



Minutes of the 2017 AGM of Portland Branch RNSA

Held at WPNSA on 30th November 2017

Following a buffet, the meeting was opened at 19.30 with an opening address by the Branch Captain. 28 members and 7 spouses/observers attended and apologies were received from a further 14 members (see list in Appendix).

Minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated previously with the AGM calling notices and were accepted as a correct record. Acceptance of the 2016 minutes proposed by Alan Mayell and seconded by Doug Odgers.

Matters arising: There were two matters arising.

Removing reference to differences between Full and Associate member with regard to selection for the committee is *Complete*.

Self-Selecting and rewarding through a pennant. Committee previously discussed and decided that *enough incentives are already in place to encourage participation*.

Peter Goss then outlined the steps taken by the committee to develop a Branch response to the expected RNSA move to a CIO. He explained his meetings with various key players in the process, Nick Fletcher and Admiral Lister and their response to our concerns. He stated the outcomes were;

- a) Portland can continue to charge a Branch membership fee to provide additional benefits to members.
- b) Portland Branch moorings are a Branch asset and should continue to be administered, maintained and funded by the Branch.
- c) The Portland Branch should consider the "Trust" option, similar to Portsmouth in order to see what advantages that may bring and to safeguard Branch Mooring funds.
- d) The Branch should look at the positives that being part of the full CIO Provide.

The Chairman then explained that he felt that progress was possible and the next steps should be to set up two separate accounts, do more work on the moorings Trust, decide what part of our finances/activities are charitable and what are not, continue to charge a Branch subscription, and continue to bid for funds from Central for our charitable events. . Peter ended by stating that he was confident that we were on the right path and positive about the outcome.

There followed a lively debate with questions from various members to try to clarify some points with doubt expressed about RNSA intentions. It was decided with a show of hands that the committee should continue to investigate what setting up a trust means and feedback to members, possibly through an EGM, ahead of the RNSA members vote

The Treasurer's Report and financial statement was circulated before the meeting and in addition Alan briefed the members on his actions to separate the accounts coincident with moves towards a Mooring Trust. The Port Fees are expected to increase by 3%.

The Launch fees will remain the same.

Marina fees will increase in line with D&R increases.

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 candidates waiting to join.

The current membership position is:-

Members 68

Honorary Members 01

The Mooring Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition John expressed his thanks to the small band of regular helpers who always turn out for mooring work. John briefed the members on the new RIB that the branch has obtained for the work associated with moorings.

There were questions about the mooring demand and the expected life of the RIB.

Treasurer explained that the depreciation period was 5 years.

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

Cruising Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting. This was followed by a series of gifts presented to members who had participated / helped the Cruising Section and farewell gifts for the committee.

Social Secretary's Report there was no report this year because the post has been vacant. Happily we now have obtained a volunteer, see notes below.

Election of Officers

In accordance with Branch Rules, Committee members are due for retirement or re-election after serving for three years. Current officers and their election/re-election dates are as follows:

Branch Captain	Peter Goss	Nov 2013
Secretary	Wayne Elkin	Nov 2013
Treasurer	Alan Clifton	Nov 2012
Mooring Secretary	John Hasker	Nov 2013
Membership Secretary	Peter Eaglestone	Nov 2016
Sailing Secretary	Vacant	
Social Secretary	Kaz Pointon	Nov 2017

Kaz Pointon has agreed to take up the Social Secretary position with Steve Pointon helping when work commitments make Kaz unavailable. She was proposed by Peter Goss, seconded by John Hasker and was duly elected by member agreement. The rest of the committee have declared that they are prepared to continue as no nominations were received for their positions. No nomination having been received for the post of Sailing Secretary the committee will have to look at ways and means to fill the post.

Annual Awards:

The Portland Trophy

This year the Portland Trophy Competition has been judged by the committee. There were four entries and the scores were all very close but it was Richard Stevens who claimed first prize for his 'A Cruise to smaller ports in Brittany'. Second and third places went to Leigh Merrick and Peter Stone.

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 Steve Lowe.

Peter then awarded gifts to retiring committee members. Crystal tankers were awarded to Brendan Moore for his efforts and a tanker was put aside for Ian Bowker on his return from holiday.

A.O.B

There were two AOB.

Steve Pointon explained about his plans for another charity sail in 2019 and invited Portland Branch members to join in with the adventure.

It was highlighted during the AGM that a Portland Branch web site is now available, the site is still under construction but members are encouraged to log in at www.portlandrnsa.org

There being no further business the AGM closed at 21.45

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; Wayne Elkin, Secretary; John Hasker Mooring Secretary; Brendan Moore, Cruising Secretary; Peter Eaglestone, Membership Secretary;

M – Jonathan Haigh, Stuart Naylor, Ernie Rowe, Sandy Watson, Alan Mayell, Leigh Merrick, Ted Bond, Steve Pointon, Doug Odgers, Christopher Stonehouse, Peter Stone, Michael Graves, Ian Singleton, Allan Ward, Tim Gedge, David Lloyd, Mike Bowker, Steve Lowe, Rob Silvester, Roger Smith, Tony Prior, Simon Thornwill.

O – Jane Rowe, Winkie Watson, Penny Haigh, Pam Naylor, Janet Singleton, Jason Hook, Simon Childs

Apologies for absence were received from:

M – Anthony Grattan-Cooper, Roger Crouch, Ian Bowker, Simon Golledge, Gillian Watson, Sarah Watson, Stephen and Jacquie Shears, Nick Leather, David Sharman, Richard Stevens, Julian Scott-Foxwell, John O’driscoll. Simon Hunt.