

Salterns Sailing Club

AGM Minutes 30th November 2014

Apologies: Ben Vines

Gina welcomed everybody to the AGM.

The minutes of the AGM held on 1st December 2013 were approved.

Reports

Commodore's Report : James Eady

James reported on a very successful year at Salterns. He enjoyed himself as Commodore and felt that over the year he had gained a lot and grown into the role. He reported on the many successful events that were run at Salterns over the course of the year and expressed his hope that the momentum and enthusiasm for the club continues to grow. This year's dedicated and hard-working JC and the MC were thanked. James encouraged the younger members of the JC to look to the future and consider aiming to run for Commodore. He felt huge honour at having been chosen and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

James presented Amelia Williams with the Silver Salver for her commitment to the Tera and Moth Racing over the whole season and the JC in general.

James handed over the role of Commodore for 2015 to Ollie Tait.

Presidents Report : Gina Bassett

Gina expressed her gratitude to both the JC and the MC for their hard work and commitment which ensured that everybody had a great sailing season. She gave special thanks to James – outgoing Commodore and the JC in general who have been a very strong coordinated group this year.

Gina thanked the following people:

Andrew Eady for his work as Junior Committee Liaison Officer and his work on the Opticubes;

Martin Gorman, who has been a member of the committee for at least 11 years, worked very hard behind the scenes this season, liaising with Hampshire County Council to secure the lease for Salterns to operate at the site for the next 25 years. Gina informed that one provision of the new lease is that the rent will not be fixed and will rise. In line with this, the membership will be increased to £170 per family per year (£140 early bird price if paid before 15/12/14).

The Trustees: Geoff, Oliver, Roger and Tony who give so freely of their time and take on a lot of the responsibility for the club. We all owe them a massive debt of gratitude. Special thanks were given to Oliver Dunn, who steps down this year. Gina welcomed David Simpson on board as a new trustee to replace him.

Kristy Powell. Gina reported on the success of the mini courses, introduced this season and run by Kristy, assisted by the JC. Together with Moppy camps the club have helped 90 children improve their sailing this year, making Salterns one of the best facilities in the area for learning to sail.

Marcus Melanaphy and Cliff Ayris, our Bosuns. Both work very hard work to keep all the club boats and the club house and grounds in a good state of repair. This is a relentless task. In addition to general repairs this year they have organised new covers for the moths and scows and have re-organised the boat kennels.

John Claridge : for the maintenance work that he completes behind the scenes.

Gina thanked Lisa Thatcher for all her hard work over the past two years as Membership Secretary in which she has successfully completed a very complicated overhaul of the membership systems. Lisa is stepping down from the MC this year and Pippa Russell will be taking her place.

Patricia Sey, who takes responsibility for the Club's accounts and liaises with the accountants. She has put in extra effort this year, despite being very busy in her own job, to bring the accounts up to date.

Birgitta Hancock, who is responsible for all the delicious catering at every event.

Helen Wood and Ben Vines, who ran Bronze Fleet this season. The fleet is a fantastic stepping stone for getting into racing and Salterns is well represented at regional and national level in scow, terra, laser and opi racing, by sailors who started in Bronze Fleet.

Mark Williams and David Smethurst, who have run all the moth and terra racing this year as well as helping to coordinate some of the amazing events we have had this year.

Nikki Mans and Meryl Armitage for a fantastic and successful Children in Need 2014.

Claire Atherton for her minute-taking and coordinating the calendar and duties.

The Club Members for their enthusiasm. It's been a brilliant year and most worked really hard towards making the club happy and successful, whether it was their official day to be on duty or not.

Toby Collins and the Associate Groups. We have forged new ties with Keyhaven Yacht Club, who use the club on Saturdays and the new Wild Geese group on a

Monday.

Gina reported that the opticubes have proved to be fantastic and we are looking to have similar associations with other clubs in the area with opticubes. She also highlighted the importance of the moths to the club. These were founder Major Hibbert's favourite boat – he was passionate about them and it is the aim of the club to try to get some of moth racing sailors to a national level in Major Hibbert's memory.

