



Solent Cruising & Racing Association

Minutes of the SCRA Annual General Meeting 25th January 2020 at Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Present:

President Jonathan Peel, Laurence Mead Chairman, Guy Darby Deputy Chairman, Treasurer Peter Chugg, Assistant Treasurer Jo Chugg, 18 other members and Kristen Lloyd (Assistant Secretary)

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Royal Southern YC for hosting the meeting. The Chairman outlined that the SCRA is still focused on the following:

- Traditional safety issues on the water and SCRA still hosts the bi-annual SASAC meeting to discuss matters around the Solent.
- Fixtures Management – across all clubs entry numbers are dwindling. SCRA will be the conduit to host talks regarding better fixture management in the Solent to help increase participation levels for all clubs.

SCRA has created a new event notification system on the website, this enables club to upload the event, risk assessments and other useful information which is supplied directly to the port authorities.

The Chairman's written statement in full is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman notified the AGM that Adrian Saunders has submitted his resignation as Hon. Secretary of SCRA.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 26 January 2019

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved.

Guy Darby proposed and Maggie Widdop seconded. All present were in favour.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of Chairman, Hon Secretary, Treasurer and Council Members.

A new Hon. Secretary is required for 2020. The Chairman asked for a vote on the balance of the Council for 2020.

Peter Dickson proposed and Graham Nixon seconded, all present were in favour.

5. Accounts for the year to 31 October 2019

Peter Chugg read through the accounts and reported that membership subscriptions were up in 2019, however costs associated to the Solent Book and website regeneration have created a deficit. These costs however will not be present in 2020.

Peter Bateson proposed and Jim Page seconded adoption of the accounts. All present were in favour

6. Use of Eastern Solent navigation marks

SCRA are in the process of looking into laying four additional race marks in the Eastern Solent to avoid the use of the Ryde Bank navigation marks. This will not happen for 2020 and funding will be required to achieve this.

7. Review SCRA Website.

As covered in Chairman's report. Please let Kristen know at admin@scra.org.uk of any updates/news that can be posted on the SCRA website.

8. RYA Southern Region Report

No report provided.

Solent Area Safety Committee

There were much fewer reported incidents in 2019 regarding leisure users.

SASAC will issue an official safety handbook for race officers which will include details on who/when to report an incident to, racing marks list and other important information. This will be circulated to SCRA clubs and classes.

SPMUG Report

The report previously circulated was discussed and received.

SIRCOA Report

Same format as previous years with four events in each area of the Solent. Objective for 2020 is to increase participation across the events.

9. Managing Central Solent Fixtures

Covered in chairman's report.

10. Membership Report and Subscriptions for 2020

Membership subscriptions will remain at the same rate for 2021 and will be reviewed in 2022.

Jim Page proposed and Graham Nixon seconded. All present were in favour.

11. Race Mark Update

The racing mark draft list will be circulated at the end of January to all clubs/classes and chart publishers. There are still a few race marks available to sponsor, please contact admin@scra.org.uk for any queries relating to this.

12. 2020 AGM Date and Venue Proposed for:

Saturday 30th January at Regatta House, Cowes.

13. Any other business of which due notice has been given

The president thanked Laurence, Jo, Peter and Kristen for their help in the last year.

Portsmouth SC stated they have a good relationship with QHM regarding the race mark usage and have requested to use the outer spit mark on several occasions. Usage is granted on the day or just before depending on shipping movements.

Peter Bateson commented that the weather station Windicator have been denied usage of the ABP data. LM agreed to approach ABP on this matter again. The data may well be lost in the future to Bramblemet however this will not happen in 2020. ABP have confirmed that the data will always be available free of charge to sailors but that the format and website presentation may change.

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