

BRIGHTLINGSEA ONE DESIGN ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th January 2015 10.00am

Members in Attendance

C1	Jean	Malcolm Goodwin	C30	Sarah Louise	David Charlton
C6	Jumbo Two	Tom Sargeant	C31	Blue Peter	Adrian Gibbons
C8	Egret	Danny Fox	C32	Avocet	Jeremy Newman
C9	Bidi	Colin / Dan Willett	C44	Janice	Richard Austin
C16	Dulcet	Phil Rust	C51	Grethe	Fiona Brown
C18	Gelasma	Mike Hempstead	C53	White Spirit	Mark White
C20	Ruff	M Rees, J Bray & T Stone	C54	Storm Petral	Alan Hicks
C25	White Magic	Brian Walker	C55	Wind Sprite	James Anderson
C27	Rebel	Chris Matthews	C75	The Mike	P Holding & M Wilby
C29	Panic	Bob Richardson			

Associates and Friends

John Saker, Richard Stephens, Barry Newman, David Chivers, Bob Hedger, Craig Bond, Iain Wergren, Robert White, Jenny Goodwin, Simon Hipkin, Rob Maloney, Ray Newman, Ray Davies, Celia Charlton.

Apologies

Alastair Burt, Steve Heppel, Nick Readings, Graham & Clare Bridal, Adrian & Sue Bouckley, Ann & Eddie Howson, Tim Hearne

1. Minutes of the previous AGM 8th December 2013

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Adrian Gibbons and seconded by Richard Stephens – carried unanimously.

2. Matters Arising From Those Minutes

None.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting with the sad news of the death of Peter Sainty, a very well-known BOD sailor and owner for many years of C40 March Hare. Condolences were to be passed on to his family. The Chairman then welcomed new members to the meeting, Richard Austin had purchased Janice C44 which was being refurbished by Rob Maloney, David and Celia Charlton who had purchased Sarah-Louise, Sue and Adrian Bouckley who had purchased C50 Eider and Graham and Clare Brideal who had purchased C31 Blue Peter. The Chairman ran through some photographs of the year to include Bosham Classic Boat Regatta and Pyefleet Week. Pyefleet Week had been a difficult week due to weather conditions but had seen a record turn out of 22 boats with an age ranging between 4 to 79 years. Special congratulations were given to Barry Newman who helmed Jean for the whole week at the age of 79. The German night, whilst was a blur, was a great evening and thanks to Mark Wilby for organising this. It was hoped that with the new boats launching this year that we would get close to 25 boats during Pyefleet Week 2015. Thanks were also given to Nick Readings and Marilyn Hempstead for their continuing support on carrying out start / rescue boat duties for the BOD class during the Colne Yacht Club races. Thanks to Fiona Brown for the development and maintenance of the excellent BOD website. Malcolm Goodwin was also thanked for his continued guiding influence over the class.

4. Treasurer's Report

Richard Stephens reported that the year had seen a consolidation of the accounts with an excess of expenditure of £735.00. This had been achieved by only having to pay out for RYA Affiliations Fees with a great saving on postage costs due to email. Income is from Owners and Associate Members and Owners were to encourage their crews who are not Associate Members to join the Association (only £10). There was a donation of £130.00 by Michael Connellan who enjoyed a sail with Adrian Gibbons and Dick Stephens in White Magic for his 90th Birthday present. Although no expenses were incurred, there was no income from social events and consideration should be given to trying to make a small profit on future events. At the bottom of the balance sheet are existing loan amounts to be paid back to members who contributed to the mould fund. The Treasurer's Report was proposed as an accurate record by Adrian Gibbons and seconded by Mark White – carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

Executive Committee:- Chairman – Bob Richardson, Vice Chairman – Alan Hicks, Secretary – Jeremy Newman, Treasurer – Richard Stephens, Measurer – David Chivers, Website – Fiona Brown, Social Coordinator – Mark Wilby

The election of the Officers were proposed on mass by Mark White and seconded by Phil Rust – carried unanimously.

