



Final Minutes Annual General Meeting 28 November 2021 at 2.00p.m.

Present:

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

Ray Coyle	Pat Bradstock	Andrew Darke
Elspheth Drew	Paul Bradstock	Jane Howe
Gill Hunter	Elizabeth Yell	John Howe
Karen Lidbetter	Alan Beeton	Maureen Whitcher
Simon Reed	Deirdre Smith	Diana Monks
Raph Demangeat	Harry Boyle	Jane Crowther

Apologies:

Roger Wood	Jennie Wood	David Kelly
Matthew Brown	Sally Wicks	

1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.

The draft minutes of 2020 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Neil Champion, seconded by Rob Jones, approved without objection.

2. Matters arising

The proposal to consider opening up for more watersports other than sailing that was put to the 2020 AGM has resulted in the purchase 4 more SUPs and kayaks for members use. Racks have been built in the garage to store the SUPs.

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
Winter Social	No New Year's Day racing, Winter Social or Spring Social
COVID	The club followed COVID rules and once racing started tea and drinks were served outside.
Intro to Club and Boats	Held on 24 Apr and there were so many people. RJ, DF, SL, Emily and her boyfriend had to take people round in groups.
Presidents Bowl	Sailing was hard work due to the wind
Saturday Sailing, coaching, beginners and improvers	Held a few extra sessions hosted by Committee members
Prize Giving	The postponed 2020 Prize Giving was held in July. Margaret Fergusson attended to see the new trophy donated in Archie's name.
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).
Double-handed	There were 8 boats taking part which is an improvement on previous years.
Race against Island	The first race in May (away) was cancelled due to high winds. The second race (home) in October was also cancelled due to fuel crisis.
Divers	Divers were tasked with looking for the feva rudder along the frontage, but it was unsuccessful. Plenty of rubbish was found.
New Web site	Thanks to Emily and Mark Foster for the design and launch of the new web site.
Autumn Work Party	We were able to hold a Work Party and the boats were moved up for



	the winter.
Waterfront	The timber along the frontage and up the slipways will be replaced and the boat protection methods also replaced.
Decorator	A decorator is booked for the spring to paint the white timbers around the club house.
Safety boat	The rib will be replaced in the spring.

We postponed Open Day to June due to COVID, but as we had already gained so many new members we cancelled the event. More events were possible in 2021 than the previous year. People came to GTSC because of being unable to travel and so it was considered a good year. Boat parking is full.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers.

Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion

Highlights for 2021

Water sports weeks	The week in April was well subscribed, as were the 2 in August. A third week in August was added, plus a sailing week.
KGFS	9 boats out
Moulsford Cup	Only 6 boats took part
President's Bowl	Well attended with 14 helms
Commodores Cup	The most helms turned out for this race – 17 in total
Wednesday eve	The start time changed to 5:30 from 6:30, but fewer people were turning up. The start time will revert to 6:30 for 2022.
Regatta	There was a good turnout, although the wind was light and turning lighter.

In total there were 80 races held across 17 different race championships/series with 75 different sailors: 46 adults and 29 juniors (excluding the Regatta).

No community events were held due to COVID.

Work has started on the 2022 calendar.

Club Development Plan (CDP) Update

Membership numbers	Constant focus. In 2021 we have 144 membership units, with 53 new. The aim of the plan was to get to 140 units by 2025.
Training resources	We are able to develop adults and children and there were a record number of training events in 2021 driven by MF. The new web site allows courses to be booked on-line.
Facilities	Investment of club funds will be made in replacing the frontage and painting the club house.
OOD Hut	Consider replacing with a wet boat house. A longer term consideration.
Community links	Continue to build links to the wider community and dates going into the calendar for 2022 or scout/cubs etc.

