



SHOTLEY POINT YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD IN SHOTLEY VILLAGE HALL

Date:	9 Dec 2023	Meeting No:	AGM 2023 (1)	Start Time:	11:00	Close Time:	12:25
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Present:	Existing Committee Members: Mark Abbott (Chair), Nigel Baker, Sheila Barnes, Tim Bultitude, Barbara de Bruine, Stuart Robinson, Garry Stratton, Mark Taylor, Richard White. Plus 19 other SPYC Members.
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	Agenda Item	Action Point
1.	Apologies for absence Clive Grounds , Wieland Raatz	
2.	Approval of minutes of last meeting held on 3 Dec 2022 Minutes were approved without change	
3.	Annual report from the Commodore	
	<p>The Commodore's Report was presented by Mark Abbott. Membership remains stable. 39 events were held over 61 days; 6 Winter Workshops. Over 969M of cruising is available, with 6590M sailed by our members. 20 different Skippers have taken part with 5 different Crew Pool members over 46 Cruising Days. Crow's Nest is still a top read. The end of 3 Year Plan has been 90% achieved. The SPYC Committee keep the cogs moving. SPYC has been submitted as an entrant for RYA Club of the year.</p> <p><u>3.1 Annual Report from the Vice Commodore</u> Garry Stratton presented the Vice Commodore Report. A full programme of club events has been completed in 2023. The first event of the year, a night cruise to Ipswich, with difficult weather conditions. The trip to London provided something new and different. Ladies Day was very successful. The Cross-Channel Cruise to France was a first and was successful despite challenges. The visit to Spirit Yachts in Ipswich was a great success. Winter Workshops continue to be well attended and enjoyed. MOB training is invaluable. Crew Pool events included a "Meet-and-Greet", Skippers and Crew continue developing long term relationships. Looking ahead, trips are the lifeblood of the Club. Effective use is being made of electronic and social media. It also promotes the value that membership brings. The continued integrations of Crew Pool members brings Boat-owners and Non-Boat owners together. Social events are highly valued and especially useful for new members.</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>GS</p>
4.	Interim accounts and report from the Honorary Treasurer	
	<p>Richard White presented the financial report. The Club remains in a good financial position. The bank account is currently standing at £15,009. Income for 2023 has increased by £510 over 2022. Expenditure has increased by £933 on the previous year, leaving an excess of income over expenditure of £388 for 2023. £457.44 due to RNLI Membership subs below last year (£110) to date. Main expenditure on tools Inc. Fuel polisher, Scaffold & Rig Tensioner £1,327 Babergh Grant has been repaid £500.00. The Club aims to maintain one year's subscription fees (£5,000) as a reserve at all times. It has been agreed not to increase the membership fees, which will remain at £52 per year for all members for the coming year.</p>	RW



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	<p>4.1 Approval of auditor for accounts By show of hands it was agreed that Sheila Barnes would continue as auditor of the Club's accounts for the coming year.</p>	SB																																																						
5.	<p>Membership recruitment and retention</p>																																																							
	<p>Membership report presented by Sheila Barnes. We have 76 live members and in 2022 we had 82. The RYA report that the average churn is 10%; the Club's is 7.3%.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Boat Members Renewed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">45</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Non-Boat Owing Members Renewed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">NEW Boat Owing Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">NEW Non-Boat Owing Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Boat Owner ROLL-OVER from 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Honorary Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Boat owning members NOT Renewed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Crew Pool not renewed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">98</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total Live Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">76</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Reasons for non-renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Full membership NOT renewing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Sold/Selling boat</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Moved away</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Passed away</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">No reason given</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Non-boat owners NOT renewing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Health</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">No reason given</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">The exact number of people is unclear, as new members do not necessarily give a second person when joining via the website but 111 people are listed on the database.</td> </tr> </table>	Boat Members Renewed	45	Non-Boat Owing Members Renewed	14	NEW Boat Owing Members	3	NEW Non-Boat Owing Members	4	Boat Owner ROLL-OVER from 2022	3	Honorary Members	2			Boat owning members NOT Renewed	13	Crew Pool not renewed	9			Total Membership	98	Total Live Membership	76			Reasons for non-renewal		Full membership NOT renewing		Sold/Selling boat	1	Moved away	4	Passed away	1	No reason given	7	Subtotal	13			Non-boat owners NOT renewing		Health	2	No reason given	7	Subtotal	9			The exact number of people is unclear, as new members do not necessarily give a second person when joining via the website but 111 people are listed on the database.		SB
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	<p><u>Photo competition</u> Photo by Roger Lee of Kazarka</p> <p><u>Eberhardt Cup</u> Awarded for biggest contribution to hosting: Ian Parish</p> <p><u>Endeavour Award</u> Awarded for outstanding endeavour: David Brief.</p> <p><u>Commodore's Cup</u> 1st place: Nigel Baker 2nd place: Paul Rowden 3rd place: Pete Morley Special Prize: Was awarded to Pete Morley for development of a fuel polishing system.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p>																																																						



