



**Minutes of AGM held on MONDAY Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 7.30pm by Zoom Meeting**

**Present**

Mike Street, Doug Hinge, Rosie Hinge, Jim Barnes, Sue Coomber, Chris Coomber, Jo Coomber, Ian Kilpatrick, Alan Duncan, Allan Seward, Julie Platts, James Platts, Dick Brown, John Gozzard, Sue Chadwick, John Chadwick, Sue Venables, Robin Venables, Martin Hunter, Graham Reed, Steve Hipsey, Alison Coombs, Robert Coombs, Jerry Cross, Granville Starkie, Barry Quest, Sue Pillar-Lea, John Pillar-Lea, Carol Horner, Bruce Horner, Patsy Bennett, Chris Miller, Tim Mitchell, Stuart McCullough.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Received from: Jo Stirling, Stewart Stirling, Matt Newton, Helen Bryant.

**2. Opening Addresses**

The Commodore welcomed members to this novel Zoom AGM and thanked all for joining in online.

He gave a warm vote of thanks to Stuart McCullough and to Martin Hunter, who are standing down now from their posts of Membership with Website Officer and Treasurer respectively.

The President thanked the committee for their work in this unusual and unpredictable Covid year.

He thanked those members who have stepped forward to take up their new posts on the committee and reiterated how much the club relies on volunteers willing to take on the various responsibilities required to keep the club running effectively. He proposed that, with Rosie Hinge due to become the club's Webmaster, we need a volunteer to take over her role as Secretary.

**3. Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes**

The 2019 AGM Minutes were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

**4. Officers' Reports for 2020**

The following officers' Annual Reports have been posted in the 2020 Bulletin, which is on the club's website for members to read:

- Commodore – Doug Hinge
- Secretary & Social Secretary – Rosie Hinge
- Treasurer – Martin Hunter
- Membership and Website - Stuart McCullough
- Dinghy Officer – Chris Coomber
- Cruising Officer – Jim Barnes
- Moorings Officer (Bosun) – Dick Brown
- Club Financial Position Summary

The President asked if any members wished to ask questions arising from these Reports. There being none, the Officers' Reports for 2020 were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

**5. Approval of Annual Accounts**

The club Accounts for 2020 were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

**6. Appointment of Auditors**

Neil Pearson and Granville Starkie agreed to stand as the auditors of the club accounts for next year. Their appointment was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

The President thanked Neil and Granville for auditing the 2020 accounts.

**7. Election of Officers**

The following Officers were elected for next year by a unanimous show of hands.



<b>Position</b>	<b>Standing for Re-election / VOLUNTEERS standing for election</b>
President	Mike Street
Commodore	Doug Hinge
Vice Commodore	Allan Seward
Secretary	Rosie Hinge
Treasurer	<b>ALAN DUNCAN</b>
Social Secretary	<b>STEVE HIPSEY</b>
Membership Secretary	<b>SUE LIMB</b>
Webmaster	<b>ROSIE HINGE</b>
Dinghy Officer	Chris Coomber
Dinghy Park Stewards	Mike Street, Jim Barnes
Cruising Officer	In view of the success of the WhatsApp group, we shall not appoint a Cruising Officer for now
Moorings Officer	Dick Brown
Media Representatives	<b>ROSIE &amp; DAISY DUNCAN</b>

## 8. **Changes to Club Fees**

The Commodore listed the following changes to club fees:

### Membership

Adult now £43

Family now £60

Re-joining now £43

Friday Dinghy Trainee now £30 and £15 for each subsequent trainee in a family

### Moorings

Deep Line Mooring (including annual inspection fee) £280

Mid Line Mooring (including annual inspection fee) £250

Shallow Line Mooring (including annual inspection fee) £185

Annual Inspection Fee (for members not on a WQSC mooring) £40

The new Club Fees were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

## 9. **Hub Club Update** by Graham Reed

The Hub Club Board now has six Board Directors. The full complement is:

Graham Reed [chair] Jim Barnes [Company Secretary] Jane Dumeresque [Hon. Treasurer]

John Harris, Robin Musgrave and Sara Boulter

The Hub Club is a Charity and registered with Companies House, so the Hub Club was eligible to receive a grant through West Devon Borough Council who targeted voluntary organisations such as us after local businesses had benefited in a priority process. The Hub Club accounts now have sufficient reserves to fund the showers and toilets with some funds also available for work on the main site.

