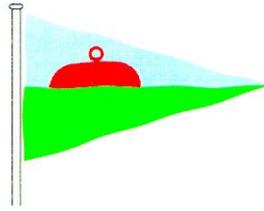


Burnham-on-Crouch Sailing Club
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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Sunday 27th January, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Burnham Sailing Club Clubhouse**

24 Members were recorded on the attendance sheet.

The Commodore, Alan Hanna, opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

1 Apologies for Absence: Were received from the following members:

John Saunders, Digger & Karen Harden, Simon & Angela Mitchell, Sue Kettley, Phillip Harbott, Margaret Mellard.

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th January 2018

Adoption of the Minutes was

Proposed by James VanSchagen

Seconded by John Mellard

and approved unanimously by a show of hands

3 Commodore's Report (Alan Hanna)

I can't believe how quickly my first year as Commodore has gone. Although it has been hard work at times it has been very rewarding, and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the year. I particularly thank the other flag officers, Sally and James, for their hard work and also John Saunders, Digger, John Paul and Rosemary for their expert advice and continuous support.

It was an eventful year for the club. January started dramatically with storm damage to the pontoon. This was the second time it happened. After considering various options and taking advice we have now installed three additional new piles and cages on the upriver side, we have heavy chains along it's length and replaced the underside of the ramp section to further reduce the possibility of lifting. Amazingly we were back up and running for the beginning of the season. So, thanks to John Saunders, Digger Harden and James VanSchagen who oversaw the insurance claim, the permitting process and the repair work.

We have also completed our accessible toilet thanks to the generous donations from members and a grant from Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund. The project took slightly longer than originally planned but we got there in the end and delivered something that many members had been wanting for a long time. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy project.

With regard to membership, we currently have 240 memberships, representing 500 people of which 140 are juniors.

These memberships include 83 family memberships, 91 “on the water” sailing, kayaking and paddle boarding memberships, and 66 social memberships.

In total, over the last year, we had 56 new memberships, 38 of which were new family memberships. I think that this is a fantastic achievement and a good indicator that we are getting many things right.

I will leave the sailing side of this report to Sally, but I will say this has been a very successful year for the club. Our Wednesday night sailing has been very well attended and we have had some excellent results by our members outside of the club.

Our junior section coordinators have been putting in a lot of work over the past couple of years and this year has seen that work starting to pay off with the growth in junior members. We have been seeing 30 – 40 children on the water on Friday nights enjoying themselves learning to sail. Very well done.

The Kayak section is doing well – they are a hardy bunch who don’t seem to acknowledge the change in seasons! Also, our new Stand up Paddle boarding section has had a great start and promises to grow further this year.

The Social committee have also been very active this year. We have had some lovely supper evenings and some fun social events, all of which have been well attended. So, again, my thanks and congratulations to the social committee.

Over the past few years there has been a lot of emphasis on improving our club facilities and we remain conscious of the need to maintain our facilities and the equipment we have. Going forward we will continue to have both maintenance and improvement projects, all of which will require on-going investment. At the same time however, we mustn’t forget the clubs’ greatest asset – it’s members, and particularly all those who volunteer and put in a lot of hard work all year round.

Without these volunteers nothing would happen. As mentioned we have around 360 adult members but when it comes to running our social events, sailing events or even work parties, it is usually the same few faces that I see. If we are to continue as a successful sailing club then we need to engage more of our members in the running of it. I know it is difficult to “step in”, especially when we appear to be doing so well and everything appears to be running so smoothly. However, we do need more help and it would be good to be able to spread the workload a little.

Another area I would like to emphasise is Burnham Week. 5 or 6 years ago Burnham Week was almost a non-event for our club. But that has been changing fast and we have once again become more involved, both on and off the water. For the last two years we have hosted the Burnham Week cocktail party, we have re-established Wednesday night sailing at the BSC as an integral part of Burnham Week with the John Torrance Memorial Race, our “Afternoon Tea at the BSC” on Quay Day has been incredibly successful, and BSC members have been winning trophies on the water. Burnham Week is good for Burnham and it’s Clubs, and as Commodore of the BSC I am very proud that we are a significant contributor to the Week.

