



Draft Minutes Annual General Meeting 29 November 2020 at 2.00p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Simon Lidbetter - Chair	Jill Marsden (JMa)	Rob Jones (RJ)
Jean Mitchell (JMi)	Mark Foster (MF)	Keith Hathaway (KH)
Neil Champion (NC)	Donald Francis (DF)	Peter Hunter (PH)
Neil Grant	Pat Bradstock	Mark Hayzelden
Matthew Brown	Paul Bradstock	Robert Harrison
Jo Almond	Elizabeth Yell	Melanie Holman
Sally Wicks	Roger Wood	

Apologies:

James Barlow	Jane Howe	Yvonne Francis (YF)
Mike Fulton	John Howe	Shane Clark
Debbie Headley	Jennie Wood	Harry Boyle
Maureen Whitcher		

1. Approving the minutes of the previous AGM.

The draft minutes of 2019 AGM were presented to the AGM for approval. Proposed by Rob Jones, seconded by Neil Grant, approved without objection.

2. Matters arising

No Mooring signage has been erected.

The ladies who launch are primarily using the Picos. A second laser would be useful. After deliberation the Committee has decided not to purchase a second laser.

A suggestion was made to have some of the improver sailors on the committee. Jo Almond and Debbie Hedley have volunteered.

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 Masoom's in Goring (good evening with good food).
Work Party Feb	Approximately 20 people who turned up managed to get a lot done.
Fibre connection	Upgraded the club's WiFi to support the installation of 3 cameras
Lockdown	As the country went into lockdown all sailing activities ceased. The committee started to meet via Zoom to keep abreast of the COVID rules and guidance changes.
Archie Ferguson	We were saddened to learn of the passing of our former club President, Archie Ferguson, in April of 2020.
Racing	The club was able to open for informal racing in May. As the COVID-19 rules relaxed further we were able to increase the activities and hold formal racing and Saturday Sailing could resume.
Grant	The £10K grant was used to by the new rigiflex SB
Bar	The bar opened for outdoor seating and rules of service in compliance with government guidelines.
Red Boards	From October stopped racing and then we entered another lockdown.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers.

Sailing Secretary's report – Neil Champion

Highlights for 2020

Had to make changes to the previously agreed calendar, since all racing for the first part of the year was cancelled. Once racing resumed the priority for scheduling went to the cup races.



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We were able to hold the main events:

KGFS	The first cup race post lockdown. 15 boats out. Won by Andrew Darke
Moulsford Cup	Junior = Will Almond, Slow fleet = Andrew Darke, Fast fleet = Don Francis
Ladies Cup	
Laser Cup	Mark Hayzelden
Single handed cup	Andrew Darke
Double-handed	Only 2 boats out. Winners = Mark Foster and Simon Reed
Wednesday eve	Extra dates were added to the end of the series. The winner was Alan Beaton
President's Bowl	Alan Beaton, junior = Anna Foster
Commodore's Cup and Bart's Bash	24 boats out. Andrew Dark, Alice Hathaway, Tim Wakefield, Jacob Hathaway

We lost the Spring series entirely and Open Day. The community events, the GTSC Regatta and our twice-yearly events with Island SC were also casualties of the pandemic.

The Prize Giving as a social event had to be cancelled and we plan to award trophies as soon as possible next year.

Discussions have started with Island SC for 2021 events.

Club Development Plan (CDP) Update

Thanks to NC who has put in a lot of effort on this third CDP for the club, covering 2019-2024, and the following are the key points:

Membership numbers	Constant focus. We did not have Open Day but new members did join: 9 families and 4 joint.
Third safety boat	Obtained a new RigiFlex boat. It was purchased with a grant from Sport England/COVID-19 assistance.
Visions	Still under review but new bits have been added to the existing boats
Boat Parking area	Maintenance required for resurfacing. Ongoing.
OOD Hut	Suggestion to replace with a wet boat house with the OOD hut on top. A longer term consideration.
Community links	Continue to build links to the wider community. 14 events had been planned for 2020 but had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

Membership Secretary's report – Presented by SL on behalf of Yvonne Francis

Classes of membership	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Family	50	50	52	43	38
Joint	15	17	17	19	20
Sailing	22	27	22	21	20
Social	8	8	9	12	9
Life	5	4	4	4	4
Honorary	6	5	6	6	6
Student	4	3	5	5	5
New Members (included in above)					
Family	10	18	14	11	9
Joint	0	2	2	2	4
Sailing	1	5	2	2	0

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adults	178	169	176	159
Juniors	111	112	91	72
TOTAL	289	281	267	231
Membership units	111	114	110	103



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In the early summer our membership was down by quite a lot as many people didn't re-join because they thought that there would be very little sailing due to the lockdown. That was not really the case in the end. Most of our annual recruiting takes place at Open Day and we were unable to have one. We gave a 50% discount on membership from 1 August to attract back those who had not re-joined and new members. The training courses, Summer Camp and Saturday Sailing did attract new members and some income.

