

CARGREEN YACHT CLUB LIMITED

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Members (The 13th AGM of Cargreen Yacht Club Limited)

Held at the Landulph Memorial Hall on Saturday 19th November 2016 at 1830 hrs

Committee Present:	Commodore & Director	Charles Evans
	Hon. Secretary	Sophie Forbes
	Hon. Treasurer	Ron Edwards
	Moorings Officer	John Davis
	Membership Secretary	Chris Bowyer
	Cadets Officer	Colin Plumb
	Training Officer/RYA Principal	Dave Wheatley
	House Officer	Stephen Dennis
	Social Secretary	Jill Trew
	Cadets Officer	Tracy Barnes

Voting members also in attendance: 60 present and registered.

The Commodore had anticipated being able to hold the annual cadet prizegiving prior to this meeting but this was not possible because it had not been decided who was to win the prizes.

The Commodore expressed the Club's gratitude to Tony Head; for all he has done this year but particularly for organising the White Sail Series. The winner of the 2016 series and the Cargreen Regatta Trophy was Richard Bowman sailing 'Emma', 2nd was Tony Head sailing 'Triple Venture' and 3rd was Roger Creagh Osborne in 'Cresta of Wight'

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from: Chris Harman, Robert Stebbing & June Johnstone, Penny & Mike Tucker, Tony Jackson, Cornel Carpenter, Pam & James Gent, Phil Matthews, Val & Terry Tonkin, Mick & Juliette Flanagan, John Akeroyd, David Boyd, Peter Mercer, Pat Bishop, Trevor & Dorie Jones, Will & Alyssa Davies, Chrissie & Alan Simms, Clive & Mandy Shepperd, Peter Bamford, Ian Johnson, Richard Bowman, Simon Turner, Phillida Jermain, Nancy & Steve McKee, Mel Goddard, Leonard Baddeley, John & Adrienne, Mike & Tina Ross, Tim & Pippa Clarke, Sandy & Graham Bell, Alastair Troup, Sam & Sue Poole, Tim & Zoe Burns, David & Caroline, Roy & Sonia Aldworth, Kevin Sempers, Gary & Sarah French (see signing register)

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

These had already been approved by the Directors and there were no comments from members. Proposed for acceptance: Jill Trew, 2nded: Margaret Honey. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record

3. Matters arising: None that will not be dealt with later in the meeting.

4. Commodore's report

Circulated in advance and there were no questions arising.

In addition to the Report: since the report was written, the kitchen refurbishment and the replacement of the glass doors of the clubhouse had been completed

The Commodore then went on to thank the committee members for their hard work over the past year

5. Officers' reports

Officers' reports circulated in advance. No questions arising.

6. Statement and Adoption of Accounts

Copies of the full accounts were made available to the meeting and the shortened version was available on the website.

The Hon. Treasurer explained that the accounts were showing one or two anomalies due to the previous accounting period being for 17 months but there were no accounting concerns although the

accounts were currently showing a small loss due in the main to the adjustment across the period. The Club's net current assets had increased by £14K.

The Hon Treasurer reported to the AGM regarding the fraudulent loss of £5.6K explaining the steps taken on discovery and why, at the request of the Police and due to the ongoing investigation, that it had not been reported to the club more widely until this point. The investigation continues. Various comments were made from the floor and a concise explanation from the Club Webmaster as to how the scam was perpetrated. Procedures are in place to prevent similar future losses.

Following the 2015 AGM, £100K was invested through the CGA (Country Gentleman's Association) with St James' Place. At 1st July 2016 the investment had grown in value to approximately £107K.

Resolution: Pursuant to Article 64; the set of accounts presented from 01 March 2015 - 29 February 2016 be adopted

As there were no further questions or objections to the accounts from the floor the resolution was proposed by Tony Head and seconded by Glen Honey - the resolution was passed and the accounts were adopted.

7. Club Auditors

Resolution: That the Club's independent examiners, Dawe, Hawken & Dodd, are re-appointed.

The resolution was proposed by the Hon Treasurer, Ron Edwards and was seconded by Mike Pickles. On recommendation of the committee and as no objections or further questions were raised, the resolution was upheld.