Furthermore, the Burnham Week Committee is now asking if the BSC would like to host the Weekend Dinghy racing this year, which we are positive about, and later in September, the RYA Youth Championships are coming to Burnham for which we expect upwards of 200 boats across all three clubs. However, we need help from our members if we are going to support these activities. These events are good for sailing, good for Burnham on Crouch and consequently good for the BSC and its members.

So, I am asking all members – don’t be shy, it’s your club. Step forward, get involved and enjoy being part of it.

4 Sailing Secretary's Report (Sally Harbott)

Whilst boats and sailors make an event, it is all the volunteers and helpers who actually make these things happen, and this year I have been fully supported by a hugely committed, loyal and talented team. Alan and Emily Hanna have ensured the results have been accessible, accurate and quickly published. Mum, John Paul, Andy Theobald and Emily with occasional other helpers have run the race box with humility and humour always ensuring excellent racing for us all. Digger has always put himself forward to PRO and also been a huge contributor to the paperwork side of the job. The sailing committee of Alan, Marcus, Rosemary, Digger and Liam has been a great group to work with too making sure sailing happens. Alongside this, John Paul as Trophy Officer, Tracy Saunders for prize giving programmes, and the countless volunteers who do galley, safety, press, photography, website, and twitter. I also want to thank those who volunteered straight away to do protest duty during Burnham Week, it was greatly appreciated.

Every year, the Vice Commodore has the pleasure of standing here describing a fantastic season for club members – this year is no exception, and I have that honour today. To begin with, I would like to tell you how our club members have fared away from the Club and away from the River Crouch.

In the junior section, Ben Hutton Penman has had an amazing year, winning the Feva worlds in a fleet of 50 over in America, and also becoming Aero 5 Champion at the RS games this Summer. Ben Harden was runner up at the Blaze nationals. Malcolm Hutchins was 4th out of 99 at the squib national championships in Cowes. This is a fantastic set of results and many many more members were out and about round the country throughout the year sailing under the Club burgee, again showing that despite being a relatively small club, we are still a great force to be reckoned with.

On the River Crouch but outside of Burnham Sailing Club racing, the Club won the prestigious Burnham Week IRC team trophy with Pete Jackson and Digger's Glorious Fools helmed by Doug Duce and Phillip in Mantra sailing for us. We also won the Local Handicap team trophy thanks to John Saunders in Jeannie and Richard Moore in Spring Chicken. Not only did Glorious Fools win the Emmett Cup which they will go up to the Royal Thames Yacht Club to collect, they managed to win the Town Cup for the second year in succession. In between this, and when Flynn Davis was helming they took the midweek series too, so a hugely successful last hurrah for Digger and crew in Glorious Fools. We say that, we are very much looking forward to seeing them back in another boat very soon.

Still staying away from Wednesday evening sailing, and as some would say, saving the best till last, I come to club events. Again the Jimmy Starling was a fabulous weekend of sailing with 17 entries and was won by Robert Coyle in Humphrey . The HMS St Mathew Cup was run by the Club and I must thank Russ Cashel at this point for allowing us to use Havana Papa as the committee boat. Run in squibs and race officered by Digger, a well run competitive event, which our club team of Ben Harden, Malcolm Hutchins, Ian Simons and Ian Gray won, taking our club tally of wins to 25 second only to the RCYC who are on 28. The John Torrance Memorial Race was run again in Burnham Week and this year was won by Flynn Davis in a Blaze. We introduced a monthly Saturday Series for cruisers with the ultimate aim of providing more cruiser racing and to encourage some of our more experienced juniors afloat on big boats, as they will be the crew of the future for those yacht owners amongst us who have crew approaching retirement age or whose crew are feeling the need to improve themselves and their prospects by heading off to further education and apprenticeships dare I say it, away from Burnham!!!!!!

Now, the Wednesday round up. It has been a hugely successful season with great racing blessed with good weather and generally enough wind to ensure good sailing. Class One has enjoyed close racing at times, with the prizes being spread across all entries.

The Local Handicap Class Three has seen the boats have really close racing particularly as the handicaps have begun to level out true. It has been really good to see such a variety of boats out on the water and joining in. The courses have been hard to set to accommodate the wide range of water line length and one idea if this continues to be an issue whereby long boats get a really short race or smaller boats get a really long race is to look at a class split. This is very much just an idea not a definite proposal but the sailing committee are always looking for ways to ensure as many of us as possible can enjoy the racing and continue to race on Wednesdays.....The best way to break up the working week.

