Minutes of 63rd Annual General Meeting

12 August 2013 Largs Sailing Club, UK

1 President's Welcome

Duncan Greenhalgh welcomed those members present and made a short report - please see attached summary.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Graham Knox & Gill Beddow.

3 Minutes of 62nd Annual General Meeting

No Matters Arising were raised.

Motion: "This meeting accepts the Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting"

Proposed: Jon Close Seconded: Phil Hodgkins

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

4 Treasurer's Report

Paul Bowmer presented the meeting with copies of the Association's Accounts for the period ending 30th September 2012 and his report – copy attached.

The Treasurer did not propose any increase in subscriptions for 2014 because of the focus to stem the decline in membership.

A question was asked from the floor about closing the deficit gap and Paul reiterated that the committee had agreed to draw-up a plan to get back into balance by the start of the 2014/15 season.

Motion: "This meeting accepts the Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2012"

Proposed: Paul Bowmer Seconded: Chris Beddow

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

5 Election of the Accountants

Motion: "This meeting re-elects Sergents as the Associations Accountants"

Proposed: Paul Bowmer Seconded: Toby Taylor

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

6 Election of the Officers of the Association

The President reported that the following nominations had been received:

Duncan Greenhalgh - President

Liz Hall
 Ann Penny
 Vice President (Mainsail & Publicity)
 Vice Present (Development)

Paul Bowmer - TreasurerMark Collingwood - Secretary

Liz stated that a new Editor of Mainsail is required as she wished to hand over to a successor as soon as possible.

Motion: "This meeting confirms the appointment of the Officers of the Association"

Proposed: Duncan Greenhalgh Vote: Carried by a show of hands

7 Election of Directly Elected Members of the Committee of the Association

The President reported that the following nominations had been received:

Gill Beddow – Championship Secretary
 Phil Hodgkins – Training/Younger Members
 Gareth Morris – Technical & Rules/Vintage

Hugh Brazier – Webmaster

GP14 International Class Association

Senoid Young – Training Admin., Assoc. Boat & Promotion

Ed Washington - Cruising (Non Racing)

Motion: "This meeting confirms the appointment of the Members of the Committee"

Proposed: Duncan Greenhalgh
Vote: Carried by a show of hands

8 Appointment of Branch Vice Presidents

The President reported the following current Branch Chairmen:

Laurence Baalham – Ireland

Duncan Fraser – Sri Lanka
 Bruce Quail – Australia
 Trefon Katakazinos – South Africa
 Bruce Idleman – US/Canada

Motion: "This meeting elects the current branch Chairmen as Vice Presidents of the Association"

Proposed: Duncan Greenhalgh

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

9 ISAF

David Rowlands made a report about on-going negotiations with ISAF about application for Full Membership and the right to hold World Championships.

David noted suggestions from Curly Morris that the Association talk to the Shark and One Design Classes who are in the same position as ourselves and offer for us to appoint the Optimist Class Representative who will attend the next ISAF meeting in Dubai to act on our behalf.

David wished to seek the views of the members about whether the Association should continue these negotiations.

Motion: "This meeting wants the Class to continue holding World Championships and mandates the

committee to continue the discussions with ISAF to determine the costs and obligations of

doing so."

Proposed: Ian Dobson Seconded: Mike Senior

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Association Boat

Chris Beddow wanted to express again his concern that the Association Boat was under-utilised.

The President stated that the officers were aware of these concerns and would address them in the coming year.

10.2 Publication of Committee Minutes

Chris Beddow requested that committee minutes be published.

The Secretary agreed to publish minutes of committee meetings, redacting minutes of items that were necessarily confidential.

10.3 Third Moulder

Chris Beddow criticised the Association's position over a third moulder on the grounds is prohibits supply of boats that are not top racing spec. and is untenable because applications from moulders are subjected to unspecified commercial criteria that applications from wooden boat manufactures do not have to meet.

The President said the Committee had agreed to start consideration of any new application(s) at the October Committee meeting.

Chris stated he was not satisfied with the response as no guarantee was being given that the matter would be concluded in October so reducing the likelihood that cheaper boats would be available for the 2014 season.

11 Closing of the Meeting

The President formally closed the meeting thanking the many members attending.

Mark Collingwood August 2013

Summary of the President's Report

Although it was a privilege and honour to be asked to be President it was in exception circumstances and it has been a very steep learning curve for me, who has had no previous experience as an Officer of the Association.

I will continue to seek the views and support of the membership to help me address the more difficult issues we face, some of which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Fortunately much of the business of the Association is run by experienced individuals and sub committees without whom I would not have been able to cope and I would particularly like to thank the Championship Committee, Technical & Rules Committee, Mainsail and Exhibitions team, Cruising/Vintage Groups, Training team, Area Reps (ARs) and Fleet Captains (FCs).

Recognising that positive action is required to stem the decline in income I have set-up a group led by Ann Penny to tackle the problem and work with our main recruiters the ARs and FCs. I would like to encourage you all go back to your clubs, energise your FCs and if necessary take on the job yourselves. We all need to start working to keep your Association viable.

Andy Bury had to resign as Secretary mid-year due to family commitments and I would like the send Andy my best wishes and thank both him for his Sterling efforts and Peter Guest for stepping into the role.

After 10 years of loyal and committed service as our Administrator Sue Sinclair has decided to Retire. I know we all send Sue and Ian our best wishes for a long and happy retirement!

We are currently seeking a replacement for Sue and an announcement informing you of the successful candidate will be made shortly.

I would like to close by thanking both current officers and committee members and those volunteering to take on new posts.

Duncan Greenhalgh 12 August 2013

Summary of the Honorary Secretary's Report

I would like to start by thanking Andy Bury who has completed a long spell as secretary and doing superb work and say it has been a pleasure to help Duncan who has remained Calm throughout his difficulties.

Dinghy Show

We exhibited at the Dinghy Show again this year. It was an excellent performance by all involved. Well done to all involve particularly Liz Hall who led the team.

Mainsai

Still goes from strength to strength. Thanks again to Liz Hall the Editor. However, Liz has stated that a new Editor of Mainsail is required as she wishes to hand over to a successor as soon as possible.

Membership

Membership is still in decline but, as stated by Duncan, plans are in place to address this and support from all members is required to reenergise the FCs and make sure that as many GP14 sailors are members of our Association.

Championships

The 2012 Worlds were outstandingly well run and totally successful. I am sure that this championship committee led by the very industrious and competent Gill Beddow have created a great UK National Championship here at Largs.

We have confirmation that we can hold a World Championship at East Down next year, which I am sure will also be superb.

The UK Nationals next year will be a 3 day event at Weymouth and the Gill is already in discussion with clubs for 2015 and 2016 ensuring our place in the waiting list for the premier locations.

Technical and Rules

The T&R Committee continue to work tirelessly on our behalf.

Trustee Meeting

We held a formal meeting with the Trustees of the Association in July, the first meeting for 30 years, particularly to discuss the investment and use of the Association's reserves.

Office

Sue is still doing a wonderful job continuing to be efficient and always having her finger on the pulse – Thank you Sue!!!

She will be difficult to replace, but the process is underway and it is typical of Sue that she had given us enough notice to ensure a managed handover.

The Future

It has been a pleasure to work with Duncan and see him grow into his job. He has gathered a very fine committee around him.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT, THE FUTURE IS GREEN(halgh).

LONG LIVE THE GP14

Peter Guest 12 August 2013