

Osprey Class Association AGM 2017

At Poole Yacht Club on Friday 11th August 2017 (19:35hrs)

Members present:

Peter Frith, Ros Downs, Kevin Francis, Philip Male, Adam Bowers, Richard Bowers, Terry Curtis, David Downs, Ben Hawkes, Phil Male, Nick Willis, Alex Willis, Russell Wheeler, Robert Shaw, Mark Mawhinney, Chris Butters, Michael Atkinson, Peter Greig, William Crichton, Hilary Jones, Ken Brown, Robin George, Roger Blake, Mick Greenland, Martin Cooney, Stuart Maunder, Ian Little, Rob Burdekin, Alistair Raynard, John Mills, Carolyn Mills, David Springett, Richard Hartley, Mark Hartley, Jonathan Osgood, Paul Heather, David Best, Tony Paliffley, Alec (& Angela) Manwell, Alastair Barrie, Janet Shenton, John Shenton, Harry Odling, Thomas Ellery, Adam Ellery, Simon Hawkes, Tim Bowden, George Odling, Lee Marriott and Alan Henderson.

Apologies for Absence

Michael Scott, Viola Scott, Don Flannery and Andy Edmunds

1. Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM

One amendment – Nick Willis was both in the attendees and the apologies. He should have just been in apologies

Proposed by Robert Shaw, Seconded by David Downs and approved by the meeting.

2. Matters arising

a. Weighing Boats

Nick Willis asked about the status of the weighing which started at the 2016 Nationals with respect to the all up weight.

The Chairman stated that the rules would stick with the hull weight but the all up weight would serve as a guide, the all up guide weight would be published and that each boat weight would only be made known to that owner.

3. Chairman's Report

It is with sadness we remember the loss of Nick Jones earlier in the year. Nick was a real stalwart of this Class. He served the Osprey Association for many years in fact he had been active in the running of the class ever since he joined back in the early '80s, holding many positions on the committee including Chairman for many years. The present committee would like to acknowledge both Nick's and Hilary's contributions.

Thanks were given to Mick Greenland for taking charge and organising the Dinghy Show and having his boat on the stand. It is always satisfying to meet so many members both past and present with such enthusiasm for the Osprey Class. The appreciation was expressed on the effort that goes into the show and it was this year's show that instigated the fabulous talk last evening by Cliff Norbury and Mike Goffe because of Cliff Norbury visiting the stand.

Ros has done a sterling job in keeping the committee informed and thanks to David for managing the rules.

Janet & John Shenton were thanked once again for achieving great sponsorship of the Class including managing the sponsor's needs and negotiating the goodies for us all.

Training has continued this last year and Terry was thanked for organising this.

Harry Odling has enjoyed his time on the committee but has relinquished his position on the Committee to Ben Hawkes due to other commitments. Ben brings his technical skills to the committee and has been developing various video links on the Youtube media.

Kevin, Phil and Peter have had a slightly quieter year due to outside commitments.

Alan Henderson, with Peter Mallaband, have kept the Osprey in the media and could do with any contribution from members, both articles and photographs.

Boat Sales – The Chairman encouraged everyone to talk the MkV up.

4. Treasurer's Report (Also see Annex A – Income & Expenditure table)

Overview:

The class continues to enjoy a sound financial footing, which has seen a small but steady growth over the 4 years that Kevin has been custodian. As a general rule the yearly outgoings remain constant and the National Championships have managed themselves and have not eaten into the general class fund, this has been made possible by shrewd negotiation by the Chairman and by the additional revenues from clothing sales.

The membership numbers remain steady with a slight increase despite several members retiring from sailing, for the year 2016 the total number of members was 115 compared with 110 in 2015. It is great for the class to see some new faces from Carsington and beyond, all of which bodes well for this trend to continue.

The 2016 Dinghy Exhibition was well supported from the Class committee and membership with much interest shown in the new Mk V boat, this yearly event takes a considerable amount of organising and commitment from our committee who continue to support free of charge. The costs associated with the dinghy show are up on 2015 purely through some investment from the class in advertising by way of floor mounted flags and T shirts as well as photography prints etc, all of which help to keep the Osprey current and in the public's mind. There are no plans to stop attending the show in the foreseeable future.

Training continues to be a core activity for the class with 2016 providing several opportunities for free training days, unfortunately some of the planned events did not come to fruition leading to the fund allocation for this not being consumed entirely, this activity is set to continue at some new venues. The Chairman discussed the benefit of the training and asked the Membership for further recommendations

Trophies:

During 2016 the committee agreed to the refurbishment of several of the Class trophies which required re silvering, this is reflected in the slightly higher than normal cost associated,

Fixed Assets:

For the first time in a while the class now has a fixed asset with regard to the weighing scales which was purchased in time for the Nationals at Mumbles where a fact finding exercise took place with most competitors' boats being weighed. This now shows in the balance sheet with the depreciation taking effect over 3 years.

Sundry Debtors and Prepayments:

On the balance sheet side of the accounts you will see that there was £222 worth of prepayment mainly from early membership subs, dinghy show deposit, web hosting fee and the clothing commission.

Membership fees:

In line with previous years it is proposed that the current agreed fees remain in place. The Membership was encouraged to set up Standing orders with their bank to ensure continued membership and also to make the Treasurer's life much easier. The members are to make sure the reference includes a name as

the Treasurer struggles to identify people that have paid in the first few months of each year. However Members were encouraged to pay at the beginning of the year when subscriptions are due rather than leaving it to the Nationals.

Web fees:

In line with a question from the floor last year, the web hosting fee is now shown as split over the 2 years applicability.

