Arden Sailing Club 57th AGM 18th February 2018

Meeting opened at 1000 at the ASC clubhouse by acting Chairman Ralph Evans.,

Present : Keith Hodges, Ralph Evans, Helen Williams, David Harris, Kevin Williams, David Brydon, Steve Ryder, Barry Kent, Steve Trzoska, Ken Pinfield. Julian Smith.

Apologies : Niall Campbell, J. Smee, , David Yule, T. Wood, Kevin Powel, Keith Stevens,

Minutes of 2015 AGM : Matters arising from previous AGM dealt with during the meeting. Proposed – David Brydon. Seconded – David Harris. Unanimously agreed

Chairman's report : No report prepared for last year due to the chairman having stepped down from the committee in April 2017, and the position remaining vacant.

As little has significantly changed since the previous AGM, the 2017 report was read out and discussed, and relevant points addressed.

Officers' Reports

Commodore :

In the absence of the commodore, the vice-commodore addressed the membership present.
Fewer boats have been on the water this year, indicating that only the more regular attendees to the club have sailed in the organised racing programme and very few have been involved in free sailing activities.

This years visit to Saundersfoot is to be encouraged, as well as safe open water sailing it is a good social gathering for members to get to know each other better.

Treasurer :

Overall income increased by over £2000. This was due to a number of things.
Subscriptions were increased last year, we had a donation of a Comet dinghy which we valued potentially at £600 and we had more full paying members. So although entrance fees were down, indicating fewer new members we did not lose many members.
The Dragon Boaters increased their affiliation fee which is now shown as a separate item.
Training course income also remained at a healthy level. However the committee doubt this can be sustained due to the reduction in the number of instructors.

Expenses were also higher.
We had a one off legal fee, £1060, the cost of renewing our lease.
We felt the full impact of the rent increase.
Maintenance costs of£784 were incurred for the safety boat and £309 for the lawn mowers.
Heat water and light includes gas heater servicing.
Additions to our tangible fixed assets are a Toyatsu engine for the Jaffa safety boat £1635 and the donated Comet (estimated value £600).
Despite quite considerable expenses in 2017 our cash in the bank is more or less unchanged.
Having served on the committee for over 28years and being Treasurer for 18 years I am giving notice that I do not intend to stand again after this coming year. A transition to a new Treasurer during 2018 would be the ideal way forward.
Keith Stevens
Honourable Treasurer

Boatswain :

A quiet year regarding maintenance, the slip way is still in need of repair.

The Bosun has decided to retire from the committee, leaving the position vacant

Social Secretary :

The social secretary position still remains vacant. It falls to the remaining committee members to fill the gap where and when necessary.

5. Election of Officers of the committee :

There is no Chairman, Bosun, Sailing secretary or Press / Communications officer.

The current remaining committee members have agreed to stand for a further 12 months in the same roles. Julian Smith has agreed to take over the role of Bosun. Discussions will continue at the next committee meeting to cover the remaining committee role vacancies

Vote for all members standing again, Proposed – Ralph Evans, Seconded – Kevin Williams. Unanimously agreed

The treasurer has indicated that he will be unable to continue in the role and later this year he will step down from the committee, Steve Ryder will take over as treasurer when the time comes.

The commodore has also indicated he will step down from the committee this year.

The Vice commodore will also take over the sailing secretary role for 2018.

6. Appointment of Auditor :

Proposed and unanimously agreed to re-appoint accountants Jerroms Priddey.

Review of membership fees :

Small increase in membership fees for 2018

Proposed increase :
Family - £105 to £110
Single - £100 to £105
Boat parking from £80 to £85, and extra boats from £25 to £30

ANT annual payment will remain the same as in 2017.

Vote to increase membership fees, Proposed -David Brydon, Seconded - Helen Williams. Unanimously agreed.

Any Other Business :

Thanks to the committee for all of the work achieved this year.

We will endeavour to use the website and social media to try and increase club membership and encourage existing members to participate in the club sailing activities this year. We will try to find better ways to communicate with the membership for group sailing activities outside of the organised programme of sailing on Sunday each week.

Having the last Sunday in each month designated a free sailing day, and opening up the dinghy sailing course days for members to enjoy free sailing is considered a good opportunity to get less experienced members on the water.

Communication with the general membership to be considered due to the lack of regular newsletters being produced, so that members can keep abreast of any club developments etc.

Meeting closed at 1125