Technical Committee:- Malcolm Goodwin, David Chivers, John Saker, Brian Walker, Mark White, Rob White, Simon Hipkin and Alan Hicks.

The election was proposed on mass by Fiona Brown, seconded by Jeremy Newman, carried unanimously.

6. Sailing Programme

Jeremy Newman proposed the draft sailing programme for 2015. Mike Hempstead suggested that some times were not in line with the CYC programme. Jeremy to liaise with Graham Chasney. It was generally thought that the programme provided a good spread of races throughout the year. The pro's and con's of various start times were discussed at length and eventually it was agreed that the meeting should vote for either a 13:45 or 14:15 start. This was proposed at the meeting by Jeremy Newman and seconded by Fiona Brown. By a narrow margin, it was agreed that for 2015 we would revert to the 14:15 time for the CYC afternoon starts.

Jeremy Newman suggested that thought needed to be given to trying to achieve better windward start lines for CYC races. It was however, suggested that anchoring the rib was difficult. Mark White suggested that the association could look into the installation of an electric windless on Nick Readings RIB to make it easier to anchor. After some discussion it was agreed that Malcom Goodwin, Phil Rust and Chris Matthews would liaise with Nick Readings and Marilyn Hempstead to see what could be achieved to improve the start line. A vote of thanks was given to Nick Readings and Marilyn Hempstead for their continued hard work and input on behalf of the BOD fleet.

7. Social Programme

Following the success of the social events in 2014, Mark Wilby confirmed that a full social programme is planned for 2015 as follows: (**all needs to be bought up to this line please formatting locked)**
25 April – BOD Dinner
Spring/Early Summer TBC – launching parties for C50 and C75
Summer TBC – Mark and Marianne White's BOD Summer BBQ
3 August – BOD German Night at Pyefleet Week
11 October – Final Fling Lunch
31 October – BOD Halloween and Curry Party

8. Class Rules

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

1. To remove the necessity to carry a spare tiller – carried unanimously.
2. To recommend all BOD's carry a VHF radio however, not to make it mandatory – carried unanimously.
3. The overall minimum weight is to be reduced to 600 kg. Tom Sargent and Brian Walker were unhappy with the suggestion as their boats already exceeded the 610 kg. It was suggested that the proposal should be put to the meeting that the minimum weight should be reduced to 600 kg. This was narrowly rejected and it was agreed to leave the minimum BOD weight at 610 kg for 2015.
4. To add a new maximum length for runner tracks and a position wholly behind the inners – a vote was taken, carried unanimously, technical committee to finalise wording.
5. In addition other changes were proposed in the wording of the rules to make them easier for members to understand and apply. The current rules frequently cross reference official drawings, which are not readily available to the members. David Chivers had therefore amended the rules to include the necessary wordings, dimensions and sketches to enable members to manage all day-to-day rule observance without cross reference to detailed drawings. None of these proposals made any material changes to the rules and were simply to help clarify and make the rules easier to use. These changes were unanimously agreed.
6. Finally it was proposed to rename the General Purposes Committee as the Technical Committee in recognition of the fact that their main role is in managing the technical aspects of the class. Again this does not make any material changes to how the class is run and is simply to better define the actual role of the committee. This change was unanimously agreed.