Earlier this year, volunteers completed the cladding of the shower and toilet cubicles. We have received a very generous offer from a local plumber to assist with the installation work. More news when the work is ready to start, so if you have experience of such work, please contact your Club or us.

A grant donation of 420 saplings from The Woodland Trust early in November were planted to boost the boundary at the top of the site and to expand the eco-rich periphery. Many thanks to a small and enthusiastic team led by the Sailing Club's President.



**WEIR QUAY SAILING CLUB**



Founder Member: Weir Quay Community Watersports Hub Club Ltd

The Board recognises that the Member Clubs are being stressed by the lack of activity so we are keen to ensure that the Dinghy & Gig Park and Boathouse is fit for purpose in time for a better situation in 2021. Until then, we wish all members well and have a safe winter.

- All users are asked to remember these simple rules:
- No naked flames within the Boathouse – A tidy ‘ship’ is a safe ship!
- No smoking in the Boathouse and Dinghy & Gig Park
- Please ensure that lights and water taps are OFF and take home your rubbish
- All rubbish/waste must be promptly taken off site
- Please ensure that the entrance rope on both poles on exit from the site.
- Do not bring new items on site and leave them there without seeking permission

If you have any problems or other issues, please contact the Company Secretary, Jim Barnes at [wqwatersports@gmail.com](mailto:wqwatersports@gmail.com)

10. **A.O.B.**

Robin Venables gave his thanks to the committee for their work in sustaining as normal a service as possible during the Covid 19 pandemic. This thought was seconded by John Chadwick.

Steve Hipsey and Graham Reed have been trying to curb the illegal actions by some jet-skiers on our section of the River Tamar this year. They urged members to continue to collect video evidence of illegal behaviour by water users and to report these incidents through the official channels and at the same time to copy Steve with these reports. He and Graham will endeavour to ensure the Port Authorities take the most effective action in response. Stuart McCullough recommended that prosecutions against jet-skiers should be publicised at slipways etc. where others are likely to launch, to act as a deterrent. Jim Barnes reported that the number of jet-skis sold this year has increased enormously but that the Plymouth Port Authorities find it difficult to revise their regulations in line with this in a timely manner.

Graham Reed asked if the club will be holding its usual series of three Spring Talks in 2021. The Commodore replied that no decision has yet been made but this would not be possible under current Covid regulations. We might consider using Zoom to transmit a talk to members. Stuart McCullough said that he has experience of this proving unsatisfactory in his past experience.

Graham proposed that we might wish to ask his neighbour, Mr Hilton to give us a talk. He is in charge of the £43 million Volker Stevin project to build a new jetty at the Thanckes Oil Fuel Depot on the west bank of the Hamoaze, just north of Torpoint, which provides fuelling facilities for Royal Navy ships based in Plymouth. Rosie Hinge agreed that we are grateful for this suggestion but that the committee needs to decide how and when we can safely resume the club talks.

The Commodore reported that he is in the process of trying to sell the two boats owned by past-member Don Van de Leidler (who died) on E-Bay. This is at the request of Don's family and the proceeds will help to recompense the club for unpaid mooring fees. It will also free up 2 shallow line moorings for use.

Dick Brown reminded members that he needs to receive their Moorings Deposits of £50 by 15<sup>th</sup> December if they wish to use a club mooring next season.



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Jim Barnes asked if the club will be holding a New Year's Day walk again in 2021. This will only be possible if the Covid regulations are relaxed by then as we cannot currently have more than 6 people meeting together in any setting.

11. **Date of next AGM**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Bere Alston Bowling Club. 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start.