



Draft Minutes Annual General Meeting 26 November 2023 at 2.00p.m.

Present:

Simon Lidbetter - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Joanna Almond (JA)	Mark Hayzelden (MH)
Neil Champion (NC)	Donald Francis (DF)	Peter Hunter (PH)
Natalie Maletras (NM)	Debbie Hedley (DH)	

Deidre Smith	Simon Reed	Andrew Darke
James Barlow	Lesley Reed	Jane Howe
Alan Beeton	Raph Demangeat	John Howe
Lizzie Yell	Mattie Svendsen	Phil Farrand
Patricia Bradstock	Paul Bradstock	Gill Hunter
Richard Fletcher	Karen Lidbetter	Jane Crowther
Lucia Kennedy	Will Almond	Beth Almond
Sophia Bakry	Liz Yates	Claus Svendsen

Apologies:

Elsbeth Drew	Tom Lynch	Mike Fulton
Sally Wicks	Maureen Whitcher	Mark Foster
Kathryn Foster		

1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.

The draft minutes of 2022 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Jean Mitchell, seconded by Peter Hunter and approved without objection.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

**3. Receiving the Report of the Committee as to the affairs of the Club for the past year
*Commodore's report – Simon Lidbetter***

Topic	Report
New Year's Day Racing	No racing held as the red boards were up, but people gathered for drinks and mince pies.
Winter Social	20 people attended the event at the Beetle & Wedge.
Spring Work Party	Lots of jobs were completed on the day.
Racing	The first race was held with 2°C temperatures and 6 sailors. We then experienced red boards for 4 weeks and were just able to get on the water for Open Day.
Open Day	A successful day, with a good number of new members over the weeks following the event.
Spring Social	Held at the Perch & Pike and a good evening had by those attending.
Moulsford Cup	There was a threat of storms but they held off and it was ok in the end. A week later there were very high winds and 5 sailors ducked out after the first race. Only James Barlow and Mark Foster battled it out in the second race.
Summer Party	We put up the club marquee for the 80 th anniversary event, which was well attended. Caterers were brought in to provide a 3 course sit down meal and then dancing to the George Michael tribute act.
Commodore's Cup	Many capsizes
Regatta	The GTSC Regatta was held in September and incorporated the JMS Challenge and Bart's Bash races. The day started calm and wet, but the heavens opened for the Bart's Bash race. The JMS Challenge comprised a 3-leg relay of sailing/kayak/SUP and was excellent fun (to watch and participate in).



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Double-handed	8 boats took part, including 2 with juniors
Race against Island	The first race in May (away) had several sailors and some supporters. The second race (home) in October was not so well attended by GTSC, however, we kept the trophy.
Evening Pursuit	Poorly attended
Autumn Work Party	Will be on 2 Dec this year to clear the club house ahead of the new floor and decorating.
Hornby changing rooms	The changing rooms have been decorated, new showers in the ladies and the benches painted.
Club house	The flooring in the club house will be replaced in Dec and then the decorator will paint the walls in Jan.
Safety boat	The throttle was moved on the dory to comply with the new RYA regulation for power boats, requiring the throttle to be in the centre of the boat. There has been some discussion as to whether SB1 needs replacing. Further discussions to be had.
Winch	The winch had been giving trouble so a new master controller and an emergency stop button have been fitted.
Boats	2 new Oppies and 2 double kayaks have been bought. A Laser has been donated to the club by Jill Marsden.
Boat racks	New Oppie and kayak racks installed.
Trustees	At least 3 are required. 5 new Trustees have been appointed: Simon Lidbetter, Mark Hayzelden, James Barlow, Mark Foster and Jill Marsden.
Commodore	Simon has been Commodore for 2 separate stints, totalling 7 years and is definitely stepping down. Mark H has agreed to take over.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers.

Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion

Highlights for 2023

GTSC vs Island	The away leg in May saw Island win on the day. At the home leg in October there were 10 boats from Island to our 5 boats. GTSC won overall.
Wednesday eve	Had 23 races in the calendar but only 4 were held. The proposal for 2024 is that those racing sort themselves out and there will not be an OOD assigned. Peter Hunter will start up a WhatsApp group for Wed evening racing.
Watersports weeks	These weeks held during the school holidays have been well supported and we will do them again in 2024.
Regatta	The weather was foul with heavy rain, but 5 races were held: Senior Moments, Junior/Youth, Bart's Bash, JMS Challenge and Parent/Offspring.

