



Final Minutes Annual General Meeting 25 November 2018 at 2.00p.m.

Present:

Simon Lidbetter - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Roger Wood (RW)	Jennie Wood (JW)
Neil Champion (NC)	Mark Foster (MF)	Peter Hunter (PH)
Yvonne Francis (YF)	Andy Nicoll (AN)	

Simon Reed	Jane Howe	Sally Wicks
Donald Francis	John Howe	Andrew Darke
Matthew Brown	Pat Bradstock	Robin Adams
Pete Barefield	Paul Bradstock	Maureen Witcher
Deirdre Smith	Robert Harrison	Isabel Adams
Gail Bradstock	Ellen Bradstock	

Apologies:

Mark Hayzelden	James Barlow	Pat Jackson
Mike Fulton	Marie Rosa Fulton	Trevor Jackson
Elspeth Drew	Anita Owen	

1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.

The draft minutes of 2017 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Yvonne Francis, seconded by Matthew Brown, approved without objection.

2. Matters arising

Four grants under the Competitive Sailing Development Fund were awarded: Anna Foster, Charlie Merryweather, Dan Nicoll and Emily Foster.

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	Held at Rossini's in 2018 (good evening with lots of food).
Racing	Started 23 March – we missed the first two race weekends due to the weather.
Spring Social	Held a bit later again this year after racing had started. It was warmer and we had good attendance for the fish and chip supper. Thanks to SL for the quiz.
Open Day	No boats on the water due to red boards. We still attracted 11 new membership units. Used the pay pal card reader to take payment.
President's Bowl	Many thanks to Paul for hosting and to Pat for providing a splendid tea.
Summer Party	As it was the 75 th anniversary we had a much bigger event than usual. We didn't quite hit the 75 attending, but members past and present attended. Catering and staff was provided by Sarah Funnell.
Commodore's Cup	No wind, but well attended with plenty of food.
Thames Challenge	GTSC fielded teams again. We didn't manage to win, but put up a good show.
Moulsford Cup	It was very hot with wind swings
Merlin Meeting	The first one held at GTSC since 2003. There were 6 boats. It was wet and the helms were grateful for the 3 course meal provided by Jennie Wood.
GTSC Regatta	More wind than in previous years so we had a few capsizes.



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Bart's Bash 5	Combined with the Regatta.
Island Races	Both home and away matches raced this year, with GTSC coming out on top again. The hedge trimming helped with the wind.
Washing Up Bowl	Well attended with 12 adults and 3 juniors racing.
Saturday Sailing and Kid's Club	Continued using a RYA coach. The Kid's club has continued to be invigorated in 2018 under the guidance of Tim Wakefield.
Youth Club	Continues on a Friday evening, but with lower attendance.
Community events	Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Cubs have all participated in sailing evenings and all gave a donation to the club funds.
RYA and PB training	Continued to give RYA dinghy courses and PB courses during 2018 and a lot of individuals have been trained (10 adults and 11 kids at the May course, 9 juniors on the half term course). We are still short of qualified PB drivers despite training a handful new PBII drivers 3 new DI's: Rosie Turtle, Emily Foster and Olivia Condie.

Rachel Conway-Doel has sent a message to the club to inform us that she is stepping down as Training Principal and also leaving the club. RJ proposed a vote of thanks to Rachel.

Club Development Plan (CDP)

The first club CDP was developed to cover the period 2012-2017. The next CDP covering 2018-2023 is under consideration and the following are planned for inclusion:

- Develop the facilities available to members
 - *Replace Visions (will need a grant)*
 - *New light weight safety boat*
 - *Frontage work*
 - *Upgrades to club and boat park:*
 - *Finish re-surfacing boat parking*

Sailing Secretary's report – Anita Owen

Highlights for 2018

Thanks to Anita who cannot be here in person.
A special thanks to Neil Grant for doing the results.

Regatta 2018 on 16 September combined with Bart's Bash 5 and JMS Challenge

A good day of sailing and where the JMS Trophy was awarded to the winner of Bart's Bash.

Inter-club Race v Island Sailing Club

- Race at Island 13 May and race at GTSC on 7 October, which was well attended
- GTSC won again and retained the trophy

Merlin Event – a good event organised by Roger Wood which is a new addition to the calendar.

