



**Final Minutes Annual General Meeting 26 November 2017 at 2.00p.m.**

**Present:**

Simon Lidbetter - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Anita Owen (AO)	Jennie Wood (JW)
Rachel Conway-Doel (RCD)	Mark Foster (MF)	Peter Hunter (PH)

Simon Reed	Jane Howe	Elspeth Drew
Roger Wood	John Howe	Andrew Dark
Matthew Brown	Pat Bradstock	Mark Hayzelden
Yvonne Francis	Paul Bradstock	Maureen Witcher
Deirdre Smith	Karen Lidbetter	Robert Harrison
Raph Demangeat		

**Apologies:**

Andy Nicoll	Dan Nicoll	Neil Grant
Mike Fulton	Marie Rosa Fulton	Neil Champion
Archie Ferguson	Margaret Ferguson	

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

The draft minutes of 2016 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Rob Jones, seconded by Jean Mitchell, approved without objection.

**2. Matters arising**

Sold boats, but kept 1 Q'ba as land based training boat. MF and RCD to decide if we need this in future.

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

Topic	Report
Apologies	AN sent apologies as he was unable to attend the AGM. He is with Dan in Rutland at a National Squad Camp. AN has been taking Dan to events throughout the year and so has not been able to be at the club as much as he would have liked and this has impacted his ability to be an effective a Commodore as he would have liked.
Winter Social	Held at Pierrponts in 2017 (good evening) and will be at Rossini's in 2018.
Work Party	Thanks to those who chipped the hedge. Quotes to complete the rest of the hedge work have been received and are double the £2,500 agreed by the committee.
Spring Social	Held a bit later this year after racing had started. It was warmer and we had good attendance for the curry. Thanks to SL for the quiz.
Open Day	Much more successful this year – probably because it wasn't snowing! It was well attended and we attracted lots of new members.
President's Bowl	Many thanks to Paul for hosting and to Pat for providing a splendid tea.
Summer Party	A lovely relaxed event this year, sitting by the river eating a BBQ. Next year for the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary a much bigger event is planned. Aiming to get 75 attending.
Commodore's Cup	Well attended with plenty of food.
Thames Challenge	GTSC fielded teams again. We didn't manage to win, but put up a good show.



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Moulsford Cup	A long race
NSSA	6 juniors from GTSC were selected for the Oxfordshire squad and the team came 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dan Nicoll came 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the Topper class and also won the U14 helmsman.
GTSC Regatta	Although we were missing SL, RJ and AN (who were off having their own Regatta in Croatia) those who attended had a good time.
Bart's Bash 4	A more subdued event this year at GTSC with race and BBQ
Island Races	Both home and away matches raced this year, with GTSC coming out on top again.
Saturday Sailing and Kid's Club	Continued using a RYA coach. The Kid's club has been much more invigorated in 2017 under the guidance of Tim Wakefield.
Youth Club	Continues to do well on a Friday evening.
RYA Zone Squad, National Squads	Congratulations to Alicia Condie, Anna Foster and Charlie Merryweather who qualified for the Topper Zone Squad. 27 attended and 17 were chosen, only Parkstone SC had more individuals (4) chosen from a single club than GTSC. Dan Nicoll has been selected for an ITCA National Topper Squad place.
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 2017 and a lot of individuals have been trained. We are still short of qualified PB drivers so looking to train more people.

The club lost two good friends this year. Nick Brown, a stalwart of the club a few years ago who did much behind the scenes and John Francis, a member, sailor and true gentleman. John Howe was invited to say a few words in memory of John Francis to which Yvonne Francis responded.

Club Development Plan (CDP)

The first club CDP was developed to cover the period 2012-2017 with the following objectives in bold and results in italics below:

- Increase membership
- Improve training resources (see table below)
- Develop a series of events for both experienced and novice sailors
  - *Ladies who launch*
  - *Improver series*
- Develop the facilities available to members
  - *Additional club boats (2 Toppers, Feva, Comet)*
  - *4.3 sails for all club Toppers*
  - *4.7 sail for laser*
  - *Replace Q'bas with Laser Picos*
  - *Upgrades to club and boat park:*
    - *Resurface boat parking*
    - *Laser/Topper storage system*
    - *Electric winch*
- Develop links with the wider community to improve access to sport
  - *Summer sailing evenings for 6 scout/cub/guide/brownie groups*



Personnel Type	Total in 2012	Target for 2017 (actual)
Assistant Instructor (AI)	4	8 (2)
Dinghy Instructor (DI)	2	6(6)
Power boat drivers (PB)	26	36(28)
Safety Boat Drivers ( SB)	12	14(9)
Power Boat Instructor (PBI)	1	2(1)
Senior Instructors (SI)	1	2(2)

A 2018-2023 GTSC CDP is to be developed. Ideas to be included are:

- Finish surfacing boat parking area
- New safety boat
- Replace the Visions

Suggestions received during the meeting were:

- Do some more frontage work
- A light weight safety boat

#### 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

A new logo for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been developed.

