



Wivenhoe Sailing Club

Minutes of 97th Annual General Meeting (AGM) Friday April 21, 2023 19.30 hrs

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

71 members attended the AGM

59 members have related their apologies for absence

2. The minutes of the 2022 AGM, which were already agreed by the GC, were noted.

3. Commodore's Report on the year

The Commodore delivered the Commodore's report, as published on the WSC website

4. Report by the Treasurer and Independent Inspector of Accounts

The accounts circulated to the members prior to the AGM were reported on

During the AGM it was noted that:

- The memberships subscriptions have significantly increased
- Bar income had considerable increase due to outside letting, corresponding costs increased as well
- Letting the WSC clubhouse for classes provides good regular income
- Higher inflation has not had a full year impact yet
- Insurance has increased due to increase in liability cover and rebuild value.
- No further corporation tax to be paid
- The bank account balance is healthy, spread across current account and savings accounts
- A 2 year electricity contract has shielded us from increases, but also limited government support
- The heating system installed 3 years ago has reduced the electricity consumption

A question was asked whether we could differentiate member vs non-member income. It was confirmed that could be derived from the daily records.

5. Adoption of the accounts

The accounts were adopted by the AGM attendees.

Proposed by: Mike Mitchell

Seconded by: Julie-Anne White

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6. Election of Officers

The nominations were accepted by the AGM attendees

Post	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Commodore	Julie-Anne White	Mike Mitchell	Bill Wilson
Vice Commodore	David Souch	Brian Sinclair	Eric Strudwick
Hon Secretary	Mike Mitchell	Julie-Anne White	Bill Wilson
Hon Treasurer	Eric Strudwick	Bill Wilson	Brian Sinclair
Hon Sailing Secretary	Rob Maloney	Tony Higbee	Chris Wood
Hon Membership Secretary	Bill Wilson	Eric Strudwick	Bernie Hetherington

The post of Rear Commodore remains vacant.

7. Election of Members to serve on the General Committee.

The nomination for the 5 vacancies were accepted by the AGM attendees

Post	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Committee Member	Bruce Anderson	Tony Higbee	Rob Maloney
Committee Member	Fiona Emms	Brian Sinclair	Eric Strudwick
Committee Member	Ginny O'Dell	Daniel Stoker	Liz Wilson
Committee Member	Philip Booth	Brian Sinclair	Tony Higbee
Committee Member	Tony Evans	Nel Mooy	Anthea Le Cornu

8. Motions submitted by Members.

Membership category. Proposer: Brian Sinclair

Extract (full motion recorded in "AGM Nominations and Motions" document): The introduction of a Senior Member category from 2024/25

The AGM attendees approved that the GC should review the suggestion and any change to membership categories to be submitted for approval to the membership.

The AGM attendees shared the following views for consideration:

- Suggestions were made to not link it to age
- Could this be a "friends" membership
- Ensure the impact of any proposal on the clubs finances is reviewed
- If the existing honorary membership category could be a solution
- Instigation of a hardship fund
- Should the opportunity be taken to review all membership categories

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9. Appointment of Independent Inspector of Accounts: To appoint Quantic Accountancy

Approved by attendees at AGM

Proposed by: Dave Souch

Seconded by: Mike Mitchell

10. Any Other Business

- The Commodore bestowed honorary membership to Carole Newman, with thanks for her House Committee work within WSC.
- It was queried whether, considering the club's financial position, WSC should outsource some volunteer activities to contractors (such as bar duties and hard cleaning). It was noted that no aversion to engaging contractors, where it can be properly assigned as a contracting activity. Clubhouse cleaning is currently contracted out. Discussion on practicality, affordability, and the primary objective of WSC ensued. Further comments were made on cleaning hard and that hard cleaning equipment to be considered for ease of cleaning/health and safety and acknowledged a better solution does need to be found and a working party to be convened.