



Minutes of the 2016 AGM of RNSA [Portland]

Held at WPNSA on 25th November 2016

Following a buffet, the meeting was opened at 19.30 with an opening address by the Branch Captain and an expression of support for the efforts of Steve Pointon in his round Britain charity sail. Peter then gave a briefing on the status of the RNSA as a charity initiative using the briefing notes provided. He drew the attention of the members to the RNSA web correspondence on 'Forums' and promised to keep the membership appraised with further developments.

There followed a lively debate with questions from various members to try to clarify some points.

29 members and 7 spouses/partners attended and apologies were received from a further 13 members (see list in Appendix).

Minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated previously and were accepted as a correct record. Acceptance of the 2015 minutes proposed by Brendan Moore and seconded by Stuart Naylor.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

The Treasurer's Report and financial statement was circulated before the meeting and in addition Alan briefed the membership on ongoing discussions with Dean and Reddyhoff on the subject of the significant increase to Marina fees and on the matter of relationship and costs associated with WPNSA.

The Port Fees are expected to increase by 3%.

Membership Secretary Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition to the report the secretary highlighted the healthy position of the branch with up to three RNSA members who have indicated that they are waiting to join the branch at the start of 2017. The proposal to remove the membership secretary position as a committee post was not supported and a volunteer has come forward for this post.

The current membership position is:-

Full Members 42

Associate Members 21

Honorary Members 02

The Mooring Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition John highlighted that his main worry has been about the replacement costs for the risers. Moorings availability has dropped from 50 to 39 with issues around silting. Mooring sec went on to explain the reason for the move to a new diving contractor.

He then explained that he will be standing down this coming year with increasing less time available to commit to the role and thanked the small band of regular helpers who always turn out for mooring work.

Ted Bond then stated that he has been facing some difficulty without a swivel.

There was some debate about the silting up in the moorings and who is responsible to dredge, it was agreed that the committee would find out the exact position and feedback to members.

Leigh Merrick offered the thanks of the membership for the huge effort put in by the Mooring Sec. He then went on to explain that the project to obtain a Rigid Raider has been bogged down but that he is making slow progress.

Racing Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and there were no questions.

Cruising Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition Brendan requested feedback from the members on the year's cruising activities. He also gave a briefing on the budget supplied through RNSA and how the branch spent it. This was followed by a series of gifts presented to members who had participated / helped.

Social Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting, Jacquie could not make the AGM and Peter emphasised the vital role that the social member fulfils and pointed out the ongoing need for a volunteer.

Election of Officers

In accordance with Branch Rules, Committee members are due for retirement or re-election after serving for three years. The Branch Captain/Chairman and the Secretary must be Full members, and Full members must be in majority on the Committee. Current officers (*italics* indicate Full members) and their election/re-election dates are as follows:

Branch Captain	<i>Peter Goss</i>	Nov 2013
Secretary	<i>Wayne Elkin</i>	Nov 2013
Treasurer	<i>Alan Clifton</i>	Nov 2012
Mooring Secretary	<i>John Hasker</i>	Nov 2013
Membership Secretary	<i>Wayne Elkin</i>	Nov 2012
Racing Secretary	Ian Bowker	Nov 2013
Cruising Secretary	Brendan Moore	Nov 2013
Social Secretary	Jacquie Shears	Nov 2012

Peter Eaglestone has agreed to accept the Membership Secretary position and was duly elected. Jacquie Shears has stood down so the position of Social Secretary is vacant and no volunteers have come forward.

The rest of the committee have declared that they are prepared to continue and no nominations were received. Following a proposal the remaining Committee were all re-elected for another year.

Proposed Wayne Elkin
Seconded, Alan Clifton

Annual Awards:

The Portland Trophy

This year the Portland Trophy Competition has again been judged by a sub-committee of members, thanks goes to Roger Crouch, Geoff Jones and Christopher Stonehouse for judging.

There were four entries and the scores were all close but it was Doug Odgers who claimed first prize for his entertaining cruise story 'Roussel Tower, where are you?'

Runner up was Peter Stone and third place went to Brendan Moore.

The Gieves Cup, for (normally) a non-committee member who has made a significant contribution to the work of the Branch during the year, was awarded to Pat Clifton for her constant support for the committee and Alan.

Peter Goss then passed a cheque and a small award of a Walker Log to Steve Pointon for his charity following the round Britain charity cruise.

A.O.B

There were 4 AOB's submitted; these were discussed with the following outcomes.

14.1 "Branch Rules"- Stuart Naylor

1. Rules can only be amended at an AGM or EGM and that this is published in the Rules Peter Goss explained why two rules were omitted from the yearbook following early advice on the move to charitable status proposal. This was a mistake and after some debate the membership agreed with the proposal with a show of hands.

Proposed Richard Stevens

Seconded Alan Clifton

2. The differential between various types of member should be deleted from the Branch Rules. Members were reminded that RNSA rules cannot be changed. After some discussion the majority of members agreed with a show of hands.

Proposed Stuart Naylor

Seconded Alan Mayell

14.2 Self-Selecting – Doug Odgers

The Secretary has agreed with Doug to take this into committee and work through the proposal with a view to feeding back to membership through 'Matters Arising' at next AGM.

14.3 Costs/relationship with WPNSA – Simon Golledge

Alan Clifton has been investigating the current costs with WPNSA and his conclusion is that the current charges are not unreasonable. In discussion the membership were in agreement that we should maintain our current good relationship with WPNSA.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 21.44

Wayne Elkin

Branch Secretary

APPENDIX

AGM Attendance: [M = Member (Full or Associate), O = Observer/guest/family/honorary member]

The following were present:

Committee – Peter Goss, Captain ; Alan Clifton, Treasurer; Ian Bowker, Racing Secretary; Wayne Elkin, Secretary;; John Hasker Mooring Secretary; Brendan Moore, Cruising Secretary.

M – Peter Eaglestone, Jonathan Haigh, Stuart Naylor, Ernie Rowe, Sandy Watson, Alan Mayell, Simon Duff, , Steve Knott, Leigh Merrick, Geoff Jones, Ted Bond, Steve Pointon, Doug Odgers, Christopher Stonehouse, Bob Myers, Peter Kenward, Graham Porter, Peter Stone, Mich Michel, Michael Graves, Carl Holland, Tom Saunt, Mike Price-Hughes,

O – Jen Elkin, Jane Rowe, Winkie Watson, Penny Haigh, June Clark, Pam Naylor, Sue Kenward.

Apologies for absence were received from:

M – Anthony Grattan-Cooper, Roger Crouch, Tim Gedge, Simon Golledge, Bob Turner, Gillian Watson, Sarah Watson, Stephen Shears Richard Baker, Christopher Haw, Bob Tuckwood, Nick Leather, David Sharman,