Junior Highlights – Rob Jones

A lot of events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19: junior training, Youth Club, Thames Challenge and NSSA Regatta,

Saturday Sailing: able to run from 18 July.

The Summer Camps were a great success with 23 juniors attending over the two weeks.

We have some newly qualified Dinghy Instructors: Sophie, Dan, Alicia, Jacob and Holly who have all in turn supported training events at GTSC this year.

Sam McCracken, who trained here at Goring as a junior, became the youngest skipper in last year's Sydney Hobart race setting out on 26 Dec 2019 and flying the GTSC burgee.

A former member and stalwart of the club, Tony Brown, also passed away in early 2020. Mark Kibble had sent a touching anecdote which was read out by Rob Jones.

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. Thank you to Maureen Whitcher for doing the audit again this year.

JMi presented a summary of the accounts. The club is in a good financial position, despite the drop in membership, due to the committee being prudent in its expenditure, a very loyal membership base who joined by 15 Mar and the £10K grant. The Summer Camp and the training courses held generated income, but the bar, tea bar and training were down on previous years.

Income/Expenditure

Social, Bar, kitchen	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Income	1,522.68	5,708.38	7,530.00	5,959.00
Expend	1,285.19	3,604.92	5,799.45	4,807.07
Surplus/deficit	237.49	2,103.46	1,730.55	1,151.93
Operation costs; net of bar, kitchen, social	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Income	31,378.18	25,738.07	26,223.71	30,010.71
Expenditure	21,243.81	21,516.86	28,209.60	34,756.70
Surplus/deficit	10,134.37	4,221.21	-1,985.89	-4,745.99
Total	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Income	42,900.86	31,446.45	33,753.71	35,969.71
Expenditure	32,529.00	25,121.78	34,009.05	39,563.77
Surplus/deficit	10,371.86	6,324.67	-255.34	-3,594.06



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	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Membership fees including boat parking	15,853.71	18,089.62	19,657.58	18,672.91
Bar	222.56	1104.09	1,659.81	177.91
Tea bar/kitchen	14.93	867.08	984.56	706.21
Social	0	132.29	-913.82	267.81
Training	126.07	2,025.91	1,338.81	1,577.81
Juniors	697.50	-1,155.31	-1,160.58	-181.87
Club House hire Income (repayment)	90.00	270.00	90.00	390.00
General Running Costs inc. licences	-4,649.70	-5,037.65	-11,368.82	-8,382.39
Utilities - phone	-327.24	-333.49	-392.99	-301.06
Utility; Electric	-474.38	-192.66*	-1,411.22	-565.12
Utility; Water	-169.64	-144.76	-88.28	-115.53
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	-55.00
Waste Disposal	-406.43	-958.06	-887.28	-856.14
Club House Cleaning	-995.20	-1,670.40	-1,600.80	-1,457.20
Insurance	-3,521.79	-3,835.00	-3,835.01	-4,265.27
Club boats maintenance	-682.43	-1,363.64	-827.19	245.28
Publicity & Postage	-393.73	-1,342.25	-1,309.81	-422.93
Trophies	-198.35	-872.49	-526.20	-430.00
Capital Investments, grants & Donations	4,909.00	447.00	317.00	-8,613.00
Legacy Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deposit Account income for year	276.98	294.37	18.90	13.52
TOTAL	10,371.86	6,324.67	-255.34	-13,594.06

*Includes repayment of £371.02

End of Year Totals

Opening total 1 November 2019	44,712.98
Add Surplus/Deficit for Year Ended 31 October 2020	10,371.86
Represented by Closing Balances at 31 October 2020	55,084.84
Accumulated fund at 31 October 2020:	
Deposit Account closing balance	41,676.17
Current Account closing balance	13,546.47
Less creditors	165.80
Plus unbanked bar cash	28.00
Closing Total	55,084.84

MH asked how much of the bar stock had to be thrown away. The beer has dates that are ok until Spring 2021. An official stock take has not been conducted.

Thanks to JMi for keeping the accounts.



5. Electing the Committee

SL thanked all the committee for their help, particularly as there had been almost weekly Zoom meetings to review the changing COVID-19 guidelines and conduct the risk assessments for the club.