8. Election of Officers

Resolution: That the following be and are hereby appointed Officers of the Club in the roles listed:

Commodore & Director	Charles Evans
Vice Commodore & Director	John Davis
Rear Commodore & Director	David Wheatley
Hon. Treasurer	Ron Edwards
Hon. Secretary	Sophie Forbes
Moorings Officer	John Davis
House Officer	Stephen Dennis
Membership Secretary	Chris Bowyer
Training Officer/RYA Principal	Dave Wheatley
Cadets Officer	Tracy Barnes
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The following managers have offered to serve, subject to the new Committee's approval:

Webmaster	Nick Fox
Communications Manager	James Jermain
Bar Manager	Allen Pack
Barge Master	Charles Evans
Boat-watch Manager	Martin Worth
Bosun	<i>Vacant (to be elected by committee)</i>
Site Manager	Allen Pack
Dinghy Park/Overflow Field Manager	Mick Flanagan
Regatta Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Cruising Manager	Tony Head

The resolution to appoint the Committee *en bloc* was proposed by James Jermain, seconded by Allen Pack and as no objections were raised, the above officers of the club were elected for the following year.

9. Annual Membership Fees

The committee confirmed that the application of the 10% increase for the 2017 fees, as agreed at the 2015 AGM, would be put in place and therefore the fees will increase as follows:

Full (single) membership £73

Family membership £91

Cadet fees remain unchanged £20 / cadet for club members, £30 for others

Joining fee is equal to membership fee as above

Due to political and financial uncertainty the committee did not put forward a resolution on future fee increases: Fees for 2018 will be determined at the 2017 AGM. Cadet fees for 2017 will remain unchanged.

The floor confirmed acceptance of the committees decision

10. Annual Mooring Fees

The fees for 2017 were agreed at the 2015 AGM.

Annual fees are currently £270 for mooring licence holders and £400 for renters.

Rental fees for small boats on shallow moorings of a metre or less depth above chart datum will be reduced by between £50 and £75, at the discretion of the Moorings Officer

Moorings fees for 2017 will be licence fee £300, with the annual rent for deep moorings being £440 and the annual rent for shallow being £385.

Following various comments from the floor and questions and objections raised the Moorings Officer explained the reasons for the rise in mooring fees.

There had been no increase in mooring fees since 2014 when there was a *reduction* for small boats, possibly because the cost of barge refits, which are approx. £6000 every six years, had been forgotten.

Over recent years there has been a steady increase in the number of boats on the moorings over the winter. It takes an average of 20 minutes longer to take boats alongside, so with 30 boats on the moorings the extra cost is about £350. This is actually an under estimate because boats, other than very small ones, can only be taken alongside with light winds and a weak tidal stream, so a good deal of time and fuel is spent moving the barge up and down the moorings to get to boats in the right conditions - perhaps £700 would be a more accurate estimate. Charging boats for overwintering was mooted at an AGM 2 or 3 years ago and rejected, but it does seem unfair to pass the additional cost of servicing occupied moorings to members who take their boats ashore for the winter.

There are a number of moorings approaching the end of their lives with ground chain below 20 mm diameter - these will have to be replaced at about £600 per mooring - most of these seem to belong to the club. In the interim they need to be thoroughly inspected annually over their whole length, right down to the sinker, which takes longer.

Wayton has been used as a barge storage area for about 10 years. With a change of bargemaster inevitable within the next 2 years a barge store needs to be provided at the club - cost about £2000 if we use a steel container - much more if we build a permanent store.

When David Pirie was running the barge he could service up to 16 moorings a day. The addition of a reliable outboard, a generator, an angle grinder and new winch increased the rate to about 20 on a good day with an experienced and worked up crew. We are now trying to introduce new bargees, because the old ones are wearing out. Inevitably new crew work slightly more slowly, and the longer the servicing operation takes the more it costs.

Additional factors were also taken in account when making the above proposal such as the rise in the Consumer Price Index since 2014 when the fees were last raised, the need to purchase a new generator very soon and maintenance of the barge winch.

