

INTERNATIONAL GP14 ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting held 5th August 2019 at South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club.

Persons present: 33 members attended the meeting, a full list of their names is filed with these minutes. Apologies were received from Paul Bowmer, Hugh Brazier, Mark Collingwood, Oliver Shaw, Mandy Mitchell and Ian Foulkes.

1. President's welcome.

Ann Penny opened the meeting at 20.10 and welcomed all attendees. A minute's silence was then held in memory of the lives of Eddie Ramsden and Searson Thompson who passed away in July 2019.

2. Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting.

The draft minutes had been placed on the association's web site for 11 months and copies were provided to the meeting. There were no comments received.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting.

Proposed: Graham Knox

Seconded: Jon Close

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

The minutes will now be labelled as approved on the web site in the members' area.

3. Secretary's Report.

Stephen Parry circulated copies of his written report to all attendees and time was allowed for its reading.

Ann Penny thanked Steve for his very full report and for his work during the year. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Paul Simes.

Seconded: Dave Young.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

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 2018. Ann briefly summarized the report on behalf of Paul, noting

in particular his recommendation that subscriptions be raised slightly for the coming year. Ann thanked Paul for his work and support over the year.

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.

Proposed: David Rowlands.

Seconded: Charles Saunders.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

5. Membership fees.

In accordance with the Treasurer's recommendations it was proposed that the membership fees for the coming year should be:

Full membership: £33.00, reducing to £31 if paid by direct debit.

Associate member: £25.00

Youth member: £16.00

Ian Dobson expressed the view that our fees were too low.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's recommendation regarding membership fees for the coming year.

Proposed: Hugh Gill.

Seconded: Jon Close:

Vote: Carried by a show of hands, 32 in favour and one abstention.

6. Appointment of Accountants.

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

Proposed: Adam Chaplin.

Seconded: Charles Saunders.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

7. Proposed motion to change the Constitution.

Explanation:

Our Trustees are appointed on a 'for life' basis and with the passing of the years it is becoming clear that this may lead to difficulties if and when infirmity becomes an issue. The Finance and General Purposes Committee therefore

propose that the number of Trustees be increased by one and that the new appointee should of significantly younger age than the current group.

Proposal:

That the opening paragraph of clause 10 of the constitution be changed from: Trustees – There shall be four Trustees of the Association, any three of whom may act. The first Trustee shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting.

To:

Trustees – There shall be five Trustees of the Association, any three of whom may act. The first Trustee shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting.

Reason for proposal:

To enable right governance of the Association to continue in the event of two Trustees becoming unable to act at any one time.

Proposed: Ann Penny. Seconded: Stephen Parry

The proposal was considered and it was agreed that General Committee should be asked to bring forward proposals for further revision of the constitution to remove the life-time status of our Trustees and place the appointments on a 5 year, renewable, basis.

Motion: to accept the recommended changes made by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and to ask General Committee to consider bringing forward a further change to the tenure arrangements for trusteeship as outlined above.

Proposed: Hugh Gill.

Seconded: Ian Dobson.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

8. Election of Officers.

The following members had been nominated, all without opposition:

President: Curly Morris.

Vice President: Dave Young.

Secretary: Les Burns.

Treasurer: Paul Bowmer.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

9. Election of Directly Elected Committee Members.

The following members had been nominated:

Chris Hearn.

Vanessa Devereux.

Leanne Pilkington.

Justin Smith.

Oliver Shaw.

Vote: Carried unanimously by a show of hands.

10. Confirmed Appointments.

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

David Cooke.....Ireland
Bruce Quail.....Australia
Trefon Katakazinos.....South Africa
Duncan Frazer.....Sri Lanka
Bruce Idleman.....USA and Canada

It was noted with regret that the recently formed branch in Barbados was no longer in Association membership, albeit that GP14s are still being sailed in that country.

11. Hand over by the president.

Curly Morris presented Ann Penny with the Past President's jewel and expressed his huge gratitude on behalf of the Association for all that Ann had done for the Class. Curly told the meeting how much he looked forward to taking on the role of President and explained why he felt a particular affection for the GP14. Emphasising the importance of the boat's international status, Curly briefly outlined the challenges that lie ahead in supporting our overseas branches in the replenishing of their fleets.

Ann Penny gave the following speech in response:

It has been an honour to be President of the Association. The GP14 has played an important part in my life over the past 20 years. I have met so many wonderful people both at my home club of Derwent Reservoir S.C. and of course, through travelling on 'the circuit'. It was for this reason that Duncan Greenhalgh asked me to come onto Committee as Vice President. Not just for my sailing talents, but for my enthusiasm, which has not waned whilst being on Committee. As President I have had the pleasure of working with equally enthusiastic and totally dedicated volunteers, and none more so than Steve Parry. Committees work well when ideas are shared and reasoning is transparent. In my role I have endeavoured to listen to our membership and tried to ensure that all our members get something from the Association. Thank you all for your support for the Association. The GP14 Class continues because our Association is in a strong position, but we do need to be mindful that our membership is our life-blood, so please recruit as you go around your dinghy parks!

12. Close of Meeting.

Curly Morris closed the meeting at 9.05pm, thanking all those in attendance.

The next AGM will be held during the World Championships in 2020 at the Skerries Yacht Club, Ireland. The provisional date of Monday 27th July is noted.

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Members in attendance

Graham Knox	Hollingworth Lake SC
Dave Young	South Staffs SC
Vanessa Devereux	Unattached
Les Burns	Hollingworth Lake SC
John Hayes	RYA
Joel James	Southport SC
Gemma Dobson	SMVC
Ian Dobson	Burwain SC
Peter Storey	Midland SC
Jon Close	Winsford Flash SC
Adam Chaplin	Blackpool & Fleetwood SC
Tom Simes	Cardiff Bay SC
Paul Simes	Cardiff Bay SC
Charles Saunders	Staunton Harold SC
David Rowlands	Ulley SC
Stephen Boyle	Sutton Dinghy Club
Hugh Gill	Sutton Dinghy Club
Derek Hill	Blackpool & Fleetwood SC
Jonny Sinclair	WLSC
Andy Hateley	South Staffs SC
Andy Thompson	East Antrim BC
Keith Loudon	SCNI
Alan Thompson	Lough Foyle YC
James Hockley	Lough Foyle YC
Owen McCauley	Lough Foyle YC
Sam Watson	Nantwich SC
Mark Platt	Bolton SC
Sam Platt	Bolton Sc
Bill Johnson	Lough Foyle YC
James Johnson	Lough Foyle YC
Steve Parry	York RI SC
Ann Penny	Derwent Reservoir SC
Curly Morris	East Antrim BC