and it was hoped that the club would be able to obtain some compensation over this.

In conclusion Jim estimated that the club required an annual income of £2,700 and that the present subscription would not raise this amount. He therefore recommended that the subscription be raised to £50.00 for full members and to £17.00 for crew members. The Treasurer's proposal was seconded by William Cartlidge and the motion was past unanimously by those present.

7. The following Officer of the club presented his resignation:-

Jim Laing - Treasurer

Peter Wallace put forward the nomination of Rob Mcleod for post of Treasurer, this was seconded by Jacky Black and the meeting voted unanimously in favour of the appointment.

Rob was then officially welcomed to the committee by the Commodore.

8. The appointment of Derek Scheffer as Hon. Auditor was proposed by Jim Laing and seconded by Peter Wallace and this was unanimously approved by the meeting.

9. Any other Business

Pat Morrell asked if crew members could please have more frequent results instead of receiving Race Instructions, which for most were irrelevant as their skippers kept them abreast of any relevant information regarding start times etc. General discussion followed about the rather erratic results service during the season and the inaccuracies of the programme. Peter Wallace accepted that the situation needed reviewing and said that the committee would look into the matter at a future meeting. The meeting was told that the new results officer Pam Marrs intended to get the results of a weekend distributed at the following club event and that those not attending would receive their copies by post.

Chris Brown raised the matter of the club's news letter and the problems of getting race reports written and past on to Brian Dandridge the editor. She proposed that the OOD for Saturday should write the report for Sunday and vice versa. The meeting agreed that this would be an excellent way of getting copy!

Jacky Black informed the meeting that Brian Dandridge felt that due to pressure of work he would be unable to edit the magazine in future although he would be prepared to assist with the publishing side. The Commodore thanked Brian in his absence for all his hard work over the years in getting the club magazine up and running!

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Chichester Yacht Club for their hospitality.

There being no further business the formal meeting ended at 11.55 am

MATTERS RAISED AND MINUTED
AT THE INFORMAL MEETING.

1. News Letter

Following on from the item in the formal meeting the need for a new editor was raised, and the problems of getting sufficient articles for publication.

Mike Tong supported the suggestion made by Chris Brown about the OOD's for the weekend sharing the job of race reporting. There was general agreement about this and John Hampton suggested that a blank Race Report form be enclosed with all members packs at the beginning of the season.

Mrs.Colbourne offered to help with the job of editing for the coming season, she mentioned she had helped in the past with a similar publication in connection with dinghy sailing, but felt as she was a new member she could not do the job straight away on her own.

Grahame Colbourne suggested that a prize could be given for the most interesting Log Extract for the season, and these could also be published in the News Letter.

2. Trophies and Membership Numbers

Bill Cartlidge suggested that if a boat won a trophy three times in succession it should retain the trophy and donate a replacement. This did not meet with the general approval of the meeting.

Mrs.Colbourne suggested that existing members should be nominated to contact new members to keep them intouch with events and encourage them to participate, there was general agreement for this idea.

Jim Laing suggested that we check future issues of our Club Handbook do not mention that club members should be moored inside Chichester Harbour as this would discourage some people who moor nearby from considering joining.

3. Start Times

John Dunkley complained that the start times of some races seemed to be biased in favour of boats that were berthed a Sparkes Marina, and that little consideration seemed to have been made for those boats that were kept inside either Birdham or Chichester yacht basins.Mike Tong and other committee members were quick to reassure John that this was not the case and that start times were very carefully considered ,with several variables being taken into account.

It was suggested that the draft programme seemed to have an imbalance of Passage Races over Bay races. Mike Tong agreed that this was the case this year but that the committee would look at redressing this for the following season. An opinion was expressed that bay races attracted more entries but this did not appear to be substantiated by the statistical evidence collected after this seasons races.

4. Advertising

June Tong asked about the club's position with regard to advertising in order to boost the clubs membership. Pam Marrs said that certainly at Hayling Island Sailing Club there would be no problem with this. It was suggested that an enlarged copy of the seasons programme could be used to raise people's awareness.

Jim Laing suggested that if the club organised racing for a true Portsmouth Yardstick fleet ,more members would be forthcoming.

The informal part of the meeting finished at 13.15.