



**Ardleigh Sailing Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
24th February 2019**

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

There were 22 full members present, the meeting was therefore declared quorate.

2. Apologies for Absence

Anja Newman, Nicholas Peasey and James Farn.

3. Minutes of AGM held 25th February 2018

The Minutes were presented and approved. Proposed by Stuart Walsh, seconded by John Thompson, carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Officers' Reports

- a) *Commodore*: Paul Constable, the Acting Commodore for February 2019, gave the report to the meeting. (Copy of report on club website).
- b) *Membership Secretary*: The membership has continued to increase from last year, with 85 memberships at the end of this membership cycle. This includes 41 family members. Many new members have joined in the social sailing and social events, as well as Sunday and Wednesday racing, integrating them quickly into the club.
- c) *Treasurer*: Another good year was reported. Total income for year ending 30th September 2018 increased by 15% to £27,373. Cash at bank increased by £8,235 from previous year to £50,445. Overall, the club had a surplus for the year of £4,063, compared to a loss in the previous year of £6,508.

6. Approval of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2018

The Accounts were approved. Proposed Richard Clayton, seconded Fergus O'Sullivan, carried unanimously.

7. Reappointment of Auditors

Independent Examiners Ltd was reappointed. Proposed Richard Vokes, seconded Fergus O'Sullivan, carried unanimously.

8. Proposed Subscription Rates effective from 1st March 2019



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Membership Category	Previous £	Proposed £
Family Membership	160	165
Individual Membership	125	130
Individual & Junior Membership	145	150
Junior Membership	50	55
Social Membership	45	45
Social & Junior Membership	85	85
Duty Opt-Out Fee	165	165
Joining Fee	60	60
Fee for first Boat	105	105
Fee for second Boat & each additional Boat	75	75
Boat Trailer Fee	20	20

Mick Balaam asked whether the subscription rates needed to be increased, in view of approx. £50,000 being held in the club's deposit account.

Richard Biggs responded that the ASC rates were around the lowest of clubs in the area. Also, that for many members the proposed rates would in fact be the fees for the following year, as the 2018-19 prices would have been paid for the coming year if payment was made by 1st March 2019.

Richard Clayton suggested, as there had been some discussions recently about improvements to the club house and grounds, that we should run with the proposed increases for the coming year and review next year. Fergus O'Sullivan added that he thought it would be helpful if members could be made aware of the possible improvements and Tony Tye explained that this was being progressed.

John Thompson explained that there were difficulties in getting the club lease renewed and, until this was resolved, it was not possible to apply for grants for improvements to the club. Fergus O'Sullivan suggested that the club asked the RYA legal department for advice on the situation with the lease and said that they had been helpful when approached in the past about club constitutional issues.

Bob Stannard observed that the proposed increases would amount to a few hundred pounds per year and therefore provided only a small buffer against inflation. The Club should plan to cover its anticipated annual costs from fees paid by the present membership rather than subsidise these from accumulated reserves. The Committee's proposals therefore looked reasonable.



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A vote was held on whether the proposed subscription rates, effective from 1st March 2019, should be implemented. This vote passed with 18 for, 3 against and 1 abstention, therefore the proposed rates will be implemented.

9. Election of 2019 Committee

It was agreed to vote for the proposed Committee en bloc.

Proposed John Thompson, seconded Barry Pleasants, carried unanimously.

The following members offered themselves for election/re-election to the Committee.

Commodore	Tony Tye
Vice Commodore	Mark Savill
Rear Commodore	Richard Clayton
Hon. Secretary	Adrian Godson
Hon. Treasurer	Richard Biggs
Sailing Secretary	Paul Constable
Membership Secretary	Anja Newman
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Communication and Marketing Officer	Alexis Gerard
Social Sailing Secretary	
Junior Officer	Ben Constable
General Member	John Thompson
General Member	Richard Vokes

Proposed Steve Ede, seconded Stuart Walsh, carried unanimously.

10. AOB previously submitted (see Para. 58, ASC Constitution)

Stuart Walsh asked if it would be possible to have a ladder on the safety boats to assist people getting into safety boats from the water. A brief discussion followed during which Fergus O'Sullivan explained some possible options and agreed to give advice outside the meeting.

Fergus O'Sullivan asked for thanks to be recorded to the Committee members for their work over the last year, particularly as there had been several vacancies on the Committee.



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11. Notice and date of 2020 AGM

Sunday 23rd February 2020, 1330 hrs at the Clubhouse. Notice of the next AGM is thereby given.

Signed Chairman

Dated