Save the date – Saturday 30 June for the Summer Party. Music from Loveshovel. Black tie event.

Need to sell 75 tickets.

#### **Sailing Secretary's report – Anita Owen**

Highlights for 2017

Many thanks to Anita for stepping in after the start of the season to take on this role.

Thanks also to Neil Grant for doing the results, it is an onerous task.

#### *General*

- A good number of races held this year – 151
- Not many red boards
- 76 helms, 17 crews, 52 adults, 24 juniors

#### *Bart's Bash 4*

- 7 boats took part
- Raised £50 for ASSF
- Andrew Darke won at GTSC

#### *Regatta 2017 on 2 September*

Very light winds:

- 9 Races
- For the JMS Challenge we had Comet/Laser vs Pico.

#### *Inter-club Race v Island Sailing Club*

- Race at Island 14 May and race at GTSC on 8 October, which was well attended
- GTSC won again



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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 5
- Ladies who Launch (need to get more lady helms) – have training sessions on a Saturday, culminating in the Ladies Cup
- Focus on adult improvers in 2018. Dee Smith indicated that her husband might have sailed more if there was something for his ability i.e. with a safety net.

*DutyMan*

- Keep using
- Need more individuals updating to confirm duties (OOD/AOD/SO)
- Individuals to request swaps using the system

Burghfield is to be an Andrew Simpson satellite centre. Paul Outram will be running it.

Mark Hayzelden requested that for the 2018 calendar only one big event is scheduled for a weekend. Attendance for 2 days over a weekend is a big commitment.

***Membership Secretary's report – Simon Lidbetter***

<b>Classes of membership</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Family	61	65	50	50
Joint	19	17	15	17
Sailing	22	24	22	27
Social	7	6	8	8
Life	5	4	5	4
Honorary	6	6	6	5
Student	2	1	4	3
<b>New Members (included in above)</b>				
Family	18	21	10	18
Joint	3	2	0	2
Sailing	2	3	1	5

There are a total of 131 adult and 109 junior members from 111 membership units. There has been tremendous turnover. Saturday Sailing was designed to help with retention by getting people over the hump of training and the next step racing.

Jane Howe asked if there were still novice races. Yes, monthly. It needs someone to drive it.

**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. As we de-registered from CASC we became liable for tax on profit from non-members and will need to do an annual return. Kathryn also submitted our corporate tax return.

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



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<b>Income</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Membership fees	18,768.01	17,572.40	20,647.70	18,541.65	17,682.88
Bar	3,243.00	3,532.00	3,154.60	3,980.91	4,440.70
Tea bar/Kitchen	1,165.00	996.00	860.00	1,552.60	1,330.65
Social activities	1,551.00	1,815.50	1,990.00	2,038.50	2,996.98
Training receipts	6,022.18	8,456.00	5,759.50	6,340.00	5,265.00
Juniors Events	1,129.50	1,011.20	1,205.00	1,584.75	1,571.10
Club House Hire	390.00	270.00	135.00	180.00	405.00
Grants & Donations	887.00	11,167.85	2,217.90	1,954.73	10,797.00
Miscellaneous (inc Bank interest)	880.80	427.03	1,107.53	972.28	1,279.21
Boat sales	1,933.22				
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,969.71</b>	<b>45,247.98</b>	<b>37,077.23</b>	<b>37,145.42</b>	<b>45,769.42</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Membership Costs	95.10	440.55	565.70	334.69	124.20
Cleaning	1,457.20	1,675.20	1,600.80	1,637.00	1,486.80
Rates	467.40	442.33	437.77	426.98	418.19
Insurance	4,265.27	3,598.06	3,204.53	3,566.07	3,678.05
Bar	3,065.09	2,576.92	2,494.23	2,658.18	2,485.93
Tea Bar/Kitchen	458.79	848.13	622.29	996.71	659.12
Running cost inc. maintenance	8,562.39	10,772.48	6,485.43	5,453.51	7,599.48
Juniors Events	1,070.87	1,682.58	2,095.96	2,098.33	1,410.76
Printing and publicity	422.93	935.54	1,177.50	1,523.51	1,226.45
Social costs	1,283.19	1,458.06	1,535.77	1,897.10	1,445.21
Trophies	250.00	195.00	886.10	1,083.42	986.94
Club Boats maintenance	1,687.94	2,183.01	3,156.49	2,652.65	638.28
Training costs	4,684.87	7,560.78	5,160.83	3,891.56	2,301.35
Capital Purchases	9,500.00	700.00	1,502.00	1,637.47	12,639.19
Waste disposal	856.14	832.58	770.27	761.17	647.25
Phone charges	301.06	242.50	319.09	617.84	309.01
Electricity	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,235.84	660.00
Water Rates	115.53	101.94	109.86	194.57	142.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,563.77</b>	<b>37,265.66</b>	<b>33,144.63</b>	<b>32,666.60</b>	<b>38,858.21</b>