SL thanked the retiring committee members and other support positions: Neil Grant (results), Simon Reed (Bosun), Ian Davies (website), Pete Owen (Power Boat Instructor), Simon Abbott (committee) and Dee Smith (committee).

We need someone for the website.

The following is put forward as the Committee for 2021:

Nominations	Proposed	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Simon Lidbetter	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Vice Commodore	Rob Jones	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Rear Commodore	Neil Champion	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Treasurer	Jean Mitchell	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Secretary	Jill Marsden	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Sailing Secretary	Neil Champion	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Membership Secretary	Yvonne Francis	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Mark Foster	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Peter Hunter	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Debbie Hedley	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Keith Hathaway	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Don Francis	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Mark Hayzelden	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock
Committee member	Jo Almond	Sally Wicks	Paul Bradstock

Approved as proposed without objection.

Other key roles:	
Training Principal	Mark Foster
Junior Sailing Development	Rob Jones
Adult Sailing Development	Don Francis
Burgee editor	Robert Harrison
Publicity	Jill Marsden
Chief Power Boat Instructor	Barry Baillie
Results Manager	Mark Hayzelden
Web Site	
Maintenance Officer	
Bosun	Peter Hunter
Bar Manager	Elsbeth Drew

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

The committee proposed that there be no increase in membership fees for 2021

Membership Category	2020	Proposed 2021
Joining fee (one off payment when first joining)	50	50



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Sailing (One person over the age of 18)	171	171
Joint (Two people living at same address)	224	224
Family (one or 2 parents plus children [5-18])	246	246
Student (Person aged over 16 in full-time education)	54	54
Social (Non-Sailing)	54	54
Unemployed discount	50%	50%
Additional dinghy parking*	54	54
Additional canoe parking*	33	33
Junior dinghy parking*	38	38

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

The Committee presented a proposal:

- No joining fee in 2021 for anyone (new members and those who were previous members but who did not join in 2020)
- The 10% early bird discount for joining by 15 Mar 2021 will apply to all 2020 members who re-join in 2021
- Those 2020 members who joined by 15 Mar 2020 are eligible for an additional 15% early bird discount. Requests for the discount to be made to the membership secretary and once confirmed to pay by the 15 Mar 2021 deadline

MF asked if the discounts only apply to the basic membership fee = Yes.

RJ explained the background to the discount. A PR gesture from the club. No-one has to take the 15% discount.

The membership fees for 2021 were proposed by Matthew Brown and seconded by Robert Harrison. 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.

8. AOB

RJ presented a proposal for the club to consider opening up for more watersports other than sailing. We have 4 SUPs – should we encourage more SUP use? RJ had attended the RYA conference where there was discussion around diversification. KH indicated that we would have to expand the instructors capabilities if we were to offer paddle sports training. Matthew Brown stated that he was not against the proposal per say, but GTSC is a sailing club as stated in the constitution.

Sally Wicks asked if the committee had considered using the grant to help the disadvantaged in the community. Sailing is an exclusive activity. Take to the next committee.

Mark Hayzelden proposed a vote of thanks to the whole committee for guiding the club through the situation during the last year. Seconded by Lizzie Yell.

MF asked the committee to consider how to use the £5K left from the grant. The club had to borrow SUPs and Canadian canoes for the water sports week. The committee to consider purchasing adult SUPs.

KH requested that it be noted that the club has a defibrillator on site.

MF suggested that with the ongoing COVID situation the club could look to improve the washing and changing facilities with a significant upgrade.



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SL presented a proposal from the Committee to change the membership rules. Currently the family membership allows for up to two adults and children aged 5-18. The committee propose a change to the family membership category to allow anyone aged between 18 and 25 to join the club with their parents under the family membership category. RJ explained that we are trying to encourage membership. When a young person gets to 18 in the present system they have to become a member in their own right as a student member. Very few do this and so as a results we lose that person from the club. KH asked if it would still apply if the offspring moved to their own house. It was agreed that it did not matter where you were living.

From:

5 MEMBERSHIP

c) Family membership applies to a family unit consisting of one or two parents and their children aged 5 to 18 years. Children under the age of 18 are not entitled to vote or to hold office at the club. Children below the age of 5 do not count when considering membership classes.

To:

Family membership applies to a family unit consisting of one or two parents and their children aged 5 to 18 years, **plus offspring aged between 18 and 25**. Children under the age of 18 are not entitled to vote or to hold office at the club.

Children below the age of 5 do not count when considering membership classes.

Proposed by Matthew Brown, seconded by Mark Foster and carried.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 28 November 2021.

The meeting closed at 15:23.