



**Final Minutes Annual General Meeting 27 November 2022 at 2.00p.m.**

**Present:**

Simon Lidbetter - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Joanna Almond (JA)	Mark Hayzelden
Neil Champion (NC)	Donald Francis (DF)	Peter Hunter (PH)
Yvonne Francis - Zoom		

Robert Harrison	Sally Wicks	Andrew Darke
Elsbeth Drew	James Barlow	Jane Howe
Alan Beeton	Maureen Whitcher	John Howe
Claus Svendsen	Mattie Svendsen	Tom Lynch - Zoom

**Apologies:**

Roger Wood	Lesley Reed	Mike Fulton
Simon Reed		

**1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.**

The draft minutes of 2021 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Neil Champion, seconded by Jean Mitchell 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 around 20 people gathered for mince pies.
Winter Social	No winter social in 2022.
Spring Work Party	11 members turned up to help get the club ready for the new season.
Racing	Racing started in April. We lost March due to red boards.
Open Day	Held this year after a two year gap due to COVID. There were lots of helpers. Only 2 units joined on the day, but we had many join later.
Presidents Bowl	There were many capsizes
Summer Party	We had a hog roast and the event was well attended. Thanks to Alan Beeton for the loan of his marquee, which was very much need due to the afternoon/evening rain fall.
Regatta	The GTSC Regatta was held in September and incorporated the JMS Challenge and Barts Bash races. The JMS Challenge comprised a 3-leg relay of sailing/kayak/SUP and was excellent fun (to watch and participate in).
Laser Cup and Single-handed	6 lasers and 3 single handers took part
Race against Island	The first race in May (away) had 6 sailors and some supporters. The second race (home) in October was a good event and we kept the trophy.
Autumn Work Party	Well attended and lots of jobs were completed.
Waterfront	The timber along the frontage and up the slipways was replaced as planned and is looking very smart.
Decorator	A decorator painted the white timbers around the club house in the spring and it looks much better.
Safety boat	There is a new RYA regulation for power boats that requires the



	throttle to be in the centre of the boat. The throttle is being moved on the dory to comply.
Training	2022 was the busiest year for training and stretched the volunteers to the limit. Mark Foster has negotiated with ASSF for them to support all training in 2023. The 2-day RYA courses will be held as one-day on consecutive weekends so the club is free for kids club, racing etc.
Winter Social 2023	To be held at the Beetle and Wedge on 21 Jan 2023

Thanks to everyone who volunteers.

### **Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion**

Highlights for 2022

Water sports weeks	Second year of holding watersports weeks in April, July and August.
GTSC vs Island	The away leg in May saw 6 sailors/5 boats from GTSC. At the home leg in October there were 7 sailors/6 boats from Island. GTSC won overall.
Wednesday eve	The start time reverted back to 6:30 and 17 races were held.
Regatta	The weather was good and 8 races were held: Senior Moments, Novice, Junior/Youth, Bart's Bash (we raised £40), JMS Challenge and Parent/Offspring.

In total there were 28 different race championships/series (8 from the Regatta). 103 races held (up from 80 in 2021) with 66 different sailors: 41 adults and 25 juniors. Of these numbers there were 26 female sailors (16 adults and 10 juniors). Would like to encourage more female sailors. There has been a decline in the number of women taking part in key races.

There has also been a decline in the number of sailors in general across the key cup races over the last 3 years.

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

### **Membership Secretary's report – Presented by SL on behalf of Yvonne Francis**

Classes of membership	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Family	52	43	38	81	105
Joint	17	19	20	25	16
Sailing	22	22	20	18	26
Social	9	12	9	9	11
Life	4	4	4	4	3
Honorary	6	6	6	7	8
Student	5	5	5	0	0
<b>New Members (included in above)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Family	14	11	9	42	42
Joint	2	2	4	7	2
Sailing	2	2	0	4	4
Social	0	2	0	0	1



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adults	169	176	159	249	289
Juniors	112	91	72	169	222
TOTAL	281	267	231	418	511
Membership units	114	110	103	144	171

There are 27 more membership units than last year. There are 24 more family members this year compared to last year, many of whom only use the SUPs and kayaks.