Season Analysis: there were 24 different race championships/series (5 from the Regatta) with 79 races held and 61 sailors participating: 43 adults and 18 juniors. We had red boards at the beginning and the end of the season affecting planned races. The juniors have done really well this year. Dee Smith has been promoting Ladies Who Launch – thanks Dee. There continues to be a decline in the number of women taking part in key races: 28% of helms were female – 12 adults and 5 juniors.

Update on the number of boats sailed over the last 4 years.



Cup/Sailing Event	2020	2021	2022	2023
KGFS	15	9	7	9
Moulsford	22	6	7	7
Presidents Bowl	14	14	11	15
Commodores Cup	24	17	12	13
Ladies Cup	5	5	3	6
Laser Cup	9	7	6	5
Single handed	5	7	3	5
Double handed	2	8	6	8

Membership Secretary's report

Membership Breakdown	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adults	176	159	249	289	248
Juniors	91	72	169	222	225
TOTAL	267	231	418	511	473
Membership units	110	103	144	171	156

Classes of membership	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Family	43	38	81	105	99
Joint	19	20	25	16	13
Sailing	22	20	18	26	29
Social	12	9	9	11	8
Life	4	4	4	3	3
Honorary	6	6	7	8	4
Student	5	5	0	0	0
New Members (included in above)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Family	11	9	42	42	28
Joint	2	4	7	2	2
Sailing	2	0	4	4	3
Social	2	0	0	1	1

There is a strong contingent of families. New members were offered a personal induction this year and many took up the invitation.

Junior Development – Rob Jones

The junior launch party for 2023 was held on 17 March and a group of the more established youths did a presentation to the attendees on what inspired them with sailing.

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who helped with Youth Club and other junior/youth events, in particular Debbie Hedley for sorting out the Youth Club rota and getting parents to help and to Don Francis and Mark Foster for many events throughout the season.

The Thames Challenge was re-launched and held at Fawley for Feva Team Racing. There were 10 teams and GTSC fielded 2 teams, who came 4th and 5th. A special mention goes to Will and Lucia for their efforts.

Two of our younger sailors, Mattie and Charlie, have been participating in the Topper series, sailing at venues around the country.



NSSA Regatta was held at Draycote with 7 sailors from GTSC in the Oxfordshire squad: Alex Holman, Will Almond, Will Paddick, Beth Almond, Sophia Bakry, Mattie Svendsen and Will White. The stand-out performance was from Will Paddick in a Topper who won silver.

During the year a cohort of our youth have been sailing elsewhere: Sophia and Beth in the RS Feva regionals with 30 knot winds at Itchenor, Mattie Svendsen in the Topper 4.2 Traveller Series coming 3rd overall.

4. Receiving the Report of the Treasurer and the audited accounts of the Club for the financial year last expired.

Thanks to Kathryn Foster for independently reviewing the accounts and handling our corporate tax return (£52 tax paid). A thank you gift has been sent to her as she is not able to attend today.

JMi presented a summary of the accounts. The club received a donation in memory of a former member and the money will be ring fenced for a substantial project. Membership fees are our main source of income. There is a deficit on the year of -£7,272.74 (excluding the ring fenced donation). The Summer Party with the George Michael tribute act was great, but he was not cheap so we took a hit on the socials. The coaches from ASSF also cost us money, but we could not do the sailing courses and watersports weeks without using paid help as these cannot be run purely by volunteers. There was a significant spend on the Hornby building changing rooms. An ongoing expense is the maintenance of the club boats with new sails etc.

The accounts were presented and put to the meeting. Proposed by John Howe and seconded by Simon Reed. Carried unanimously.

Income/Expenditure

Social, Bar, kitchen	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Income	7,307.83	5,829.41	2,887.29	1,522.68
Expenditure	8,292.89	3,866.64	2,257.25	1,285.19
Surplus/deficit	-985.06	1,962.77	630.04	237.49
Operation costs net of bar, kitchen, social				
Income	51,210.39	54,750.16	58,911.51	31,378.18
Expenditure	57,499.07	57,351.72	47,955.63	21,243.81
Surplus/deficit	-6,288.68	-2,601.56	10,955.88	10,134.37
All				
Income	58,518.22	60,579.57	61,798.80	32,900.86
Expenditure	65,791.96	61,218.36	50,212.88	22,529.00
Surplus/deficit	-7,273.74	-638.79	11,585.92	10,371.86