Honorary Secretary's Report: Lisa Thatcher

Lisa reported that 66 families joined at the start of the season which took the club to a full membership. There are still 84 families on the waiting list. All have children aged 7 and over so they all qualify to join but we cannot let them until we have spaces because the membership numbers have to be strictly controlled, per the lease. Very few resignations have been received so far this year so there are likely to be lots of disappointed families. Most of our new members last year attended the induction courses held at the club – these proved very successful and will be repeated this year. Lisa reminded everybody that renewals are now due for 2015. She had received a third of the renewals – both completed forms and payment by 17/11. Members will qualify for an early bird discount if they renew by 15/12. After this it will be full price and the deadline of 12/01 will be strictly adhered to – any member who does not renew by this date will lose their place at the club unless they have agreed alternative arrangements with Lisa and Gina.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Sey

Patricia reported that it has been a good year financially for the club. We have ongoing running repairs which are a financial commitment for the club and more care needs to be taken to really look after the club's boats to try to minimise the cost of repairs; wash down all the boats well after use and use them responsibly. Patricia touched on the membership fee increase, already discussed by Gina and reassured that whilst it is due to the rate increase incurred in the new lease, all monies are ploughed back into the club in the form of boat investment, repairs and running costs. Salterns is a strong, financially secure club, doing a fantastic job of supporting the kids in their sailing.

Rear Commodore (House): Birgitta Hancock

Birgitta thanked all who had helped her both with running the refreshments at all the successful events this year and with the continuing 'sprucing up' of the club. The next session for this will be in February 2015.

Rear Commodore (Sailing): Amelia Williams

Amelia reported on the packed 2014 sailing calendar. Amelia helped to run the terra and moth racing for the whole season which saw 17 racing in the terra fleet and 23 in the moth fleet. Barts Bash was also a huge success with Salterns sailors on the water numbering 100 over the course of the event.

Junior Liaison Officers Report: Andrew Eady

Andrew reported on what a great year the JC had had. They all learnt a lot, helping 90 children over the season of 32 sailing sessions and all the special events. Throughout, the JC were there with a smile and willing to help and they were a real credit to the club.

Old Salts Report: John Claridge

John talked about Major Hibbert, the founder of Salterns Sailing Club, who passed away earlier this year. His vision of a sailing club 'run by children and for the children' is the ethos of Salterns. John reminded everybody that every member or parent of a member of Salterns qualifies as an 'Old Salt'. Old Salts are encouraged to give back to the club as much as possible and John encouraged everybody to help as much as possible in the future and to give of their time freely. John thanked everybody on behalf of the Old Salts for their help in running the club and for a fantastic year. He noted that many sailors go on from their strong start at Salterns to become champions at regional, national and Olympic level.

Elections

Everyone present agreed with the proposals for the 2015 JC and the management roles. Ollie Tait will take over as Commodore. Ollie thanked James Eady and Andrew. He commended the 2014 MC and JC for running such a happy and successful club. Ollie has been a member at Salterns for 9 years and progressed to Zone Squad training all over the country. He raced Laser 4.7 boats with James at circuit and national level and currently is very involved with Keel boat racing and the Rib challenge. He also helped crew on a XOD Class Contessa at the 2014 Round The Island Yacht Race. He is very much looking forward to his stint as Commodore in 2015.

event was very well supported.

Bronze Fleet

Helen Woods awarded the prizes. Helen reported on a great season.

1st : Oliver Vines Most Improved: Harry Stembridge

Commodore's Clock

Louisa Briggs presented the Commodore's Clock to outgoing Commodore, James Eady.

Salterns Spirit

This is awarded for contribution to the club that goes above and beyond the call of duty. This year the Spirit Cup was given to the Overton-West Family who, it was noted, are always smiling and happy to help.

Gold Pennant Award

James Eady awarded this prize, posthumously to his friend and fellow sailor, Jess Eales. Jess was already in line to receive this award when she tragically passed away in the summer. She had a fantastic rise to fame following her successful start at Salterns at age 7. She sailed regionally and nationally in RS Fevers and had 29er success. Earlier this year she and her partner won 11th place in Portugal in the Youth Sailing World Championship, sailing a catamaran SL16. Jess was a clever, modest, gifted sailor who was just at the start of an amazing career in sailing.

In Jess' memory, Salterns has dedicated a Moth – to be named 'Jessica' and painted indigo, which was the colour of Jess' first boat.

Andrew Eady read a 'thank you' letter from Jess' parents and brother – Nick, Annette and James.

AOB

Patricia thanked Gina for all her amazing hard work and dedication as President of the Club.

The meeting was ended at 4.15 pm.