5 House Secretary's Report (James VanSchagen)

The club remains committed to providing first class facilities for all our members going forward into 2019, and in 2018 delivered on numerous improvements, alongside all the maintenance, service, repair & catering efforts required in keeping BSC afloat:

2018 highlights

- Repair and robustness improvements to storm damaged pontoon.
Although a low point of the year, it was great to see all sections of the club pulling together in the aftermath of the Storm Doris; with determination to get up and running again for the start of the season and perseverance to ensure robust improvements were in place before winter set in.....I believe we owe a debt of thanks to all who contributed to this, especially John, Digger and Alan for driving through the various planning, environmental, and engineering challenges, no small feat!
- New accessible toilet extension
A fantastic improvement; it opens the club up making it more inviting and accessible to all. A big thanks to John Mallard & John Saunders for making this happen, plus all those who generously donated.
- Work parties & club maintenance
We've had a fabulous team of hardworking, dedicated volunteers this past year (Adults + Children), sacrificing their time in getting the clubs facilities, equipment, and fleet ready for the start of season, maintaining it throughout the season and wrapping up for winter. The task list is always fairly long but encompasses something for everyone no matter their abilities, so a big thank you for all those who volunteered in 2018. We'd like to see you again in 2109 along with some new faces; it can't be done without you!
- Decking area refresh
A thoroughly unrewarding, laborious & back breaking job that took about a week to prep and paint. Very well-done Coral, Jade & gang!
- Dinghy park reorganisation
A long overdue and thorough reorganisation of the Dinghy park; creating more space for the influx of new members. It now has a professional & cared for feel, plus a significant increase in takings, well done Fiona!

- Garden landscape
The garden area next to the clubhouse plus its surrounding shrubbery & hedging had been looking a little neglected for a while. Fiona along with a few other keen green fingered volunteers have diligently pruned, trimmed and weeded it into a pretty respectful club frontage. Stephen Carty, along with his Mum have now taken up the mantle and are doing a great job in landscaping the garden into a sailing theme. The experience gained should help Stephen with his future career aspirations. Well done all, it looks fab.
- Drop curb for overflow car park & pothole repair of main car park.
The car park has seen a little attention too with a new drop curb giving easier access to the much-needed overflow car park and the filling of potholes in the main car park. Well done Rosemary & Adrian.
- Improved security for Pontoon gates & Rib storage
- New concrete pad outside canoe store
- Clubhouse floor refurbished
- Couple of additional items that are often overlooked but need a mention
 - The effort and time quietly put in by a few individuals that goes into organising the galley for race meets & events.
 - The small team preparing, maintaining and servicing the varied boats in our fleet. Very much appreciated!

2019 Projects

- New car park gate to restrict access to members only.
- Decorate exterior of the club house.
- Security lighting within compound.

In summary the committee are continuing to move the club forward in terms of the facilities.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication and we have been very lucky over the last couple of years that we have had a dedicated commodore, committee and a team of volunteer helpers that have supported and brought about many improvements to the club.

To continue to fund the BSC projects we need the members support throughout the year at organised events as well as dedicated fund-raising events. We have a thriving social programme and we hope you will make time to join in, have fun and at the same time help raise some funds to enable the BSC ongoing maintenance work and future projects to happen.

BSC WORKING PARTY

The next work party will be scheduled for early April 2019, and we will need your HELP!

Please support the BSC work parties, many hands make light work!

6 Presentation of Accounts (Peter Restarick)

To receive and approve the report from the Treasurer in respect of the year ended 31st October 2018

The accounts presented are based on the detailed financial records maintained by the Treasurer. They have been prepared by Roger Noble and examined by the Reporting Accountant, Andrew Courts of Courts & Co.

The figures show the income and expenditure for 2018, with the corresponding figures from the previous year for comparison.

There are a number of successes to be highlighted in the year. However, your attention is first drawn to the end of year balance which, at £30,729.85, is c.25% lower than the previous year. Reasons for this are explained below but this serves to confirm the message that a tight rein be kept on our expenditure and we remain highly dependent on our band of volunteers.

Overall income was up £11,084.67 on the previous year.