Yvonne has stood down as membership secretary. A huge thank you to Yvonne for all her efforts. Natalie Malatras has volunteered to be the new membership secretary.

#### **Junior Development – Rob Jones**

The juniors are less inclined to race except for a couple. For 2023 the junior autumn series will be held at the same time as the adult racing to reduce the burden on the OOD.

Youth Club has been better attended in 2022 and the attendees want to sail and have fun.

The Thames Challenge will be revitalised in 2023

NSSA Regatta was held in Plymouth with 4 from GTSC.

Mark Foster put a lot of work into remodelling all the bookings through ASSF. They have full time administrative person.

#### **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 sorting out our corporate tax return (£53). Thank you to Maureen Witcher for doing the audit again this year. Maureen will stand down this year. A big thank you to Maureen for all her years of service.

JMi presented a summary of the accounts. The club is in a good financial position although there is a small deficit (£638.79) this year with ~£60K income and ~£60K expenditure. Significant capital investment was made and the big ticket items have been the frontage (£14K) – thank you to Peter Hunter who project managed the whole effort – new safety boat (£5.7K) and new Topper (£3.4K). We anticipate an increase in running costs next year.

The accounts were presented and put to the meeting. Propred by Alan Beeton and seconded by Jo Almond. Carried unanimously.



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**Income/Expenditure**

<b>Social, Bar, kitchen</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Income	5,829.41	2,887.29	1,522.68	5,708.38
Expend	3,866.64	2,257.25	1,285.19	3,604.92
Surplus/deficit	<b>1,962.77</b>	<b>630.04</b>	<b>237.49</b>	<b>2,103.46</b>
<b>Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen, social</b>				
Income	54,750.16	58,911.51	31,378.18	25,738.07
Expenditure	57,351.72	47,955.63	21,243.81	21,516.86
Surplus/deficit	<b>-2,601.56</b>	<b>10,955.88</b>	<b>10,134.37</b>	<b>4,221.21</b>
<b>Total</b>				
Income	60,579.57	61,798.80	32,900.86	31,446.45
Expenditure	61,218.36	50,212.88	22,529.00	25,121.78
Surplus/deficit	<b>-638.79</b>	<b>11,585.92</b>	<b>10,371.86</b>	<b>6,324.67</b>

	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Membership fees including boat parking	33,335.81	27,586.55	15,853.71	18,089.62
Bar	1,170.45	657.54***	222.56	1104.09
Tea bar/kitchen	-	-	14.93	867.08
Social	792.32	-27.50	0	132.29
Training	3,264.57	3,404.45	126.07	2,025.91
Juniors	1,768.80	2,500.56	697.50	-1,155.31
Club House hire Income (repayment)	300.00	435.00	90.00	270.00
General Running Costs inc. licences	-5,905.99	-3,499.88	-4,649.70	-5,037.65
Utilities - phone	-393.71	-450.45	-327.24	-333.49
Utility; Electric	-856.34	-724.87	-474.38	-192.66*
Utility; Water	-145.29	44.29**	-169.64	-144.76
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Disposal	-854.67	-359.94	-406.43	-958.06
Club House Cleaning	-1,047.68	-793.76	-995.20	-1,670.40
Insurance	-5,730.62	-6,330.65	-3,521.79	-3,835.00
Club boats maintenance	-3,423.00	-2,424.55	-682.43	-1,363.64
Publicity & Postage	-766.90	-1,378.78	-393.73	-1,342.25
Trophies	-557.94	-782.75	-198.35	-872.49
Capital Investments	-22,192.85	-6,886.72	n/a	n/a
Grants & Donations	412.52	457.77	4,909.00	447.00
Deposit Account income for year	191.73	-159.61	276.98	294.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-638.79</b>	<b>11,585.92</b>	<b>10,371.86</b>	<b>6,324.67</b>

\*Includes repayment of £371.02 (2019-2020)

\*\* Includes repayment of £113.69

\*\*\* Kitchen & bar were combined in 2021



### Cash flow reconciliation

Opening total 1 November 2021	<b>66,670.76</b>
Add Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2022	<b>-638.79</b>
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2022	<b>66,031.97</b>
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2022:	
Deposit Account closing balance	<b>52,027.51</b>
Current Account closing balance	<b>14,030.49</b>
Creditors	<b>-67.99</b>
Debtors	<b>41.96</b>
Closing Total	<b>66,031.97</b>

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.