9. GRP Mould / Potential for New Boats

Fiona Brown outlined:-

1. GRP Buoyancy Tank Moulds. The tank moulds were made by White Formula at a cost of some £4,500. Following discussion with Whites they had generously offered to transfer ownership of these moulds to the BODOA for considerably less than their true value. At the 2012 AGM the BODOA had approved £1,000 expenditure to produce these moulds. At the same meeting resin to the retail value of £1,800 was donated to the BODOA by AOC. It was proposed that the ownership of the tank moulds be transferred to the BODOA by White Formula in return for the waiving of the royalty fees on C54 and C55 (already built) and C56 and C75 (yet to be built) which represents the £1,000 already approved by the 2012 AGM and the transfer of ownership of the AOC resin from the BODOA to White Formula. Proposed by Malcolm Goodwin, seconded by Mike Hempstead and unanimously approved.
2. The wooden patterns for the building and restoration of BODs and for the casting of the custom bronze BOD fittings were created by Malcolm Goodwin and are currently his property. To create a replacement set of the patterns from scratch would cost in the order of £2,000. Malcolm generously agreed to gift the patterns to the BODOA to secure their ownership/use for the future. He will continue to be the custodian of the patterns and oversee their use by our approved suppliers. Malcolm also recommended that a duplicate set of patterns be made in modern materials to secure the designs for the long-term future. The cost to produce such duplicates is to be established by the Technical Committee. Proposed by Alan Hicks and seconded by Mike Hempstead, carried unanimously.

Jeremy Newman, on behalf of the BOD Association, thanked Rob White and Malcolm Goodwin for their generosity.

3. With GRP BOD production now possible it is necessary to agree an Official Builder's contract with White Formula and Simon Hipkin Boats. In preparation for the drafting of the formal contract and following a meeting with all the parties, Fiona Brown had produced a Heads of Agreement for construction, marketing and sale of new GRP BOD's which will form the basis of the legal contract. She ran through the key elements of the agreement and asked the AGM to approve the document and to instruct the Executive Committee to move the matter forward to formal contract at the earliest opportunity. Proposed by Fiona Brown, seconded by Phil Rust, carried unanimously.
4. The hull and deck mould tools and various build patterns are now the property of the BODOA and would cost in excess of £25,000 to replace should they be destroyed (for example by fire). Insurance for moulds and patterns is therefore strongly advised at a cost of circa. £250 - £300 per annum. Jeremy Newman proposed that this could be funded by an additional £10 added to the owners annual subscription taking them to £30 per year. Seconded by Fiona Brown, carried unanimously.

10. Website & Communications

Fiona Brown noted that the new website is attracting good visitor numbers and proving an effective communication tool. She also noted that the BOD Facebook Group is very active and has also attracted good visitor numbers including many from outside our immediate active sailing group. There will be no major changes to the website this year, but she does intend to develop the fleet listing (currently a simple PDF list) so that each boat will have a record page on which photos and more detailed historical information can be recorded. She is also hoping to develop a list of major trophies and their winners.

Those present at the meeting confirmed that they liked the regular email updates from the Class and Fiona asked that everyone confirm their contact details with Dick Stephens when renewing their memberships so that we could be sure to have up to date details for all.

Fiona asked all members to be on the look out for interesting stories, photos and video for the website. She also drew members attention to the merchandise section on the site which now includes BOD Clothing supplied via Blackjack Design in Burnham On Crouch who hold the artwork for the BOD outline drawing which can be embroidered or printed on a wide range of clothing and products to order.

11. Crew List

Mike Hempstead would continue to run this but it was difficult to keep up to date. It was agreed everyone should help where possible as it was important to bring in new crews to assist the continued growth of the fleet. Fiona confirmed that there is a crew listing page on the website where she can list details of anyone seeking crew or a boat to sail in.

12. Any Other Business

Chris Matthews raised safety issues and potential rescue boat cover for the fleet. The position was discussed and it was generally agreed that both BSC and CYC were technically responsible for safety cover during their respective races, however the association was to discuss the possibility of further safety cover with Nick Readings.

Richard Stephens proposed that it was now possible to repay part of the loan made by seven members to purchase the BOD mould. It was suggested that £150.00 be re-paid this year to each member who made a loan. The suggestion was proposed by Mike Hempstead, seconded by Fiona Brown and the meeting voted unanimously to proceed as outlined.

Fiona Brown stated that Nick Readings had BOD's that were available to be sailed by a competent helmsman, subject to prior agreements. She also showed a new colour flyer produced by David Bridle for advertising new glass fibre BOD's at the cost circa £100.00 which was to be split between the Association, White Formula and Simon Hipkin Boats. This was proposed by Fiona Brown, seconded by Jeremy Newman and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 12.15.