- Subscriptions are up by almost £3k. Thanks to members attracting friend and family to the club but a special thanks to Liz from whom there is no hiding.
- Race fees are up £1364. Thanks to our event organisers and the volunteers who work tirelessly on the many tasks needed to make racing events a success.
- Open meetings are slightly up.
- Dingy park fees trebled last year so it is thanks to Fiona and Marcus that that performed was maintained and improved.
- Profit on Galley is up £2k. Special thanks to Rosemary and John who work hard to keep the galley stocked, Rosemary for her support to me in tightening controls at the bar and again to the unsung volunteers who give freely of their time to create the wonderful social atmosphere of the club.
- Social events are down but it is possible that there is some cross over between Galley Wednesday and Fridays as well as open meetings.
- Thanks to a donation from Essex County Council and some very generous donations from some of our members, donations have provided a tremendous boost and more than covered the cost of the accessible toilet project. Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

Overall expenditure showed a marked increase of £12,193.75.

- Costs of services and utilities such as rent rates, electricity and water are slightly down, in some cases due to deals negotiated by John.
- Property repairs are one of two areas which are the cause of our increased expenditure. There may be some cross over with costs for the pontoon but work on things such as the gates have been very expensive. Despite the gloomy picture its thanks to James and his band of volunteers that costs were not even higher.
- The cost of insurance was kept at a similar level to 2017 and a thank you here to John who worked diligently to cover as much of the cost of the pontoon as possible and, despite the pontoon disasters, he has already negotiated similar insurance costs for the same level of cover for the next three years.
- There is a significant reduction in the cost of dinghies and support boats though this does mirror significant ups and downs in this area in previous years.
- Pontoon repairs are the second of the main contributors to this year's increased costs. Despite the sum covered by insurance there were additional tasks not covered

In summary expenditure was in excess of income by £7,297.85. As long as the pontoon holds fast and the excellent efforts off all our volunteers are as productive

as they have been this year, given a fair wind we might look forward this year to a year in profit.

A copy of the balance sheet is provided separately

Many thanks to Roger Noble for analysing the accounts and to Andrew Courts as Reporting Accountant.

The adoption of the Accounts was -

Proposed by Elizabeth Tolhurst
Seconded by John Paul

Upon a show of hands, **the Accounts were adopted unanimously.**

7 Proposed Rule changes

The Committee Propose and Second changes to the Club Rules so that they bear relevance to the current membership and activities and use correct terminology. Details of the changes are available on the Club website under Documents. Deletions and changes are clearly documented. They are extensive but minor.

Proposal 1: To amend the rules so that they are gender neutral, use the correct terminology and delete Rules that no longer apply.

Proposal 2: To amend the following Rules 5,9,12,14,23,24,25,27,28,32 & add new Rule 46.

Upon a show of hands, **both proposals were agreed unanimously.**

8 Election of Club Officers

It was **Proposed by** JohnMellard
Seconded by John Paul

That the following, who have agreed to stand for re-election, be re-elected en-bloc:

Commodore: Alan Hanna
Vice Commodore (Sailing): Sally Harbott
Rear Commodore (House): James VanSchagen
Honorary Secretary: Lynda Cronin
Honorary Treasurer: Peter Restarick
Honorary Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Tolhurst
Honorary Minutes Secretary: Ian Crisp

Upon a show of hands, **All of the above were elected unanimously by Members**

9 Election of General Committee:

The following current members of the General Committee offer themselves for re-election:

- John Paul**
- John Saunders**
- Marcus Collingbourne**
- Clive Marfleet (Kayaks)**
- Fiona Fraser**
- Liam Hanna**

The foregoing were **Proposed by Sally Harbott, Seconded by James VanSchagen**, and, upon a show of hands **elected unanimously**.

10 New Committee members:

- Lucy Heathfield (Paddleboarders) Proposed by Fiona Fraser, Seconded by Alan Hanna**
- Andy Hutcheon Proposed by xxxxxxxx Seconded by Alan Hanna**

Upon a show of hands, both the foregoing were elected to the General Committee unanimously.

11 Election of Reporting Accountant: Andrew Courts of Lescott Courts was **Proposed by John Mellard, Seconded by Sally Harbott, and agreed by members unanimously.**

Thanks were expressed to Andrew Courts and Roger Noble for all their help.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

The President, John Mellard, said that he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Commodore for his hard work and dedication to the Club during the past year. This was followed by a round of applause.

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