### 5. Electing the Committee

SL thanked officers and the committee for their help over the past year.

Everyone agreed to continue to serve on the committee except for Yvonne Francis who has resigned as membership secretary. Natalie Malatras has stepped forward to replace Yvonne.

Simon has tried very hard to find a replacement Commodore but has not had any success. No-one stepped forward at the AGM so Simon agreed to stay in the post for one more year, however, he stated that he does not feel it is appropriate for him to continue after this next year.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2023:

<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	Simon Lidbetter	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Rob Jones	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Neil Champion	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jean Mitchell	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Secretary</b>	Jill Marsden	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Sailing Secretary</b>	Neil Champion	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Natalie Malatras	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Mark Foster	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Peter Hunter	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Debbie Hedley	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Keith Hathaway	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Don Francis	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Mark Hayzelden	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton
<b>Committee member</b>	Jo Almond	Jane Howe	Alan Beeton

Approved as proposed without objection.



<b>Other key roles:</b>	
<b>Training Principal</b>	Mark Foster
<b>Junior Sailing Development</b>	Rob Jones
<b>Adult Sailing Development</b>	Don Francis
<b>Burgee editor</b>	Robert Harrison
<b>Publicity</b>	Jill Marsden
<b>Chief Power Boat Instructor</b>	Barry Baillie
<b>Results Manager</b>	Mark Hayzelden
<b>Web Site</b>	Debbie Hedley
<b>Site Maintenance</b>	Harry Boyle
<b>Bosun</b>	Peter Hunter
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Elspeth Drew
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Vacancy

The club needs a Welfare Officer.

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

Even though RPI has increased to about 10% the committee proposed that fees for 2023 be increased by only a small amount. The fees for social membership have been adjusted to introduce a joint, two-person fee.

Membership Category	2022 (£)	Proposed 2023 (£)
<b>Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)</b>	50	50
<b>Sailing (One person over the age of 18)</b>	176	180
<b>Joint (Two people living at same address)</b>	231	235
<b>Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-24])</b>	253	260
<b>Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)</b>	56	50
<b>Social (Non-Sailing) 1 person/2 people</b>	56	50/75
<b>Unemployed discount</b>	50%	50%
<b>Additional dinghy parking*</b>	56	65
<b>Additional canoe parking*</b>	34	40
<b>Junior dinghy parking*</b>	39	40

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

A couple of points were raised from the floor:

- If a member from several years ago re-joins is the joining fee payable
- Unemployed discount – does this apply to retired individuals

The committee to consider the above points and tidy up when the joining fee is payable. Also check the wording behind the unemployed discount.

The membership fees for 2023 were proposed by Rob Jones and seconded by Neil Champion. 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

There are many people who make a big contribution to the club and who are essential to its running, but there is one person in particular who does outstanding work for GTSC. He has been out senior instructor and then Principal for a long time. Without a senior instructor we could not have run our RYA training program in house. He has organised and run courses and has done



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much of the actual training himself. Not only this, but he has been a big part of setting up our new website. The committee has discussed this and so the Commodore would like to propose as an Honorary Member – Mark Foster. Seconded by John Howe. Carried unanimously.

**8. AOB**

Sally Wicks stated she was pleased to see the increase in membership numbers but disappointed at the low numbers attending the AGM and suggested that the AGM could be held before the prize giving in future.

Rob Jones raised that the committee has considered decorating the ladies changing rooms. The plan is to do an audit of what is there and what is needed to improve it. Feedback from the adults using the changing facilities will be sought.

Robert Harrison requested feedback on the Burgee. It is good as a written record of what does on during the year at the club. The Burgee could be posted as a flip book on the website.

Membership is moving to on-line.

The news section of the website is not very informative/up to date. Suggestion was to get Neil's 'What's on this week' information onto the page. More blogs could be posted.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Sunday 26 November 2023.

The meeting closed at 15:10.