



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting at the Chichester Yacht Club on
Saturday, 4th November 1995

Present: The Commodore Peter Wallace
 Vice Commodore Mike Smith
 Hon. Secretary Jacky Black
 Hon. Treasurer Robert Mcleod
 Sailing Secretary Mike Tong

25 other members

1. Apologies for absence were received from:
Pat Morrell, Michael Mayer, Rita and John Dunkley.
2. The minutes of the 46th 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 mentioned the club's sadness at the recent death of Geoffrey Calvert and acknowledged Geoffrey's great contribution to both the club and to the management of Chichester Harbour.
Pam Metcalf's recent serious illness and subsequent recovery were also mentioned.
Peter talked about the successful season with no races lost and some individual club members successes namely Mike Smith's 6th place overall in the RORC series and Rob Mcleod's third overall in the Fastnet Race.
In conclusion he regretted the rather erratic communication of results and assured the membership that every effort would be made to improve this situation next season.
5. The Sailing Secretary's report was presented by Mike Tong
Mike reported that there had been 44 boats registered this season although the average turn out was 13 boats per race.
Some aspects of next year's programme were raised including the destination of the Whitsun Race and cruise in company, the August Bank Holiday race and the plan's for the Commodore's Cup.

In conclusion Mike thanked the Assistant Sailing secretaries for their hard work during the season and informed the meeting that Glen Jones had decided to resign for the 1996 season, he was thanked for his valuable contribution, and his successor was named as being Trevor Rose.

6. The Hon. Treasurer's report was presented by Rob Mcleod.

It was noted that the club now had 55 Boat Owning members, and that 18 members had not renewed their membership for the 1995 season; the over all membership was down by three on last year and it was the crew membership which had dropped significantly.

The financial results for the year were however looking very healthy with a surplus of £1,794 compared to last season's deficit of £905. These figure's were as a result of changes in the pattern of several items of income and expenditure. Namely that no Club Ties or Burgees had been purchased, the cost of prizes, postage and telephone calls was reduced and the income from subscriptions was increased.

Further more both the Commodore's Cup and the Corporate Sailing events had made a valuable contribution to the club's finances.

In conclusion Rob recommended that as the club finances seemed secure for the coming season there was no need to raise the subscription rate for 1996. The accounts were then adopted unanimously by the body of the meeting and Rob was thanked by Peter Wallace for his work in this aspect of the club's affairs.

7. There having been no resignations and no nominations for the club's flag officers it was put to the meeting that all the incumbents be re-elected and this was duly accepted by those present.
8. The appointment of Derek Scheffer as Hon. Auditor was proposed by Rob Mcleod and seconded by Peter Wallace and this was unanimously approved by the meeting.
9. Any other Business

Due to the death of Geoffrey Calvert the club required an additional representative to sit on the Chichester Harbour Federation with Hugh Caldwell, Pam Marrs volunteered to take on this post and this appointment was agreed by the members present.

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 11.45 am

MATTERS RAISED AND MINUTED
AT THE INFORMAL MEETING.

1. Start Times and Committee Composition

Jim Laing raised the question of Start Times for races and suggested that due to the fact that the majority of the committee kept their boats at Sparkes marina the start times were being set with out due regard to other members who kept their boats at more tide effected berths.

Mike Tong replied that the whole issue of start times had been looked at very carefully by the sailing sub-committee and that efforts had been made already to ensure that the times were suitable.

Mike Smith pointed out that this was not a new issue and that the committee had specifically asked that the sailing sub committee address the matter when organising next season's start times. Further more he pointed out that the fact that most members of the committee berthed at Sparkes was purely a coincidence and that it had no bearing on the decisions made by the committee about matters pertaining to the business of the club.

Peter Wallace asked for any volunteers to be seconded onto the committee if it was felt that this was necessary. There were no names put forward at this time. Brian Dandridge pointed out that it would be in the interest of the club to reconsider the idea of Fleet Captains to try and keep, in particular, new members involved.

June Tong suggested the appointment of a Junior/ young member to represent their interest.

2. Membership Numbers

Walter Brown suggested that the committee should be working more pro-actively with other Harbour Clubs to arrange joint events especially those that we do not work with already, such as Emsworth Slipper Club.

Pam Marrs mentioned that the Slipper Club have an already very full programme and that they may find it difficult to join in our events.

However it was agreed that Posters with the Club's sailing programme for the year should be circulated to all the Harbour clubs in an attempt to increase membership.

3. Whitsun Cruise

Pam Marrs proposed that the start time for the Race to Cherbourg be in the evening thus allowing people who could not easily take time off work the chance to take part. After some discussion Peter Wallace summed up and a decision was made to start in the evening.

It was also mentioned that the cruise would again be going to Alderney and to at least one new port on the west coast of France which was now open.

4. August Bank Holiday Cruise

The destination of this race and cruise was discussed with various points of view being raised, these included the desire of several members to go to France, the fact that the event was the poorest attended race of the season, the fact that frequently the weather turned foul at this time of year.

John Hampton mentioned that the younger members of crew liked to have a destination which had a town to visit rather than Poole Harbour which was very quiet!

In conclusion the majority of members present felt that France was the better destination.

5. News Letter

Brain Dandridge explained to the members that the reason for the lateness of the news letter was due to the fact that there had been no-one to canvas actively for advertising and also that items for inclusion had been slow to come in. The idea from last season that the OOD would write a report for the other day of his/her duty weekend had worked quite well. Chris Brown suggested that in order to make the sending in of this race report easier there should be a ready addressed and stamped envelope supplied in the OOD kit. It was agreed that this should happen for next season.

It was agreed that the club should try to recruit a volunteer from the members to take on the job of finding advertising for the news letter. Anyone interested to contact Brian for further information.

The informal part of the meeting finished at 12.45.