**Income/Expenditure**

	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Income-Social/Bar/Tea Bar	5,959.00	6,004.60	7,572.01	8,768.33	7,137.00
Expend-Social/Bar/Tea Bar	4,807.07	4,652.29	5,551.99	4,590.26	5,130.00
Surplus/deficit	1,151.93	1,352.31	2,020.02	4,178.07	2,007.00



	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen and social					
Income	30,010.71	31,072.63	29,573.41	37,001.98	23,014.00
Expenditure	34,756.70	28,492.34	27,114.61	34,267.95	22,784.00
Surplus/deficit	-4,745.99	2,580.29	2,458.80	2,734.03	230.00

### **End of Year Totals**

Opening total 1 November 2016	<b>42,237.71</b>
Add Surplus/Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2017	<b>-3,594.06</b>
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2017	
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2017	38,643.65
Deposit Account closing balance	31,085.92
Current Account closing balance	7,436.41
Plus closing cash in hand	121.32
Closing Total	<b>38,643.65</b>

The deficit on the year of £3,594.06 was caused by the Pico purchase this year when the funds arrived in the last financial year. Without this split in income/expenditure we would have had a surplus this year of about £5.9K.

Only £177 profit on the bar was noted. A key factor is likely stock as we do have a lot of stock currently. A full stock take is required before the start of the season.

Thanks to Simon Reed for the sale of boats/boat bits which has exceeded the cost of maintaining the boats this year.

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.

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

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

JMi proposed that Maureen Whitcher be asked to audit the accounts next year. This was seconded by SL and approved by members.

JMi proposed that Kathryn Foster complete the annual corporate tax return. This was seconded by SL and approved by members.

### **5. Electing the Committee**

SL thanked the outgoing committee. John Turtle and Phip Woodhatch are stepping down as committee members. AN has come to the end of his term as Commodore, although he will remain on the committee. The Beers are stepping down as bar manager.

Roger Wood has volunteered to join the committee.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2017:



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<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	Simon Lidbetter	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Rob Jones	Simon Lidbetter	Jean Mitchell
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Andy Nicoll	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jean Mitchell	Rob Jones	Simon Lidbetter
<b>Secretary</b>	Jill Marsden	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Sailing Secretary</b>	Anita Owen	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Membership Secretary</b>			
<b>Committee member</b>	Mark Foster	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Peter Hunter	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Jennie Wood	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Roger Wood	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Neil Champion	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Rachel Conway-Doel	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Tim Wakefield	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell
<b>Committee member</b>	Keith Hathaway	Rob Jones	Jean Mitchell

Approved as proposed without objection.

<b>Other key roles</b>	
<b>Training Principal</b>	Rachel Conway-Doel
<b>Junior Sailing Development</b>	Rob Jones
<b>Adult Sailing Development</b>	Rachel Conway-Doel
<b>Burgee editor</b>	
<b>Publicity</b>	Jill Marsden
<b>Safety Boat Officer</b>	Pete Owen
<b>Safety Boat Training</b>	Barry Bailie
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	Roger Wood
<b>Bosun</b>	Simon Reed
<b>Bar Manager</b>	

There is a vacancy for Membership Secretary and Burgee editor. Please contact SL if interested.

Heather Merryweather volunteered to be bar manager.

**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 3%.

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2018</b>
<b>Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)</b>	50	50
<b>Sailing (One person over the age of 18)</b>	160	165
<b>Joint (Two people living at same address)</b>	210	216
<b>Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-18])</b>	230	237
<b>Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)</b>	50	52
<b>Social (Non-Sailing)</b>	50	52
<b>Unemployed discount</b>	50%	50%
<b>Additional dinghy parking*</b>	50	52



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<b>Additional canoe parking*</b>	30	31
<b>Junior dinghy parking*</b>	35	36

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

The membership fees for 2018 were proposed by SL and seconded by Matthew Brown. 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**

Yvonne Francis was nominated as an Honorary member, proposed by SL and seconded by MF. Carried unanimously.

**8. AOB**

RCD thanked those who had helped at her wedding.

Paul Bradstock suggested that as part of the ongoing maintenance we look at deepening the ramp so that double handers and the safety boats can float off the edge when launching. The slipways were adjusted 10 years ago.

Suggestion to rebuild the race start hut should be in the CDP.

RJ described a proposal to have a grant system in place during 2018 for all members to be able to apply for financial assistance in support of their sailing activities at outside events. A percentage of club funds would be set aside to fund the successful applications.

Dee Smith informed the meeting that there are a number of grants available from South Oxfordshire via an online application.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Sunday 25 November 2018.

The meeting was closed at 15.07.