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Next year's Calendar

- Continue Saturday Sailing
- Improver Series (aimed at those not confident to race in main Sunday racing)
- Inter-club racing v Island Home and Away
- Bart's Bash 6
- Ladies who Launch will continue as it was well attended
- Gents who Gybe – not as successful as Ladies who Launch so will discuss whether to continue



Membership Secretary's report – Simon Lidbetter

Classes of membership	2015	2016	2017	2018
Family	65	50	50	52
Joint	17	15	17	17
Sailing	24	22	27	22
Social	6	8	8	9
Life	4	5	4	4
Honorary	6	6	5	6
Student	1	4	3	5
New Members (included in above)				
Family	21	10	18	14
Joint	2	0	2	2
Sailing	3	1	5	2

Junior Highlights

Saturday Sailing: run over 10 Saturdays. Some sessions had every single one of the club boats on the water. Thanks to Tim Wakefield.

Youth Club: averaged 10 per session (lower than in previous years).

Taster Sessions: Cranford School brought students each Friday for 8 sessions.

Community Sessions: 6 different local clubs (Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Cubs).

Competition Time:

Thames Challenge	We came 6 th out of 12 this year.
NSSA at Datchett	Dan, Alicia, Emily and Rosie from GTSC were selected for the Oxford squad.
Topper Nationals (268 boats)	Dan Nicoll (Gold Fleet) – 72/113 Charlie Merryweather (Silver Fleet) – 32/68 Anna Foster (Bronze Fleet) – 32/42 Alicia Condie (Bronze Fleet) – 12/42
NSSA team racing at Farmoor	Sophie Robson sailed with the Oxford fleet
Topper Traveller Series	Alicia Condie and Anna Foster – 2 nd and 3 rd best girls

Emily Foster and Rosie Turtle took part in the Big Challenger 72' yacht race during half term.

Sam McCracken (ex GTSC junior) has qualified as a Yachtmaster aged 19. Lizzie Howe completed a round the world race – the first person from GTSC to do so.

Very few juniors are racing at GTSC on a Sunday. The Saturday club is very active, but those aged 11+ are off doing sailing elsewhere. The committee proposes to have junior racing on a Saturday afternoon as part of Saturday Sailing to encourage more to race.

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.

JMi presented a summary of the accounts, which have been audited by Maureen Witcher.



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Income	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Membership fees	20,063.24	18,768.01	17,572.40	20,647.70	18,541.65
Bar	3,082.00	3,243.00	3,532.00	3,154.60	3,980.91
Tea bar/Kitchen	1,342.00	1,165.00	996.00	860.00	1,552.60
Social activities	3,106.00	1,551.00	1,815.50	1,990.00	2,038.50
Training receipts	2,875.00	6,022.18	8,456.00	5,759.50	6,340.00
Juniors Events	1,967.50	1,129.50	1,011.20	1,205.00	1,584.75
Club House Hire	90.00	390.00	270.00	135.00	180.00
Grants & Donations	732.00	887.00	11,167.85	2,217.90	1,954.73
Miscellaneous (inc Bank interest)	495.97	880.80	427.03	1,107.53	972.28
Boat sales		1,933.22			
Total	33,753.71	35,969.71	45,247.98	37,077.23	37,145.42

Expenditure	2016-17	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Membership Costs	405.66	95.10	440.55	565.70	334.69
Cleaning	1,600.80	1,457.20	1,675.20	1,600.80	1,637.00
Rates	-	467.40	442.33	437.77	426.98
Insurance	3,403.81	4,265.27	3,598.06	3,204.53	3,566.07
Bar	1,422.19	3,065.09	2,576.92	2,494.23	2,658.18
Tea Bar/Kitchen	357.44	458.79	848.13	622.29	996.71
Running cost inc. maintenance	12,630.79	8,562.39	10,772.48	6,485.43	5,453.51
Juniors Events	3,128.08	1,070.87	1,682.58	2,095.96	2,098.33
Printing and publicity	1,309.81	422.93	935.54	1,177.50	1,523.51
Social costs	4,019.82	1,283.19	1,458.06	1,535.77	1,897.10
Trophies	172.50	250.00	195.00	886.10	1,083.42
Club Boats maintenance	827.19	1,687.94	2,183.01	3,156.49	2,652.65
Training costs	1,536.19	4,684.87	7,560.78	5,160.83	3,891.56
Capital Purchases	415.00	9,500.00	700.00	1,502.00	1,637.47
Waste disposal	887.28	856.14	832.58	770.27	761.17
Phone charges	392.99	301.06	242.50	319.09	617.84
Electricity	1,411.22	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,235.84
Water Rates	88.28	115.53	101.94	109.86	194.57
Total	34,009.05	39,563.77	37,265.66	33,144.63	32,666.60