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

Classes of membership	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Family	50	52	43	38	81
Joint	17	17	19	20	25
Sailing	27	22	21	20	18
Social	8	9	12	9	9
Life	4	4	4	4	4
Honorary	5	6	6	6	7
Student	3	5	5	5	0



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Sailing Club**

New Members (included in above)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Family	18	14	11	9	42
Joint	2	2	2	4	7
Sailing	5	2	2	0	4

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults	178	169	176	159	249
Juniors	111	112	91	72	169
TOTAL	289	281	267	231	418
Membership units	111	114	110	103	144

There were very few who did not renew and many new members. We need to retain as many of these new members as we can in 2022.

Junior Highlights – Rob Jones

Saturday Sailing: went well.

NSSA Regatta was held this year and we had 6 attendees from GTSC: Dan Nicoll, Alicia Condie, Beth Almond, Nick White and Will Almond. Beth, Nick and Will did very well in their respective classes coming 3/22, 5/22 and 6/22 respectively. Many thanks to Tom White and his daughter, Eloise, who were the responsible adults.

Many juniors have supported events at GTSC this year as AI or DI.

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. We had to pay £1490.19 as tax on our COVID grant from 2020. Thank you to Maureen Whitcher for doing the audit again this year. Presents were given to both.

JMi presented a summary of the accounts. The club is in a solid financial position, with a surplus of £11.5K. The capital expenditure has been presented separately for the first time this year: radios, benches, anemometer, SUPs, kayaks, buoyancy aids. The insurance has increased, in particular the buildings were determined to be underinsured and so have been revalued, which has increased the insurance costs. The kitchen and bar costs have been merged this year as most are conducted via card machine purchase.

Thank you to Margaret Fergusson for her donation which enabled the Club to purchase the memorial trophy for Archie.



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Income/Expenditure

Social, Bar, kitchen	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Income	2,887.29	1,522.68	5,708.38	7,530.00
Expend	2,257.25	1,285.19	3,604.92	5,799.45
Surplus/deficit	630.04	237.49	2,103.46	1,730.55
Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen, social				
Income	58,911.51	31,378.18	25,738.07	26,223.71
Expenditure	47,955.63	21,243.81	21,516.86	28,209.60
Surplus/deficit	10,955.88	10,134.37	4,221.21	-1,985.89
Total				
Income	61,798.80	32,900.86	31,446.45	33,753.71
Expenditure	50,212.88	22,529.00	25,121.78	34,009.05
Surplus/deficit	11,585.92	10,371.86	6,324.67	-255.34

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Membership fees including boat parking	27,586.55	15,853.71	18,089.62	19,657.58
Bar	657.54***	222.56	1104.09	1,659.81
Tea bar/kitchen	-	14.93	867.08	984.56
Social	-27.50	0	132.29	-913.82
Training	3,404.45	126.07	2,025.91	1,338.81
Juniors	2,500.56	697.50	-1,155.31	-1,160.58
Club House hire Income (repayment)	435.00	90.00	270.00	90.00
General Running Costs inc. licences	-3,499.88	-4,649.70	-5,037.65	-11,368.82
Utilities - phone	-450.45	-327.24	-333.49	-392.99
Utility; Electric	-724.87	-474.38	-192.66*	-1,411.22
Utility; Water	44.29**	-169.64	-144.76	-88.28
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Disposal	-359.94	-406.43	-958.06	-887.28
Club House Cleaning	-793.76	-995.20	-1,670.40	-1,600.80
Insurance	-6,330.65	-3,521.79	-3,835.00	-3,835.01
Club boats maintenance	-2,424.55	-682.43	-1,363.64	-827.19
Publicity & Postage	-1,378.78	-393.73	-1,342.25	-1,309.81
Trophies	-782.75	-198.35	-872.49	-526.20
Capital Investments	-6,886.72	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grants & Donations	457.77	4,909.00	447.00	317.00
Deposit Account income for year	159.61	276.98	294.37	18.90
TOTAL	11,585.92	10,371.86	6,324.67	-255.34

*Includes repayment of £371.02 (2019-2020)

** Includes repayment of £113.69

*** Kitchen & bar were combined mid-year



Cash flow reconciliation

Opening total 1 November 2020	55,084.84
Add Surplus/Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2021	11,585.92
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2021	
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2020:	66,670.76
Deposit Account closing balance	51,835.78
Current Account closing balance	14,709.57
Creditors	-57.06
Debtors	42.47
Closing cash	140.00
Closing Total	66,670.76

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.