Members were requested to note that mooring fees for 2019/2020 would not be proposed until the AGM in 2018.

Resolution: Annual mooring fees for 2018/19 be raised by a sum which will not exceed 10% of the current 2017 fee.

The resolution, was proposed by the Commodore, Charles Evans and the floor accepted the increase and confirmed the resolution with no further objections raised.

11 Amendments to Club Rules (Clubhouse & Site Bye Law 6)

Jannick Loue proposed his and his family's use of a jet ski following an application to join the club.

The Commodore then spoke on behalf of the Committee. He was concerned that

- a. The launch and recovery of Jetskis would require vehicles on the causeway in contravention of existing club rules
- b. That as Cargreen is closer to the waterski area than other clubs it might become a focus for jetski activity, obstructing the ramp and causeway, and causing unwanted noise and wash in the river.
- c. That the noise, wash and obstructed launching of dinghies and tenders would deter old and new sailing members, changing the character of the club, which is primarily a sailing club,
- d. That this could have serious financial consequences.

Various Committee members had conducted a straw poll among active CYC members about allowing jetskis and hovercraft to operate from the Club, and had received a strong, though not universal, feeling that such craft should not be allowed to launch from CYC. Accordingly the Committee put forward the following resolutions:

Resolution: (a) that Cargreen Yacht Club should not permit the launching of such craft and Resolution: (b) that Cargreen Yacht Club Limited Club Rules and Bye-Laws be amended to reflect this

Neither resolution was supported by the members present. During a short period of open discussion and comment, it was decided to have separate votes on jetskis and hovercraft launching and recovery at CYC. It was decided by a large majority that jetskis should be permitted to use the Club in accordance with existing rules and bye-laws.

Hovercraft were discussed separately and a vote was held on whether to ban Hovercraft from the club. This was proposed by Glen Honey and seconded by Mrs Hemmings - the vote was unanimous that the launch and recovery of hovercraft at CYC should not be allowed.

12 Amendments to Moorings Bye-Laws (Bye-Law 9)

Over the last 10 years there has been a considerable increase in the number of over wintering vessels, and a growing proportion have incurred problems with their strops, foredeck fittings, sails, rig etc. The Moorings Officer and Bargees have gone round the moorings during the winter months adding extra strops or antichafe where necessary, clearing blocked cockpit drains, bailing, securing flapping sails and effecting temporary repairs to rigging. It tends to be the same boats that need attention every year.

The Committee are very conscious of the damage that drifting yachts can inflict on other moored craft, and the risk that a series of insurance claims could result in a premium increase for all CYC based vessels.

They considered that the Moorings Officer should be able to compel boat owners to improve their foredeck fittings where necessary and to fit adequate strops, particularly for craft over-wintering on the moorings. The change will be advisory this winter and come into full force next season (2017/2018) - which gives owners plenty of time to make changes. It is intended that this new rule will be applied with a light touch and remain advisory rather than dictatorial whenever possible. The committee has approved the additional wording for Moorings Bye-Law 9 to become Bye-Law (9b) (available on the Club website and at the meeting)

Vessels on CYC mooring must have adequate strops and foredeck fittings. *"If, in the opinion of the Moorings Officer or Bargemaster, a vessel's mooring strops or fittings are inadequate the owner will be requested to rectify the situation within twenty-one days. If strops are considered in urgent need of replacement the Moorings Officer or Bargemaster may replace them or add additional strops. The owner will be charged for the new strop and a service charge of up to £50 may be applied."*

Owners who decline to improve their foredeck fittings or persistently use inadequate strops may have their licence to use a mooring or rental agreement restricted or curtailed."

Resolution: that the additional wording be accepted to Mooring Bye-Law 9 currently used in the Cargreen Yacht Club Limited Club Rules and Bye-Laws

The resolution was proposed by Nick Fox and seconded by Martin Worth. The resolution was carried.

On conclusion of the business for the AGM, Tony Head thanked the Committee on behalf of all the members of the club. John Davies thanked Richard Taylor for all the work he had undertaken with boatwatch.

The meeting closed at 1946 hrs

Minutes approved as a correct record:

Signed (on behalf of the Directors).....

Date.....