



Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Minutes of 74th AGM held At Eames farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth

Saturday 19th November 1100hrs 2022

1) Present

Pam Marrs (Sailing secretary), Martin Sewell (Secretary), Chris Powell Treasurer),

Members - Bob (Web master) Garrett, Stuart and Judi King, Brad Croshaw, Craig Williamson, Gavin & Sue Marriott, Guy Russell, Graham Pierce, Alex Thompson, Peter Tart, Mike & Helen Smith. Sue Garrett, Richard Creer, Caroline Sewell, Patrick & Amanda Marshall, Darren & Sharon Pedro, John Guilfoyle, Nigel Purkiss

Guests –Nicolette Croshaw, Matt Gay

Apologies

Guy & Debs McBride (Handicapping and Results officer) Ed Nettleton, Tim Cowan, Pat Morrell, David and Sandy Perrin, Andrew Reed, Michael Briggs, Anne Bonwit, John & Linda Lanham,

2) Approval of minutes of 73rd AGM held in 2021 - BG proposed PM seconded all present agreed

3) Matters arising from those minutes - None

4) **Commodore's Report-** No commodore in office

5) Hon. Sailing Secretary's Report

Sailing Secs report

Normally when we have a Commodore, the report from the Sailing Sec follows the Coms report at this meeting and I have to hope various topics are not repeated, but not a problem for this year, I have a free reign over this, so here goes.

The committee started the year focussing on a membership drive which I must say has not been terribly successful, but nevertheless from it we have gained 1 new boat and a couple of new members wishing to crew. It does seem word of mouth to your fellow berth holders or adjacent mooring is the more successful method of enticing boat owners to join.

We now have 25 boats registered 14 of which have VPRS certs and make up the Alpha fleet. All 25 boats are included in the Beta NHC rated fleet, but of these 25 boats 11 have not been seen on the race track this season. For those new to CCRC we have all boats in the Beta NHC fleet because it would mean that if the Alpha boats were not there only 3 Beta boats would have turned out this year and then not all at the same time meaning they would be racing on their own which is not much fun or any incentive to try hard, plus we also have a lot of trophies for both fleets

2022 programme was slightly shorter than in previous years, due partly to lack of boats and also having to book venues at the back end of 2021 when life was not really anything like back to normal. Never the less 15 races were scheduled over 8 weekends. 2 of the passage weekends to Marchwood and Southampton Town Quay were cancelled due to lack of interest, partly due to some boats and crews not being happy in close quarters overnight but also what did become apparent was the lack of eating establishments being able to offer supper such was the case with Marchwood YC

All races were started using the CCRC rolling start method which has worked well enabling all boats to race, but the slight downside is that it is difficult to shorten if needed, this was not needed this year

The average turnout per race was 6.5 with the exception being the bay race for the Bramidge trophy which saw 10 CCRC boats competing against a similar number from CYC probably the best race of the year in that competing with 20 + boats is far more enjoyable, but I am pleased to say that even with their enhanced handicaps CYC lost and CCRC have regained the trophy

Several boats have competed in the open cruiser races organised by other Chi Harbour clubs namely BSC Nab tower, ESSC Cruiser regatta, BSC Cruiser weekend and HISC Sparkes Trophy and Nab Cup races all of which had some 20 plus boats each time and I am pleased to report that CCRC boats excelled in these events. Some have also competed in various other events in the Solent including the RTI

These sheets show all the CCRC race results, who turned out when and who has won what

July and August saw a couple of boats venture across the Channel and found that the necessary paperwork is getting easier each time. If you want to know what is actually involved please talk to Bob who in conjunction with the Cruising Association is the leading authority on this matter

After the formal part of this AGM there will be a general discussion about the programme for 2023 and any matters you think to be relevant

Finally many thanks to you all for having returned your trophies from 2021, they will be formally redistributed after today's lunch

Thank you

6) Hon. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – Year ended 30 September 2022

The accounts show the figures for 2022, 2021 and 2020. 2021 was an unusual year because Covid restrictions prevented normal activities. Therefore we are mainly comparing 2022 with 2020.

On the income side, Subscriptions and Yacht Registration Fees showed a small increase over 2020.

The only event organised by the Club was the AGM and Prizegiving in November 2021, which made a loss of £68.

Under expenditure, I have started to set aside £250 a year for Race Marks Maintenance. CCRC pays a share of the cost of maintaining the race marks in Hayling Bay, an exercise that is carried out every three years. By 2024 we will have built up a cushion of £750 to put towards the next bill.

As usual our largest expenditure was on prizes and trophies in 2022 and 2020, though virtually nothing was spent in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. We should see a reduction in prize costs going forward, due to the new fleet system.

During the year we spent £54 on posters and leaflets to promote the Club. We also placed promotional tags on all the yachts on moorings in Chichester Harbour, although these came from the supply that was purchased in 2020.

