

HISC SOCIAL SAILING
Minutes for AGM held on 7th OCTOBER 2021 at 11-15 a.m.

Welcome Acting Captain, Gary Gledhill, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 30 members present.

Apologies for Absence were received from: The Blakes, Marks, Warehams, Ripleys, Shoebridges and Curties. Also from, Belinda Smith, Pam Christmas, Pat Bovis, Angela Wright-Anderson, John Beck and Peter Glasby

Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM held in November 2019

Their acceptance as a true record was proposed by Toni Durrant and seconded by John Cook, and agreed nem con, subject to the missing financial accounts being shown retrospectively in the 2021 minutes.

Treasurer's Report. The retiring treasurer, Paul Young, reported that after much hard work he had managed to get an approximate figure for the flags since the project started in 2014. A copy of the paperwork from 2014 - 2019 was handed over. The original investment was £319.69 and there have been a total of sales to date of £220.00.

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Regarding the members' subs, Paul normally collected payments after the AGM in the presence of everyone and these figures were transferred to the accounts and monies paid into the bank account. At the end of financial year the balance was shown to be £651.14, (the total of the bank and cash). The total sale of 38 flags was in this figure.

After the end of the year the sale of canapes served at the AGM was £270.00 although £160.00 had been quoted. No meal was served. Paul felt that this sudden increase was an unethical practice. The account also showed a figure of £275.97 for a present for the retiring captain.

A book with full figures and instructions for operating the account, including PIN number, were handed in for the new treasurer. The bank will require the new signatories, with addresses, to complete the necessary forms.

Those present applauded Paul for his hard work.

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Fleet captain's Report from Lyn Smith for November 2019-June 2021

In November 2019 we had no idea what lay ahead! Not even then a mention of an unknown bug in China that was to affect us so much!

My pre-covid memories are a bit vague, but Christmas was fairly normal, we had our Turkey dinner, and the lunch at the beginning of December; both to the best of my knowledge were well attended.

Peter Christmas took a few of us on a trip around his old haunts of London including a lunch at his London Club.

January 2020.

I imagine we had a lunch at the beginning of Jan 2020, but soon ceased to meet after that due to the developing situation.

Once lock-down was ordered (March 24th) all activity pretty well ceased for Social Sailing for the rest of the year. Cruisers were launched during June 2020, and although sailing was permitted group activities were not.

Sadly during this summer one of our longstanding members, Mike Baker, passed away. He will be sadly missed, we all had some fun times on his boat, Sea Eagle, and he certainly leaves me with some very happy memories on the boat along with his wife Jean.

In my role as Social Sailing Captain I was invited to be a member of the Cruising Committee. The Rear Commodore is Guy McBride. I attended a couple of Zoom Meetings. The most significant outcome was that the management of the HISC Moorings was handed across to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy. I personally think this has placed the care of the moorings in a much better position. Upon my resignation I did advise Guy of it, and that Gary was now the Acting Captain of Social sailing.

I am looking forward to joining you all in future events whenever, and maybe being able to join you on the water in 2022. Good luck and health to all Social Sailing Members Lyn

Acting Captain's report for mid-July to present. In July we lost one of our members, Sue Humphrey, who was an outstanding lady in so many ways. We are missing her.

Emerging from lockdown there were well attended lunches at the club on June 25th and on the first evening of Social sailing week.

I took over the captaincy on the second day of social sailing week, the day on which some 25 of us either sailed or drove to the Ship at Itchenor for the usual Fish and Chip lunch. Due to Covid restrictions the intended Friday BBQ was replaced by "bring your own lunch/supper" on our lawn with the group split

into 2 groups of 30, to comply with the law. It seemed to go well partly due to the splendid sunshine.

The splendid weather, together with the enthusiasm for sailing having been confined by Covid for so long, allowed us to have 2 outstanding weeks of sailing in late August and in early September.

The first started at the Folly and then onto the Mercury Marina on the Hamble where the retiring officers were presented with their gifts for which we had collected during social-sailing-BBQ. It seemed appropriate to say farewell at the Gaff Rigger since we had both officers sailing together as part of our fleet of 14 boats and some 30 members. It was then on to the Dan Bran Quay at Lymington for two nights which included a walk to Keyhaven and supper at the Royal Lymington YC.

The second week, in early September, started with a BBQ on the beach at Bembridge. The second night was at Shepard's with supper at the Duke of York, followed by two nights at Yarmouth. Dining was at the Royal Solent YC on the first night and then an early walk on Tennyson Down on the second day allowed us to return for the Friday afternoon HISC ferry.

The season continued with wonderful weather for the lunch at Ray and Margaret's. Three boats sailed there and tied up on Ray's pontoon. John Beck was not so lucky with the weather for the final event of the season. He organized lunch at the Ship at Itchenor and all arrived by car!

Appointment of new Captain and Treasurer. Gary Gledhill had been duly nominated for the position of Captain, and Jane Blaydes as Treasurer. There were no other nominations so they were returned unopposed.

Revised structure for Social Sailing.

