

## FRAMPTON ON SEVERN SAILING CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2021

#### MINUTES

**Note.** The meeting was conducted under HM Government restrictions and advice with regards to Covid. Two attendees were self-isolating and other Club members were minimizing risks against inside meetings. The requirement for a minimum of 30 persons attending the agm was suspended by the Commodore and Hon Sec against the above issues affecting numbers of members attending noting that there were 28 attendees.

**All reports referenced in these minutes are posted on the Clubs web site.**

**1. Welcome.** The Commodore welcomed attendees and expressed his pleasure at serving the Club for 4 years as its Commodore.

**2. Commodores Report.** Members discussed the outline proposals related to the wet bar. The Commodore informed the meeting that these proposals were the first iterations of a possible way forward and had been produced by a small subcommittee. After further discussions it was agreed that future proposals would be considered by a wider group not limited to the Main Committee with a view of reaching a costed consensus before the next agm.

**3. Hon Secs Report.** Noted

**4. Hon Treasures Report.** Unfortunately, illness prevented the Treasures attendance.

- The size of grants awarded to the Club in the last year was questioned. Hon Sec set out the reasons as the Club was now a registered 'rate paying business' and this made it eligible for the Covid Business support Grant and as a Sports club, also eligible for a grant to support it whilst closed by HMG Regulations. Receipt of grants were checked with SDC and the money was spend in buying boats that could be used during covid restrictions and compensating for income loss.
- It was confirmed that £3600 had been spent of weed control
- Junior week contributed £400 to the Club.

**5. Sailing Sec Report.** This report had not been posted and the Sailing Sec read it out. Mike Crowley was congratulated on becoming Club Champion.

**7. Social Secs Report.** The post of Social Sec had been vacant for some time, However Bruce Lowe was standing for this post and better things were anticipated for next year.

**7. Membership Secs Report.** The growth in membership numbers was noted and welcomed. This raised questions as why attendance for racing event were down. In response the chair explained this was a general theme seen across most RYA affiliated clubs. Racing was being encouraged through juniors and Pro Am racing.

**8. Berthing Sec.** There was no report, Hon Sec reported that berthing was well managed and there had been few problems. Boats without known owners had been addressed and there were now only 6 left to resolve

**9. Training Report.** The RYA Principal indicated how well training had gone despite restriction due to Covid and a full program was planned for next year. The meeting expressed their gratitude to the Powerboat Sec for all her efforts in selecting and purchasing a suitable replacement for the Dory.

**10. On Board Report.** Problems associated with one candidate testing positive reduced the amount of activity. It was hoped that a wider group young persons would attend next year, and members were asked to inform any Youth Group they knew of this opportunity.

**11. Sailability Report.** Hon Sec confirmed that sailing the Access Boats in a 'weedy lake' had been a challenge, but this had been achieved as this activity was a key aspect of the sailability experience. It was noted that many of the young person's undertaking D of E awards had now moved to or were going to University and this could be a problem for next year. Members were requested to contact schools running the Dof E scheme offering sailability as an opportunity to complete their social support element.

**12. Bar Managers Report.** There was now a locked fridge downstairs for use.

**13. Approval of rule changes.**

- **21(a)** Approved
- **21(c)** Approved
- **21(g)** Approved
- **23(c)** Approved
- **29(h)** Not Approved
- **29(i)** Approved

29(H). Members considered there was a risk of proxy votes been cast before due discussion.

**14. Approval of Election of Honorary Members.** The Hon Sec set out the contributions to the Club by Barry and David had made and were continuing to make to the Club. The members unanimously voted to elect: **Barry Clarkson** and **David Greenfield** as Honorary Members of the Club.

**15. Appointment of 2021/22 General Committee.**

- **Officers.** Members voted unanimously to elect Offices listed in the agenda notice.
- **Members.** Members voted unanimously to elected Members in the agenda notice.

**16. Change of officers.** Tony Heming took the chair thanking David Coates for all his contributions to the Club over the last 4 years.

**17. Any Other Business.**

- The possibility of introducing 'grass eating carp' into the lake was raised, The Commodore agreed to raise this with the fishing club at the planned meeting in 2 weeks' time.

- The cost of weed cutting was raised to seek confirmation that was not limiting this. The Commodore confirmed that money was not the issue rather than the constraints set by Natural England. This led to a wide-ranging discussion as to the weed problems as:
  - There was a complex balance between weed cutting, nitrite levels and blue green algae.
  - In the later part of the year there as a significant algae bloom that posed a risk to the fish stocks.
  - Barley straw was used to leach chemicals into the water to reduce the risk of an algae bloom.
  - Current cutting license expires in 2022 and there were significant risks as to its renewal in its current form.
  - The levels of nitrates could be attributed to farming and liquid human waste spreading.
  - The Countryside Stewardship was known to the Club.
  - The small weed group had to be expanded to deal with challenges in 2022.
  - Weed cutting and removal will be managed in 2022 against the growing knowledge of the weed issues.
  - The Club to consider improvement in weed clearing above using the Wheely Boat with pitch forks.
- Issues of being informed of outstand membership dues and completing online payment were raised, problems seemed to be related to failure in email messaging. This was to be reported back to membership sec.

**17. Jim Kay Trophy.** Malcolm Payton was elected as the recipient for the 2020/21 award.

**18. Meeting closed at 21 40.**

## Attendance

D Coates  
T Hemming  
A Crofts  
B Lowe  
P Bennett  
J Bennett  
M Payton  
L Pedrick  
D M  
D Hemmings  
S Peoples  
D Crocker  
K Elsey  
I Cook  
S Hawkins  
R James  
M Crowley  
P kirk  
R Cyphus  
M Spicer  
M Carver  
S Benyon  
L Marshall  
D McFarlane  
P Dalton  
A Murfin  
P Elder  
M Farr

## Apologies

D Greenfield  
J Barrance  
T Emery  
P Jordan  
J Lilley  
L Cook  
I Haywood