



Minutes of the 2018 AGM of Portland Branch RNSA

Held at WPNSA on 30th November 2018

Following a buffet, the meeting was opened at 19.35 with an opening address by the Branch Captain which included a welcome for the observers from HMS Heron and looked forward to the opportunities for closer co-operation with windsurfing and dinghy sailing.

26 members and 9 spouses/observers attended and apologies were received from a further 15 members (see list in Appendix).

Minutes of the 2017 AGM had been circulated previously with the AGM calling notices and were accepted as a correct record.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

The Captain's annual letter was circulated prior to the AGM and Peter said that he had been to the Central Committee last week and had an update on Charitable status. After that meeting he had sought clarification of the position of the Branch and moorings. He read the following response from the Vice Commodore, Phil Warwick ;

“You can reassure your members that we do not want to break what we have and my intent/hope is that branches will remain fully part of RNSA. We will have to be transparent with money flows and my working assumption is that if it not gained from a charitable source you can administer as you wish provided it is coherent with RNSA ethos. I would expect you would have to submit a report to the trustees via the office outlining annual activity. Not really different to now. We may need to discuss what you mean by branch asset....yes moorings can probably be yours to administer, but should the Branch ever close, RNSA rules already state that assets belong to the central organisation. The Trust option could work for moorings but we need to see what the CC propose. Certainly keeping the funds separate as with Portsmouth should work well, but I suggest that you emphasise to your branch members that we are working closely with the lawyers and the CC to keep the core RNSA ethos and sense of community. We are one body with our strength through branches and their activity. We will hopefully know more soon and will need to build a model that works for us all and ultimately improves military efficiency. I can't commit to a fixed solution at this stage as I genuinely don't know the options yet.

One further and helpful check and balance for you is that Simon Lister remains 1 of our 5 nominated trustees, who will of course be responsible for setting the strategic direction. I will just execute it!

Watch this space!

The Treasurer's Report and financial statement was circulated before the meeting, there were some questions for clarity, and in addition Alan reported in that the Audited accounts had been signed by the Auditor. He further proposed that the mooring fees will remain the same for next year, the dinghy launch fee was to be increased to £200 and the Harbour dues were expected to increase by 3%.

The Mooring Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition John briefed on the new Mooring Buoys and requested feedback. He led a general discussion about the Harbour Authority policy with regard to fishing pots around the moorings.

There was a question on depreciation of buoys and some discussion about sailing/motoring through the moorings. John will discuss further with Portland Port to clarify restricted access.

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 eight candidates waiting to join.

The current membership position is 69 Members, one of whom is Honorary.

Peter further requested the membership to be careful to point ad-hoc requests to the Membership Sec to avoid later confusion. He also reminded Members of the GDPR focus.

Sailing Secretary's report was circulated before the meeting. Christopher also clarified a couple of points in his programme and emphasised the focus on NL75 next year. One member pointed out the usefulness of the Ouistreham Ferry link.

Some discussion took place with more information available on the Branch Web Site where members cruising reports can be found. <https://www.portlandrnsa.org/latest.html>

Social Secretary's Report was circulated before the AGM and in addition Steve emphasised the desire to get closer to YCW events.

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	Christopher Stonehouse	Nov 2017
Social Secretary	Kaz Pointon	Nov 2017

Christopher Stonehouse has taken up the responsibility for 'Sailing Secretary' which is a combination of 'Cruising' and 'Racing' activities.

No other nominations were received; the current committee have indicated their willingness to serve for another term.

Annual Awards:

The Portland Trophy

This year the Portland Trophy Competition has been judged by three of the members in line with the guidelines contained in the Yearbook. There were three entries and the scores were all very close but it was Ian and Kate Bowker who claimed first prize with their entry 'Cruising in a Racing Boat'

Second and third places went to Peter Stone and Doug Odgers.

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 Ian Bowker for his outstanding service over years on the committee.

Peter then awarded a Crystal Tanker to Ian who retired last year but was not at last year's AGM.

A.O.B

There was only one AOB.

John Hasker highlighted the problem with members not returning chain and rope at the end of the season and proposed some sort of penalty be introduced. The guidelines state that members are responsible for

clearing the mooring buoy of chain and rope strops at the end of the season. Then washing off the chain strop, marking it with their name and placing it back in the container ready for inspection.

A lively discussion followed with various proposals to improve the process. The action was left with the Mooring Sec. to scope out the proposals to the committee who would take action before the next season. The representatives from HMS Heron took the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain their roles covering Dinghy Sailing and Windsurfing.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 20.38

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*; Christopher Stonehouse, *Sailing Secretary*; Peter Eaglestone, *Membership Secretary*; Steve (Kaz) Pointon, *Social Secretary*.

M – Jonathan Haigh, Stuart Naylor, Sandy Watson, Alan Mayell, Leigh Merrick, Ted Bond, Doug Odgers, Peter Stone, Michael Graves, Ian Singleton, Tim Gedge, David Lloyd, Steve Lowe, Richard Stevens, Brendan Moore, Steve Shears, Ian Bowker, Nigel Williams, Adrian Phillips

O – Winkie Watson, Penny Haigh, Pam Naylor, Jason Hook, Jacquie Shears, Kate Bowker, Gavin Nicholson (HMS Heron) Paul Issit (Army Sailing) Dom Williams (HMS Heron)

Apologies for absence were received from:

M – Anthony Grattan-Cooper, Simon Golledge, Gillian Watson, Sarah Watson, , Nick Leather, David Sharman, , Julian Scott-Foxwell, John O’driscoll. Stuart Lyall, Ernie Rowe, Bob Tuckwood, Rob Silvester, Pierre Hermans, Tom Saunt, Alison Stephens.