

5ks CSSA Annual General Meeting – Zoom

10th April 2021

1. Seventeen members present – list attached

2. Apologies

from David Richards; Andy Smith; Alison Hutton; John Ainsworth

3. Awards

Brian Grubb is retiring after 15 years as CSSA Treasurer. He has consistently secured funding from CSSC for a range of Club activities and has successfully achieved the difficult task of negotiating the receipt of the funds from the Maurice Gates bequest.

In order to mark this and his previous work for POG, the Club proposed to make him an Honorary Life Member.

Proposed General Committee

Agreed nem con

4. Commodore's address

Despite the challenges of operating during the pandemic, CSSA has delivered safe sailing. Members continue to join at a steady rate. Our finances are healthy and clubs have not had to draw on the financial safety net.

It is proposed that both IDOR and the Dinghy Championships will be held in June but both are challenged by the pandemic.

Owing to the lack of activity since the last AGM in November 2020, there is no Annual Report this year. Instead, the Commodore's address is attached to these minutes.

Proposed Brian Barnes

Seconded James Savage

Agreed nem con.

5. Report on Accounts

Brian Grubb gave his final report on the accounts, which have, as seen on screen, been signed by the Auditors and Treasurer.

There were no questions.

Adoption of the accounts

Proposed – Dave Grundy

Seconded Pete Shuttleworth

Agreed by all, without further discussion.

Maurice Gates bequest.

Brian reported that the Charities Commission have agreed the ex gratia payment to CSSA, with the proviso that, as we are not an incorporated organisation, the monies are held by our solicitors.

We shall have to pay the charities' legal costs. We shall try to recover our costs of £16k from the estate. Brian hopes the final payment will be about £300k.

There were no questions.

The many congratulations to Brian were led by James Savage.

Handover arrangements

Dave Grundy has been shadowing Brian for several months. The suggestion is that Brian remains part of the Management Group until all the handovers are completed.

He should become "Assistant Treasurer" during this period; Dave Grundy should be Treasurer from today.

Agreed by all, nem con.

Audit Services

It was proposed we continue to appoint Azets Audit Services as our auditors who have served us well for many years.

Proposed Brian Grubb

Seconded Dave Grundy

Agreed by all, nem con.

6. Motions submitted

- (i) Electronic membership
A request from the General Committee for clarification of this Motion remains unresolved.
It was proposed to “park” this proposal for now.
Agreed, nem con.

- (ii) Statement on gender
The details are on the CSSA website had been fully endorsed by the General Committee
Agreed by all, nem con.

7. Note appointment of General Committee

Graham Dalton to continue as Commodore
Andrew Selves and James Savage are beginning their second term as Rear Commodores.
Welcome Dave Grundy, new Treasurer.

No other business; meeting closed at 1200 noon.

Brian Stevenson
General Secretary

Commodore's address – CSSA AGM 2021 – to 31st December 2020

General

Needless to say, the coronavirus pandemic made 2020 a challenging year for most of us.

Despite the difficult backdrop, it is very good to be able to report that CSSA's member Clubs have delivered sailing within COVID restrictions. And there have been no COVID outbreaks within CSSA.

A financial safety net was put in place by CSSA. It is great news that no Club has had cause to call on it in 2020. The safety net remains in place for 2021 to help address any hardships that our Clubs may yet face.

You will recall that last year's AGM was postponed until November 2020 due to COVID restrictions. There has been precious little opportunity for sailing between last November. Club reports are posted on the CSSA web pages. Here are a few highlights to bring you up to date.

Membership

Ken Pavitt reports that despite the reduced sailing activity and travel restrictions, new members have been joining at a steady rate. Plans to streamline membership procedures with the CSSC have been stalled by COVID.

Finances

We'll discuss the finances further in a few minutes. In short, the CSSA's finances remain healthy and in a strong position to weather the COVID storm. Individual Clubs were in a position to survive 2020 but 2021 presents a continuing challenge.

Events

Sadly, our national yacht and dinghy competitions were cancelled in 2020.

Clubs

Clubs have found that online meetings have been an effective way to meet when we cannot do so in person.

Progress was made on a new land lease for **POG**. The CSSA and the CSSC have agreed to a lease directly between POG and CSSC. This replaces the former Head lease between CSSC and CSSA and sub-lease to POG. It simplifies the leasing arrangement and reduces legal costs and Stamp Duty Land Tax. POG's introduction of electronic Newsletters has been successful and has already saved over £2,000 with about 37% of members having opted to have their copy by email.

Jumbles Sailing Club managed a few months of socially distanced sailing/racing and maintained social contact with safe walks and on-line quizzes during lockdown. Grant support from the local council eased the financial pressures from periods of club closure. Plans for 2021 include the possible development of a Canoe/Stand Up Paddleboard section.

5 Kingdoms Sailing Club started optimistically in 2020. YNOT was set to cruise the Orkneys, race on the Mersey and deliver RYA practical training on the Clyde through the 5KSC Sea School. The RYA were persuaded to agree delivery of basic RYA practical training on the highly tidal Mersey. After an abandoned season, development and scenario planning is expected to increase recruitment and sailing opportunities in 2021.

Sailing in 2020 at **Rutland CSSC** was a challenge. However, those who were happy to sail within the Covid guidelines did manage to get out on the water and enjoy some freedom and space aboard one of the two Squibs or the Soling keelboats. Boat Husband team was key to 2020's successes.

CSORC started the 2020 season optimistically with a trial sail in February on Volunteer, the First 40.7 run by the RNVRSC. The next event, a Sunsail Race Series event, fell on the weekend immediately prior to the first lockdown and was cancelled, and that was that. The nature of CSORC sailing involving bigger crews and sharing cabins meant that further sailing was not practicable.

The future

The CSSA and its constituent Clubs are now well prepared to deliver sailing within the ongoing COVID restrictions in the coming 2021 season including national dinghy and yacht championships. Enjoy your sailing.

List of "Attenders"

Graham Dalton; Paul Brereton; Brian Stevenson; Brian Grubb; Pete Shuttleworth; Jeffrey Llewellyn;

Stephen Collins; Brian Barnes; David Grundy; Tim Hore; Eileen Kitts; Peter Hardy;

Andrew Deyes; James Savage; Shellie Rogers; Fiona Jack; Stuart Dawes

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