Web hosting costs increased due to a small one-off expense for security software.

In November 2021 Royal Bank of Scotland started applying bank charges of £5 per month. This only affected us for a few months because we soon moved to free banking with Nat West.

The overall result for 2022 is a deficit of £378. In 2021 there was a deficit of £1,458, a large part of which was due to the impact of Covid restrictions - the Club did not collect any subscriptions from existing members whilst its fixed costs (other than prizes) continued. In 2020 there was a surplus of £93, but this was largely due to unusual profits on events.

Although the Club is currently running at a deficit, it is fortunate to have cash deposits of £6,000, and can therefore sustain small deficits for a number of years. However it is our aim to get to a breakeven position as soon as possible.

I do not propose to raise subscriptions or yacht registration fees. The current round sum levels of £20 and £50 are attractive to new and existing members, and I think an increase would be counterproductive.

Looking forward to 2023, some costs will be lower but inflation may counteract this. The Club depends on maintaining and growing its subscription income and yacht registration fees, so please spread the word and encourage your sailing friends to join us.

Chris Powell, Hon Treasurer

PS It would be very helpful if you could set up a subs standing order for 1 January to our new bank:

Nat West Bank, sort code: 52-41-32

Account number: 54897327

Full account name: Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Account type: business

Reference/comment: yacht name if paying registration fee

The Accounts were accepted. Proposed by Chris Powell and seconded by Mike Smith

7) Hon Secretary's Report

We lost 5 boats this season and 5 members.

Sadly two long standing members who had served the club in many roles died this year. Many of us have fond memories of Vernon Jennings and Freddie Kemp.

On the positive side we welcome new members Darren & Sharon Padro with their boat X Celsis.
And Crew Members Peter Dixon, Owen Farmer, John Guilfoyle and Chris Whitehead

Please introduce yourself to them and give them a call if you have crew spaces next season.

Pam Marrs will carry on in her role as sailing Secretary for 2023 season then stand down, Mike Smith has agreed to shadow her and step in on a temporary basis.

Susan Rutter has joined the committee without a fixed role.

We have had a year now without a Commadore and the ship does feel a little rudderless! Please come forward anyone who feels that they can contribute in some way to the running of the club. There will be support available from past officers to anyone who has skills to offer.

8) Election of Officers

Pam Marrs (Hon Sailing Secretary and Chi Fed rep), Chris Powell (Hon Treasurer) and Martin Sewell (Hon Secretary) are happy to carry on in their current positions. Bob proposed RC seconded all present agreed

Still no Commodore so this position will be vacant until someone volunteers.
Still no Vice Commodore

9) Any Other Business

None

The Formal part of the 74th AGM Closed at 12.00

An Informal discussion Followed

- 1 **Pam asked for comment on her Draft program for 23.**
Proposed holding a 75th anniversary celebration event 3rd June in the harbour, possibly invite other clubs.
Maybe extend the season to October if weather good
It is becoming increasingly difficult to plan ahead as Many marinas want payment up front
A balance between Bay racing and Passage races was favoured.
Caroline asked if we support any Marine based Charity other than The Solent Protection Society, the committee will discuss this.

Pam was thanked for the unseen work she puts in each year in racing and social arrangements, gathering and organising trophies.

Close of informal Meeting followed by Lunch and Prize Giving.

Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Income and Expenditure Account	12 months ended 30/9/2022	12 months ended 30/9/2021	12 months ended 30/9/2020
Paid Members	54	8	52
Income	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	1,080	160	1,040
Yacht Registration Fees	1,200	300	1,050
Interest Received	3	1	4
Other income	-	-	15
Surplus / (Deficit) on Events:			
AGM / Prizegiving	(68)	-	(190)
Prizegiving Dinner	-	-	264
Other Events	-	(370)	370
Total	2,215	91	2,553
Expenditure			
Insurance	591	585	535
Race Marks Maintenance	250	405	-
Subscriptions Paid (Halsail, SCRA, RYA, Solent Protection, Chi Harb Fed)	425	495	390
Prizes & Trophies	1,181	15	940
Advertising & Promotion	54	-	546
Web Hosting	67	45	45
Bank Charges	20	-	-
Paypal Fees	5	4	4
Total	2,593	1,549	2,460
Surplus / (Deficit)	(378)	(1,458)	93
Balance Sheet	30/9/2022	30/9/2021	30/9/2020
	£	£	£
Cash in Bank	5,979	6,127	7,020
Stock of Regalia	313	363	388
Debtors / Prepayments	-	-	450
	6,292	6,490	7,858
Provision for Race Marks Maintenance	(250)	-	-
Received in Advance	(20)	(90)	-
Net Current Assets	6,022	6,400	7,858
Fund brought forward	6,400	7,858	7,765
Surplus / (Deficit)	(378)	(1,458)	93
Fund carried forward	6,022	6,400	7,858

Note: Stocks of prizes written off in year of purchase