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7.	Membership Surveys Presented by Garry Stratton. There has been a survey conducted for the last three years and it was felt that another one would not give many further insights. There have been some very positive comments about the Club, and Facebook continues to be an important method of communication. We are being followed by other groups and clubs from around the UK. A UK motor cruising club from the South coast made a special trip from Le Havre to Honfleur to visit us, whilst on our French trip.	GS																		
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<u>Questions</u> Pete Morley commented that how we ask and phrase survey questions is very important, as this is what makes a survey useful. Liz Gee was very pleased that the Committee listens to its members and had added a Ladies' Day, to be repeated in 2024. Nigel Baker announced that the online diary was currently not displaying correctly on a mobile phone or tablet, but worked well on a larger screen. Pete Morley suggested adding a list of upcoming events into the Crow's Nest																				
8.	Election of Club Officers and Committee Members for 2021/22 8.1 Officers Stepping down – Commodore; Mark Abbott Vice Commodore; Garry Stratton Secretary; Barbara de Bruine 8.2 Officer offering themselves for re-election—Treasurer; Richard White 8.3 Committee members stepping down—Crow's Nest; Mark Taylor 8.4 Committee members offering themselves for re-election: Sheila Barnes, Tim Bultitude Nigel Baker 8.5 Committee members offering themselves for election to Officers – Commodore; Stuart Robinson, Vice Commodore; Helen Baker Secretary; Sue Armstrong 8.6 Members offering themselves for election to Committee – Media and Crow's Nest Editor: Sarah Howie These proposals were carried unanimously. There is room for four more committee members. Members do not need to be boat owners and, since the updated constitution in 2022, more than one member from the same household is able to be a member.																			



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9.	Programme for 2024 Full programme planned for 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Workshops - practical & theory• Cruising Events – Far and wide!• Club Sailing Days• Social Programme – Meet and greet New members and Crew Pool 9.1 Training presented by Tim Bultitude 6 Winter Workshops with both practical and theory sessions; 10 cruising trips with old favourites and new destinations; 6 Club Sailing Days and 6 Social Events. Weather can sometimes be challenging. Ideas and hosts for trips welcome. 3 MOB days scheduled. 9.2 Summer Cruise 2023 presented by Tim Bultitude Weather was extraordinarily poor at times. The planned route was not followed because of this. The Club went to Honfleur, then separated, depending on requirements and constraints. Members are not ocean fit and need a rest after an arduous day's sailing. Sailing as a flotilla allowed the ability to move crew around and have the comfort of friends close by if there was help required. 9.3 Summer Cruise 2024 presented by Mark Abbott There are 125M, 27 bridges, 4 locks on the inland waterways of the Netherlands. 222M return crossing. 347M in total. <i>(Please see the AGM 2023 PowerPoint file on the website, in Documents)</i>	GS
10.	AOB -none	SA / MA
11.	Date of next AGM Saturday 14 Dec 2024	

Commodore: Shat Robinson Date: 16 December 2023