5. Electing the Committee

SL thanked officers and the committee for their help.

Everyone had confirmed that they would stand.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2022:

Nominations	Proposed	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Simon Lidbetter	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Vice Commodore	Rob Jones	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Rear Commodore	Neil Champion	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Treasurer	Jean Mitchell	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Secretary	Jill Marsden	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Sailing Secretary	Neil Champion	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Membership Secretary	Yvonne Francis	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Mark Foster	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Peter Hunter	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Debbie Hedley	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Keith Hathaway	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Don Francis	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Mark Hayzelden	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Jo Almond	Andrew Darke	Paul Bradstock

Approved as proposed without objection.



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

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

The fees had not been increased in 2021. The committee proposed that fees for 2022 be increased in line with the CBI, which is at 3%.

Membership Category	2021	Proposed 2022
Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)	50	50
Sailing (One person over the age of 18)	171	176
Joint (Two people living at same address)	224	231
Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-25])	246	253
Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)	54	56
Social (Non-Sailing)	54	56
Unemployed discount	50%	50%
Additional dinghy parking*	54	56
Additional canoe parking*	33	34
Junior dinghy parking*	38	39

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

The membership fees for 2022 were proposed by Dee Smith and seconded by Jean Mitchell. 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

Diana Monks was proposed as an honorary member. Proposed by Rob Jones, seconded by Simon Lidbetter and carried unanimously.

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8. AOB

Proposal to increase the outreach of the club to less fortunate children – Ray Coyle

Ray Coyle presented the outcome of discussions he had held with RJ and SL after posing the question “Is there a way for the club to make our facilities available to those community groups that are further removed than cubs/guides?” The following broad ideas were presented, which at this stage are thoughts and not firm plans.



Ready Set Go

A county council supported organisation whose activities are mainly swimming and riding bikes. Children from a deprived area of Oxford are referred by social services or primary school to the group. Thoughts are to take a cohort of those who have learned to swim and put them through an RYA sailing course. They would be school years 4-6.

Asylum Welcome

A group that supports refugee families and asylum seekers who have mainly been housed in Didcot. Thoughts are to restrict to kids who can swim and to bring them to the club for water sport activities. SODC and Active Oxfordshire could help with transport costs.

Approval to take this further and develop one or both proposals over the winter was requested. Then run a pilot program, evaluate and if appropriate use the findings to develop a longer term outreach program.

Andrew Darke asked if these groups would have events on separate days or would they be mixed in with existing calendar events. Could be dovetailed into Saturday Sailing, or use an afternoon.

Paul Bradstock asked if the club is taking the lead or would charities run them. The club is taking the lead, but some skills and input needed from support organisations/charities, so we would work in partnership.

Agreement to proceed was proposed by Raph Demangeat and seconded by Dee Smith. The motion was carried with one abstention.

Proposal to drop the reduced PY number for double-handed boats sailed single-handed - Simon Reed

If a double-handed boat is sailed single-handed the PY is worse. We are trying to get more boats on the water. SR asked the sailing secretary to look at it.

Paul Bradstock supports the proposal.

Andrew Darke questioned Championship participation as this would change the conditions on which the boats PY was measured, so we should stick to the RYA PY for championships.

Mark Hayzelden raised the point that we should be encouraging people to sail 2-up. He reported that he had run through the last few years results with the new PY and it had not changed the winners.

Elsbeth Drew expressed gratitude for the work of the committee and everyone else who contributed to the running of the club.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 27 November 2022.

The meeting closed at 15:28.