The new captain described the changes in the structure of those organising Social Sailing. He was introducing more members into the running of social sailing as he felt there would be benefit if a team rather than an individual was running things.

The longer Solent Events of approximately 5 days duration would be Co-ordinated by David Dodgson.

The remaining sailing events and all other activities would be organized by a team lead by the Captain consisting of Delia Clarke, Terry McMahon and Jane Blaydes

The plan for Solent Sailing was then explained by David Dodgson. He was preparing a draft programme for Solent Sailors, the dates will be confirmed in time for the Club calendar for November. He hopes to go to those marinas that accept rallies so that there is no doubt about dates and numbers. He will have overall charge of the events but hopes that participants will take over for each day to co-ordinate numbers, etc. and

confirm bookings. A volunteer could be appointed to organise any meals. Initially each rally will be booked for 10 boats, numbers changing nearer the date.

Gary said it would be good if the programme could be finalised for the next Social Sailing lunch on 5th November ready to go in the club Calendar.

Tony Button asked if there was any provision for booking boats, if 10 boats are going, at New Town Creek, where moorings are in short supply. It was pointed out that by that time some of the boats may be away on longer trips.

The Harbour Program. Social Sailing Week will be from 11th July, avoiding the school holidays and fitting into the Club's busy programme.

Sheila Penfold offered their garden for a BBQ. Toni Durrant felt that some members may like a professionally organised event where members just paid to join in. Mike Durrant suggested that eating off site might appeal. John Bailey pointed out that members who are not local are only really prepared to come to HISC. Those present generally were in favour of meals at HISC but would like more variety on the menu.

Casseroles including vegetarian options may prove popular in the winter and that pre-booking the meal would help the Club economically.

Gary said he would e-mail members to see what was wanted regarding menus and shorter trips.

Gary reported that, unfortunately, we had lost our "Fleet" status in the Club, He had been told by club staff that our reputation towards outsiders is considered unfriendly so needs to improve. Also the Club Committees need to hear from us. David Dodgson reported that in the past, the Captain had been invited to the Cruising Committee meetings with information then passed on to the Main Committee. Barry Blaydes pointed out that all sailing groups have Class Captains who should attend Class Captains' meetings. Also they are invited to attend new members' cocktail parties where it is possible to introduce the subject of social sailing

activities.

It was pointed out that there has been no Club Handbook available where our activities were normally listed. Gary agreed that we could do with more publicity and felt that we may now be able to attract more sailors to the longer events, which had proved popular. Recently between 9 and 14 boats had attended events, with 30 dining, though even bigger groups might prove to be too big..

A list of proposed harbour events was requested to include visits to Haslar Marina and Southsea which were well supported by non-boat-owning members.

Ray Stewart expressed the view that our group is an asset to the Club, especially in the "off" season

The future of the large HISC Social sailing flag. This was missing at the moment but when found

Gary proposed that David Dodgson, as leader of the Solent programme, should fly the big flag. Lots of flags flying at events mark the Club's presence and made locating other members easier.

Jane Blaydes was then introduced as the New Treasurer.

She explained the reasons for less expenditure -

- 1 there will be no expensive nibbles provided before any AGM etc
- 2 Presents will not be provided out of the kitty but must be collected for
- 3 The BBQ and anything similar will be self-funding
- 4 Most Marinas no longer require £100 deposits for a club booking – but some still do

Budget

- 1 The main expense will be the website and email facilities - £70
- 2 Other anticipated expenses will be things like harbour ferries or paying other clubs for meals ordered but not taken due to no-show members – for some reason - and possible expenses incurred by members in the line of duty
- 3 Flowers for sick members could be met from the kitty. There were no volunteers for this job

Therefore it is expected that this year's membership fee of £5 due by all members will probably cover 2023 as well and only new members joining will need to pay.

Gary explained that recently the annual accounts had been finalised for invoices received by the AGM which had in fact turned out to be a day of heavy expenditure on canapes. He suggested that perhaps we could alter the end of our financial year to be the end of the calendar year but this was not, in fact, feasible.

Any Other Business Recently the Club ferry has been mostly used on Sunday or Monday mornings (for free) for departures and for returns planned for Friday after 3 p.m., thus reducing costs. Gary said that he hoped this conservative use of the bookable ferry would continue for free being a bone fide Social Sailing operation, but for those returning or departing at other times they would be expected to make individual arrangements with the Club. In the past the Captain's flag (large) was handed from yacht to yacht for the organiser of each event, but is still missing.

Toni Durrant asked why we need subs since expenses will be very light. Gary pointed out that the bank balance of under £300 was rather marginal, as a deposit for reservation of some moorings might still be necessary. However, he expected that, together with the subs for 2022, it will cover expenditure for 2022 and possibly 2023.

Mike Tong said that having subs was the best way of checking that attendees at all events were, in fact, on the membership list.

Barry Blaydes announced that, in response to his email asking for members' particulars, he is still about 10 short.

Mike Durrant, on behalf of all those present, thanked the members of the committee for their hard work over a difficult period.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.