

INTERNATIONAL GP14 ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held 23rd August at Pwllheli Sailing Club.

Persons present: 34 members attended the meeting, a full list of their names is filed with these minutes. Apologies were received from Graham Knox, Paul Bowmer, Mandy Mitchell, Paul O'Neill, Paul Rowan and Eddie Ramsden.

1. President's welcome.

Duncan Greenhalgh opened the meeting at 20.05 and welcomed all attendees.

2. Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting.

Mark Collingwood apologised for two minor typing errors in item 5 (Treasurer's report and accounts). Subject to the correction of these, the minutes were agreed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting.
Proposed: Jon Close
Seconded: Gareth Morris
Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Secretary's Report.

Mark Collingwood circulated copies of his written report to all attendees and presented it to the meeting. A copy is filed with these minutes

Matters arising:

Duncan Greenhalgh drew the meeting's attention in particular to the huge amount of work carried out by Gill Beddow and the Championship Committee over the past 12 months, highlighting the fact that Gill will be relinquishing the chair of that committee at the next AGM. We record our gratitude to Gill and recognise the need to identify a successor well in advance of her standing down.

It was noted that a rule change had been agreed in order to permit the introduction of mast-head buoyancy and that the options for providing this were now being explored by the Technical and Rules Committee.

As part of Class Development it was suggested that we should seek to promote the boat more actively in Europe. In particular, Poland and some of the former 'Iron Curtain' countries might provide good opportunities in this regard. Similarly, the question was raised as to what extent we have been nurturing the new group in Barbados. As our International Liaison Representative, Stephen Boyle has been maintaining contact with Barbados and he will explore means by which we might further encourage growth of the

class in that country (the sponsorship of a coaching event was offered as one possibility).

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.

Attendees were provided with copies of a written report prepared by Paul Bowmer together with copies of the certified accounts for the year to 30th September 2015. The Secretary summarized the report on behalf of Paul, noting in particular his recommendation that subscriptions be held at the present rate for a further year. Paul has indicated that he would be happy to answer queries by e-mail.

A copy of the report is filed with these minutes and the accounts will be placed on the Association's web site in the 'members' area'.

Matters arising: none.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report and accounts, together with the recommendation not to change the existing subscription rates.

Proposed: David Rowlands.

Seconded: Gareth Morris.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

The President expressed our thanks to Paul for his work on our behalf over the year.

5. Appointment of Accountants.

Motion: To re-appoint Sergeants as the Association's Accountants for the coming year.

Proposed: Chris Beddow.

Seconded: Jon Close.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

6. Proposed change to Item 2 of the Constitution.

Motion; to change the wording of Item 2 (b) from:

'From time to time to determine (subject to any necessary approval by the owner of the copyright) the maximum cost and the specifications of the hull, sail plan, weight, spars, rigging and fittings of the Boat.'

To:

'From time to time to determine the specifications and if appropriate the maximum cost of the hull, sail plan, weight, spars, rigging and fittings of the Boat.'

Proposed: David Rowlands.
Seconded: Gill Beddow.
Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

7. Election of Officers.

The following members have been nominated, all without opposition:

President: Ann Penny.
Vice President: Mark Collingwood.
Vice President: Curly Morris.
Secretary: Stephen Parry.
Treasurer: Paul Bowmer.

Proposed: Jon Close.
Seconded: Gareth Morris.
Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

8. Election of Directly Elected Committee Members.

The following members have been nominated:

Gill Beddow.
Lisa Carpenter.
Gareth Morris.
Justin Smith.

Proposed: Stephen Boyle.
Seconded: Graham Fraser.
Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Ed Washington has been nominated for the post of Cruising and Vintage Representative.

Proposed: Stewart Elder.
Seconded: Gareth Morris.
Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

9. Confirmed Appointments.

In their roles as presidents of our overseas branches the following are confirmed as Vice Presidents of the International Association:

Stephen Boyle.....Ireland
Bruce Quail.....Australia
Trefon Katakazinos.....South Africa
Duncan Frazer.....Sri Lanka
Bruce Idleman.....USA and Canada
Joanne Lammens.....Barbados

10. Close of Meeting.

Duncan Greenhalgh closed the meeting at 8.55pm, thanking all those in attendance and expressing his gratitude for all the support he had received, from members both at home and overseas during his term of office. Duncan told the meeting that he considered it an honour and privilege to have served the Association, saying that during his term very many acquaintances had become good friends.

Following the meeting Ann Penny accepted the chair and convened our usual open forum discussion (notes of which are attached). Ann opened the session by expressing our sincere thanks to Duncan for all the work that he has carried out for the Association in his role as President, and on behalf of the Association Ann presented Duncan with the Past-presidents' badge and a celebratory gift.

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Members in attendance.

Macier Matyjaszczuk	Welsh Harp SC
Peter James	Unattached
Ivan Washington	Toddbrook SC
Gareth Morris	Gresford SC
Edward Washington	Toddbrook SC
Gill Beddow	South Staffs SC
Chris Beddow	South Staffs SC
Curley Morris	East Antrim and Newtownards SC's
Stephen Boyle	Sutton DC
Andrew Johnston	Sutton DC
Hugh Gill	Sutton DC
Paul Simes	Cardiff Bay SC
Justin Smith	Derwent Reservoir SC
Alan Jones	Nantwich SC
Tom Simes	Cardiff Bay SC
David Rowlands	Ulley SC
Stewart Elder	Hollowell SC
Ellie Devereux	Budworth SC
Sarah Jarman	Royal Lymington YC
Nick Devereux	Budworth SC
Chris Hawkes	Poole SC
Lisa Carpenter	South Staffs SC
Michelle Evans	South Staffs SC
Frank Nickless	Chase SC and Dovey SC
Carl Jeffs	Trimpley SC
Jon Close	Winsford Flash SC
Duncan Fraser	Ceylon Motor Yacht Club
Gail Fraser	CMYC
Graham Fraser	CMYC

Nick Brandon

South Staffs SC

Duncan Greenhalgh

Ann Penny

Mark Collingwood

Steve Parry