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	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Membership fees including boat parking	34,542.19	33,335.81	27,586.55	15,853.71
Bar/Tea bar/kitchen	1,169.71	1,170.45	657.54	222.56
Social	-2,154.77	792.32	-27.50	0
Training	1,517.09	3,264.57	3,404.45	126.07
Juniors	-3,181.39	1,768.80	2,500.56	697.50
Club House hire Income (repayment)	300.00	300.00	435.00	90.00
General Running Costs inc. licences	-6,254.21	-5,905.99	-3,499.88	-4,649.70
Utilities - phone	-273.27	-393.71	-450.45	-327.24
Utility; Electric	-501.95	-856.34	-724.87	-474.38
Utility; Water	-337.34	-145.29	44.29**	-169.64
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Disposal	-603.31	-854.67	-359.94	-406.43
Club House Cleaning	-954.00	-1,047.68	-793.76	-995.20
Insurance	-6,340.64	-5,730.62	-6,330.65	-3,521.79
Club boats maintenance & supplies	-7,361.97	-3,423.00	-2,424.55	-682.43
Publicity & Postage	-68.28	-766.90	-1,378.78	-393.73
Trophies & prizes	-1,167.47	-557.94	-782.75	-198.35
Grants & Donations	36,972.39	412.52	457.77	4,909.00
Club building projects	-11,365.41	-13,942.16	-6,886.72	n/a
Boats & Equipment purchase	-4,924.16	-8,250.69		
Deposit Account income for year	685.34	191.73	159.61	276.98
TOTAL	29,698.65	-638.79	11,585.92	10,371.86
Ring-fenced donation	36,972.39			
TOTAL	-7,273.74			

** Includes repayment of £113.69

Cash flow reconciliation

Opening total 1 November 2022	66,031.97
Ring-fenced donation	36,972.39
Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2023	-7,273.74
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2023	95,730.62
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2022:	
Deposit Account	92,712.85
Current Account	3,760.74
Creditors	-997.31
Debtors	254.34
Closing Total	95,730.62

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.



5. Electing the Committee

SL thanked officers and the committee for their help over the past year. He is standing down as Commodore but staying on the committee. The new Commodore is Mark Hayzelden.

Rob Jones is standing down as Junior Development Officer but will remain on the committee. All other individuals will remain in their posts. Neil Grant has volunteered to be racing results manager.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2024:

Nominations	Proposed	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Mark Hayzelden	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Vice Commodore	Don Francis	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Rear Commodore	Neil Champion	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Treasurer	Jean Mitchell	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Secretary	Jill Marsden	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Sailing Secretary	Neil Champion	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Membership Secretary	Natalie Maletras	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Mark Foster	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Peter Hunter	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Debbie Hedley	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Simon Lidbetter	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Rob Jones	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe
Committee member	Jo Almond	Andrew Darke	Jane Howe

Approved as proposed without objection.

Other key roles:	
Training Principal	Mark Foster
Junior Sailing Development	Vacancy
Adult Sailing Development	Don Francis
Burgee editor	Robert Harrison
Publicity	Jill Marsden
Chief Power Boat Instructor	Barry Baillie
Results Manager	Neil Grant
Web Site	Debbie Hedley
Site Maintenance	Vacancy
Bosun	Peter Hunter
Bar Manager	Elsbeth Drew
Welfare Officer	Vacancy

The outgoing Commodore presented Mark Hayzelden with the Commodore's Keys. As a thank you to Simon Lidbetter for his many years of service as Commodore he was presented with a GTSC hoodie.

6. Fixing the amount of the subscription for each class of member and the entrance fee for the coming year.

CPI is currently at 7% and the committee proposed that fees for 2024 be increased in line with CPI (with some rounding).



Membership Category	2023 (£)	Proposed 2024 (£)
Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)	50	50
Sailing (One person over the age of 18)	180	193
Joint (Two people living at same address)	235	250
Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-24])	260	280
Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)	50	54
Social (Non-Sailing) 1 person/2 people	50/75	54/80
Unemployed discount	50%	50%
Additional dinghy parking*	65	70
Additional canoe parking*	40	43
Junior dinghy parking*	40	43

**parking for one boat is included in the membership fees*

The membership fees for 2024 were proposed by Don Francis and seconded by Rob Jones. The fees were approved with no objections.

7. Considering the election of such persons as the Committee may recommend as President, Vice President or Honorary members of the Club

None.

8. AOB

None.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 24 November 2024.

The meeting closed at 15:03.