



Minutes of the 2019 AGM of Portland Branch RNSA

Held at WPNSA on 29th November 2019

20 members and 10 spouses/observers attended and regrets were received from a further 13 members (see list in Appendix).

Following an excellent warm meal, the meeting was opened at 19.30 with an opening address by the Branch Captain which included a welcome for Phil Warwick our Chief Executive Officer. Peter gave an overview of the situation with the RNSA adopting charitable status at the EGM. He invited Phil Warwick to explain more of the background and RNSA thinking.

Phil gave a general explanation of the policy change that has driven RNSA to the conclusion that we needed to incorporate to a charity given that we are a non-service organisation tasked with delivering sailing training.

Peter then summarised what the change to an affiliated status meant for the Branch and the way the relationship will be governed through an MOU.

Ted Bond asked to clarify the branch non-charitable status. Brendan Moore requested some consideration be given to allowing the Domain name of the branch to reference RNSA. PW said the question was worth looking at. Alan Mayell challenged the MOU effect on branch assets. PW took an action to clarify MOU conditions further.

Peter asked for a show of hands to support the committee decision to adopt affiliated branch status. The proposal was supported

Since the AGM the key elements of the MOU have been drawn up and agreed concerning the relationship between branches and RNSA emphasising brand and reputation management with rules covering:-

- Branch Membership
- Subscriptions
- Committees
- Reporting relationships and website, digital media control.
- Assets and Liabilities

Changes will be built into the Branch Rules and Yearbook, copies are available through the branch Secretary.

Matters arising from the 2018 AGM minutes. : There was one matter arising from 2018 AGM which was” **The problem with members not returning chain and rope at the end of the season”**

The Mooring Secretary reported that the item was closed.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been circulated previously with the AGM calling notices and were accepted as a correct record.

Proposed by Steve Shears

Seconded by Ian Walker

The Treasurer's Report and financial statement was circulated before the meeting, there were some questions for clarity on NL75 expenditure and he was requested to look at the Portland Port charge. In addition Alan reported in that he proposed to keep the mooring fee the same for next year, the dinghy launch fee was expected to remain at £200 and the Harbour dues were expected to increase by 3%.

To align with centre the accounts will now close in December so the committee have accepted that our end of season AGM will become a lift out supper with trophy presentations. The AGM will move to February, the next AGM will be Feb 2021.

The Mooring Secretary's Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition John briefed on the outstanding item from AGM 2018. He also highlighted that the Visitor designated moorings have been changed to request moorings for visitors.

He noted that the failure of some buoys has been referred back to the supplier.

Steve Pointon reminded members of the huge amount of work that goes in to running the moorings and proposed a vote of thanks to John for his efforts.

Membership Secretary Report was circulated before the meeting and in addition to the report the secretary highlighted the healthy position of the branch and that he was keen to promote the club and get new members. He noted that requests focusing on perceived cheaper moorings would be rejected.

Phil Warwick highlighted the RNSA expectations for new members.

Sailing Secretary's report was circulated before the meeting. Christopher also clarified his intentions for his programme and emphasised the success of Portland Branch contribution to NL75. Peter presented some cheques for mooring contributions to members who attended.

Social Secretary's Report was circulated before the AGM and in addition Kaz emphasised the success of the CTP with the following Mupe Bay cruise. She further proposed to re-start the popular skittles evenings in Feb next year and that the new format for the laying up supper would likely include invitations to YCW.

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 stone	Apr 2018
Sailing Secretary	Christopher Stonehouse	Nov 2017
Social Secretary	Kaz Pointon	Nov 2017

No nominations were received. Peter Goss indicated his intention to buddy with Steve Pointon for this season to close out the charitable status work.

Alan Clifton indicated that Steve Shears has agreed to take over as Treasurer sometime early in 2020.

The remaining 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 five entries and the scores were all very close but it was Ian and Kate Bowker who claimed first prize with their entry 'Memory lane and wonderful walks'

Second and third places went to Peter Stone with “Plumbing new depths” and Joel Burton with “Wildlife, wind and a warm welcome”

All five entries are available on the branch web site.

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 Shears.

A.O.B none

There being no further business the AGM closed at 20.55

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 Stone, *Membership Secretary*; Kaz Pointon, *Social Secretary*.

M – Jonathan Haigh, Stuart Naylor, Sandy Watson, Alan Mayell, Leigh Merrick, Ted Bond, Doug Odgers, Ian Singleton, Tim Gedge, David Lloyd, , Brendan Moore, Steve Shears, Ian Bowker, Steve Pointon.

O – Winkie Watson, Penny Haigh, Pam Naylor, Jacquie Shears, Kate Bowker, Linda Peaston, Phil Warwick, Roger Howes, Mike Regan.

Regrets were received from:

M – Anthony Grattan-Cooper, Simon Golledge, Gillian Watson, Sarah Watson, David Sharman, Rob Silvester, Alison Stephens. Steve Lowe, Richard Stevens, Tony Prior, Chris Groves, Peter Eaglestone, Leigh Merrick.