

BRIGHTLINGSEA ONE DESIGN ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8th December 2013 10.00am

Members in Attendance

C1	Jean	M & J Goodwin	C25	White Magic	Brian Walker
C6	Jumbo Two	Tom Sargeant	C29	Panic	Bob Richardson
C8	Egret	Danny Fox	C31	Blue Peter	Adrian Gibbons
C9	Bidi	Colin Willett	C32	Avocet	Jeremy Newman
C11	Grayling	John Payne	C51	Grethe	Fiona Brown
C16	Dulcet	Phil Rust	C53	White Spirit	Mark White
C17	Seahorse	Nick Readings	C54		Alan Hicks
C18	Gelasma	Mike Hempstead	C55		James Anderson
C20	Ruff	M Rees, J Bray & T Stone	C75	The Mike	P Holding & M Wilby

Associates and Friends

John Saker, Richard Stephens, Barry Newman, David Chivers, Bob Hedger, Tim Hearn, Keith Clubb, Craig Bond, Tom Quilligan, Iain Wergren, Henry White, Finn Anderson

Apologies

Alastair Burt, Jean Thomas, Daniel Willett, Chris Matthews, Ginny Scott, Kate and John Button

1. Minutes of the previous AGM 9th December 2012

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Richard Stephens and seconded by Fiona Brown – both carried unanimously.

2. Matters Arising From Those Minutes

None.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed new members to the meeting, James Anderson has ordered a new glass fibre BOD and Rob Maloney has purchased C44 Janice. Fiona Brown was thanked for her substantial input in creating a new web site, Rob White for lending his load cell / forklift and Park and Ride for the gantry. Adrian had very much enjoyed his two years as Chairman and thought that the sailing and social events were better than they had ever been. The fleet had grown substantially and was on an upward spiral.

4. Treasurer's Report

Richard Stephens reported record Owner Membership fees of £400 and associate fees of £270. He proposed that the fees should not be increased for 2014 and would remain at £20 for Members and £10 for Associates / Friends. There was no BOD Dinner in 2013 and the £100 profit from the Quiz Night was donated to the Reg White Memorial Fund. Payments during 2013 were: - an affiliate fee to the RYA of £100, the AGM buffet £50, printing and postage £404 and a miscellaneous payment of £114 for hosting of the old web site. This left a deficit of £8.60 for the year and a total balance of £1,372.64. The Association still has liabilities to a number of members including the loans provided to purchase the fibreglass mould. It was agreed that in 2014 an attempt would be made to raise funds by extra social events, reduce costs by using email rather than post in an attempt to be able to pay back members loans. The general purpose of committee were also to look into the payment of royalties by White Formula. AOC provided the resin to White Formula (value circa £1,800) free of charge and this will need to be reclaimed in part by the Association and the remainder will be used to keep a boat laid up in the mould. It was suggested that a printed price list should be prepared by White Formula for new fibreglass boats breaking down the various stages of construction, this could be added to the web site. The Treasurer's report was proposed as an accurate record by Mike Hempstead and seconded by Mark White, carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

Chairman – Bob Richardson, Vice Chairman – Vacant, Secretary – Jeremy Newman, Treasurer – Richard Stephens, Measurer – David Chivers.

The meeting unanimously voted in favour of re-election of all officers.

General Purposes Committee:- Alan Hicks, Malcolm Goodwin, John Saker, Keith Clubb, John Mullins, David Chivers, Brian Walker, Robert White & Mark White. The committee was elected unanimously.

6. Sailing Programme

Jeremy Newman proposed a draft programme for 2014. Fiona Brown suggested that the Osborne Cup be moved from the 7th September as there are a few BODS attending the Bosom Classic Boat Weekend. Barry Newman offered to use his launch for starting the Multirace Series as long as rescue cover was able to be provided by BSC. It was agreed that Sunday 17th August should remain a lay day, although it was thought BSC may be organising a Beach Cruise. It was agreed that for CYC races, a nominated boat would have the responsibility of choosing the course number and telling the tower. Colin Willett suggested the revival of the BSC / CYC Team Race and it was agreed that this should take place on Saturday 31st May, the day of Brightlingsea Regatta. The Hickley Tiller Race will remain for Sunday 1st June. The President's Trophy on Sunday 10th August was again to be the big race of the year and all Owners / Associates / Friends are encouraged to ensure that their boats had sufficient crew arranged in advance as it was possible that we could get in excess of 20 boats racing that day. A record in the class's history.

7. Class Rules/Pumps/Weighing of Boats

Dave Chivers proposed amendments to the current Class Rules which included:-

1. The overall weight of the boats be reduced to 610 kg – carried 16 for, 2 against.
2. Loose footed mainsails should be allowed with a maximum foot roach of 240 mm – carried unanimously.
3. Two self-bailers should be allowed above the water line. Agreed that a special dispensation should be offered for one boat to try these for a period if required. Carried unanimously.
4. Electric bilge pumps – Danny Fox explained how they had fitted two whale pumps with liquid sensors, utilising the existing pipes, but with two small 12 volt rechargeable batteries. It has not been a windy season but the pumps had worked well. The batteries were the size of a cigarette packet and were not heavy and may well be lighter than the existing pump and handles. John Saker advised caution as he had experience of rechargeable batteries igniting if they were either punctured or became wet. Malcolm Goodwin questioned the capacity of the pumps to extract sufficient water – carried 17 for, 1 abstention.
5. It was proposed that the main sheet horse stops to have a minimum distance of 300 mm and should not be adjustable during racing. Carried unanimously.

8. GRP Mould / Potential for New Boats

Alan Hick's new boat had been released from the mould and was now being fitted out and James Anderson's was soon to be commenced. Apparently another order had been received by White Formula. Malcolm Goodwin reported that Rob Maloney would be available to assist with any restoration works / repairs after May / June 2014 once the restoration of Cormorant was complete.

9. Website

Fiona Brown presented the new website and was thanked for her considerable input in preparing and running the site on behalf of the BOD Association. A Crew List was added. Fiona explained how alerts could be arranged for new posts or could be emailed to individual members once they became live online. It was agreed that Twitter or Facebook were not appropriate.

10. Any Other Business

Tim Clarke produced a paper on how to avoid and how to deal with a capsized BOD which was circulated. The General Purposes Committee were to produce a guidance note on procedures for righting and dealing with a capsized BOD which will be provided to both BSC and CYC.

The meeting closed at 12.05 and there followed an excellent buffet lunch for Members and Friends at CYC, courtesy of the outgoing Chairman Adrian Gibbons.