Questions from the Membership:

Nick Willis suggested moving some of the money from the current account to the savings account. The Treasurer responded saying there was very little interest to be gained currently – circa £6 – and the effort was considered to be more than the gain.

5. Examiner of Accounts:

Viola Scott was happy to continue in this role and was proposed by Terry Curtis, seconded by Lee Marriott and approved by the meeting.

6. Subscription Rates for 2017

The Committee proposed no change and this was accepted by the meeting. The Treasurer invited the members to come up with ideas on how they would like their membership spent. The Chairman mentioned that some of the money could be used to continue re-silvering some of the trophies and showed the Saundersfoot trophy as an example – the members agreed.

7. Election of officers – see below

8. Election of committee members

Chairman: Peter Frith, proposed by Ros Downs, seconded by Kevin Francis (Annual)

Treasurer: Kevin Francis: proposed by John Shenton, seconded by Arthur Butler (now to be Annual having served 3 years)

Committee: Mick Greenland proposed by Ros Downs & seconded by John Shenton; Phil Male , proposed by Chris Butters, seconded by Tim Bowden; Alan Henderson, proposed by Tim Bowden, seconded by Chris Butters; David Downs , proposed by Nick Willis, seconded by Arthur Butler; Terry Curtis, proposed by David Downs, seconded by Nick Willis and Ben Hawkes , proposed by Peter Frith, seconded by Kevin Francis.

The above were duly elected by those present.

9. Class Measurement Rules

There were no proposed changes however when re-building Osprey 73 further anomalies were noted and a resolution will be put forward to the next AGM.

10. Future Nationals Venues

2018: Weymouth, 16th-19th August

2019: Cornwall- Mounts Bay or Porthpean – some concerns raised over the Mounts Bay open this year, Adam Ellery has offered to help with Mounts Bay discussions

2020: Castle Cove

There was also some discussion about possible venues for both Nationals eg Hayling Island and Open events eg a North Sea Event ie Sunderland – the members stated they would support this event.

The format of the Nationals was also discussed and Adam Bowers is going to send a letter to the Committee for consideration.

Suggestions were given for consideration:

- a. A buddy setup to generate more interest for the Nationals
- b. Having a race swapping helmsmen and crews – pulling names out of hat.
- c. Making the Nationals inviting for families and supporters shore side including possibly having a set time on the water eg like the Salcombe Merlin Regatta
- d. Sponsoring youngsters and having an association boat for their use.
- e. Free entry to Nationals for youngsters
- f. Redoing the Round the Island race as mentioned in the talk given by Cliff Norbury and Mike Goffe
- g. Find ways of using the Nationals to help with coaching through:
 - a. Videoing the racing then discussing
 - b. Each prize winner stating how they won the prize
 - c. Having a morning clinic prior to racing

11. Any Other Business

- Round the Island Race

Next year would be Ian Proctor's 100th birthday so the members were keen to try and have another race. Terry Curtis took the action to investigate and organise if possible.

- Associations Boat

Ben Hawles suggested having a loan boat belonging to the class to attract new and younger members. The committee will investigate this.

The meeting closed at 20:38hrs.

Annex A - Income & Expenditure for year-end December 2016

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2016			
	2016	2015	
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	289.00	-	0
Depreciation	-96.00		
Current Assets			100
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	222.00		
Cash at Bank			
Barclays Bank - Business Saver account	10923.00		10917
- Business Current account	7439.00		7032
	<u>18777.00</u>		<u>18049</u>
less Current Liabilities			67
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	40.00		
	<u>18737</u>		<u>17982</u>
Financed by			
Surplus Account			
Balance as at 1st January 2016	15782.00		13260
Plus Surplus / Less Deficit for year	755.00		2522
Development Reserve	2200.00		2200
Balance as at 31st December 2016	<u>18737</u>		<u>17982</u>
Prepared by K. Francis	Signed	<i>K Francis</i>	
Examined by V. Hebburne-Scott	Signed	<i>V Hebburne-Scott</i>	
Approved by Membership at AGM	Date		11/08/2017

Osprey Class Association Income & Expenditure for year ended 31st December 2016			
Notes	2016	2015	checks
	£	£	
Income			
Subscriptions	3052.00	3602	
Nationala Payment from Membership	5114.00	5052.00	
Clothing Sales (* 1)	78.00	646.00	
Nationala Charges including prizes	-855.00	-837.00	
Clothing Costs	0.00	-587.00	
Nationala Surplus/ Deficit	247.00	174.00	
Advertising	0.00	0	
Certification	0.00	0	
Donations/Other	0.00	30	
Interest Received	5.00	6	
Total Income	3104.00	3792	
Expenditure			
Magazine and Newsletter	0.00	-1050	
Training	300.00	444	
Promotional and Advertising (* 2)	837.00	214	
Display Exhibition	0.00	591	
Event Sponsorship	0.00	0	
Meeting and Travel Expenses	73.00	251	
Postage, printing, Stationery, boat stickers	516.00	488	
Insurance	125.00	120	
RYA Subscription	44.00	0	
Website	0.00	0	
Retiring Members Gifts	558.00	212	
Trophies	96.00	0	
Depreciation			
Bad Debts Written Off			
Operating Expenditure for the year	2549.80	1270	
Operating Surplus/Deficit for the year	755.00	2522	
Notes			
1	Clothing commission recorded at 39 items with 2 pounds per item to the class. Clothing costs dealt with direct from member to merchant through online shop		
2	Training budget not fully consumed due to several failed attempts.		
4	Web fee of 88.80 spread over 2 years		
3	Scales purchased as Assets, depreciate over 3 years		