Income/Expenditure

	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Income-Social/Bar/Tea Bar	7,530.00	5,959.00	6,004.60	7,572.01	8,768.33
Expend-Social/Bar/Tea Bar	5,799.45	4,807.07	4,652.29	5,551.99	4,590.26
Surplus/deficit	1,730.55	1,151.93	1,352.31	2,020.02	4,178.07



	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen and social					
Income	26,223.71	30,010.71	31,072.63	29,573.41	37,001.98
Expenditure	28,209.60	34,756.70	28,492.34	27,114.61	34,267.95
Surplus/deficit	-1,985.89	-4,745.99	2,580.29	2,458.80	2,734.03

End of Year Totals

Opening total 1 November 2017	38,643.65
Add Surplus/Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2018	-255.34
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2018	38,388.31
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2018	
Deposit Account closing balance	31,104.82
Current Account closing balance	7,162.17
Plus closing cash in hand	121.32
Closing Total	38,388.31

Pretty even.

Spent a lot of money getting the hedge chopped, but it has made a huge difference to the sailing.

We lost money on the Summer Party (approximately £900).

There is a deficit on the juniors – note in the report that the coaching for Saturday Sailing has been allocated to the juniors this year. Last year it was allocated to training.

Broadband costs were high. NC will try to get a cheaper deal.

The bar made a profit this year. Thanks to Heather and Jennie.

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.

Thank you to Maureen Witcher for doing the audit again this year. Flowers and wine were presented to Maureen Witcher.

JMi proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Simon Lidbetter and approved unanimously.

5. Electing the Committee

SL thanked the outgoing committee. Rachel Conway-Doel and Anita Owen are stepping down as committee members. SL thanked all the committee for their help.

Dee Smith and Don Francis have volunteered to join the committee. Yvonne Francis will officially take on the Membership Secretary post.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2019:

Nominations	Proposed	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Simon Lidbetter	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Vice Commodore	Rob Jones	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Rear Commodore	Roger Wood	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Treasurer	Jean Mitchell	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Secretary	Jill Marsden	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke



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Sailing Secretary	Neil Champion	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Membership Secretary	Yvonne Francis	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Mark Foster	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Peter Hunter	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Jennie Wood	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Dee Smith	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Don Francis	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Andy Nicoll	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Tim Wakefield	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke
Committee member	Keith Hathaway	Matthew Brown	Andrew Darke

Approved as proposed without objection.

Other key roles:	
Training Principal	Mark Foster
Junior Sailing Development	Rob Jones
Adult Sailing Development	
Burgee editor	Robert Harrison
Publicity	Jill Marsden
Chief Power Boat Instructor	Pete Owen
Maintenance Officer	Roger Wood / Peter Hunter
Bosun	Simon Reed
Bar Manager	Jennie Wood

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

The committee proposed that we raise the fees in line with CPI which is ~2.6% and have chosen 2%.

Membership Category	2018	Proposed 2019
Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)	50	50
Sailing (One person over the age of 18)	165	168
Joint (Two people living at same address)	216	220
Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-18])	237	242
Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)	52	53
Social (Non-Sailing)	52	53
Unemployed discount	50%	50%
Additional dinghy parking*	52	53
Additional canoe parking*	31	32
Junior dinghy parking*	36	37

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

The membership fees for 2019 were proposed by Matthew Brown and seconded by Jane Howe. 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.



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8. AOB

Simon Reed proposed we move to contactless payment for the bar with a machine over the WiFi. Simon Reed and Mark Brunwin will look into it. This was well received by the AGM attendees.

Sally Wicks suggested that we maximise income through club hire. There were only 2 events in 2018 (raising £90). We will push internally to club members as the rules require a club member to be hirer.

MF requested that as part of the CDP we look to develop the OOD hut.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 24 November 2019.

The meeting was closed at 14.53.