Arden Sailing Club 58th AGM 12th March 2019

Meeting opened at 2000 at the ASC clubhouse by acting Chairman Ralph Evans.,

Present : Keith Hodges, Ralph Evans, Helen Williams, David Harris, Kevin Williams, David Brydon, , Barry Kent, Steve Trzoska, Ken Penfield. Julian Smith. Kevin Powell Keith Stevens, Christine Stevens,

Apologies : Niall Campbell, J. Smee, , David Yule, T. Wood, , Steve Ryder, Malcolm Colledge, Robin Evans.

Minutes of 2018 AGM : Matters arising from previous AGM dealt with during the meeting. Proposed – Steve Trzoska. Seconded – Ken Penfield

Chairman's report : No report prepared for last year due to the chairman position at the club remaining vacant.

Officers' Reports

Commodore :

I have been Commodore since Richard left and vice commodore before that for many years, it was being a committee member which was really just increasing the depth of participation in the club's activities and that was certainly beneficial to me and I hope to the club.
I am grateful to the members for making the club one where I have enjoyed sailing and hope to continue doing that whenever I can.

Treasurer :

Overall income increased by over £2000. This was due to a number of things.
Notable items from this year's accounts:
Fewer members meant less subscription income, down £750 from the previous year. This is likely to further reduced in the coming year as at least 3 long standing family members are leaving.
On the positive side, David Harris made a £200 donation for being able to use the clubhouse for shore-based courses.
Training although reduced gave us a profit of £363.
Expenditure generally was down although we did purchase a Comet from Robin Evans for club use. We have also received the insurance settlement for the stolen outboard which added £1540 to the bank balance. At the end of the year we have a higher bank balance than the same time last year.
Having purchased the additional Comet we have written off two GP14's that were in poor condition and no longer had any material value.

It is with some satisfaction that I can hand over the treasury reins to Steve Ryder with the club in a financially healthy position.
Keith Stevens
Hon. Treasurer

Boatswain :

A quiet year regarding maintenance, the slip way is still in need of repair.
Club fleet of boats in a healthy condition, now comprising of 2 GP 14 dinghies, 3 Comets and a topper.
Jaffa safety boat engine was stolen from the cub late last year, Insurance has paid full value of the engine, consideration to replace with a smaller engine to run on both the Jaffa and a small inflatable boat.
Picnic tables to be replaced this year once the season gets underway.
Work parties this year were attended by the same people who usually attend, it is notable that the dragon boaters have so far not been involved with maintenance. This is an issue which needs addressing.

Sailing Secretary :

So how did we do in 2018-19. we have 14 active helms and sailed
18 spring handicap
41 pursuit
31 strensham
36 handicap
7 thurlow
2 ent
17 comet
24 commodores cup
on average our one day series races attract 5 helms. Only 5 helms actually sailed sufficient races in any series to qualify. We were asked to try a free sailing day each month to encourage non racing sailing. However this was not well supported. The bad news for next year is that we already know that that number will be down to 11. We have also struggled to find OOD and where we have had an OOD they have generally not been assisted. Many thanks to those that have stood in and helped. What are we going to do for next year. The committee have looked at the programme and have made some changes. We will keep the pursuit Strensham commodores and comet trophies. we will again run the monthly one day series and our RNLI day. For the first time we will not sail until the end of March and the program will not break for the clubs outing to Saundersfoot. The commodores cup will be open to all. We will again try a handicap competition based on changing personal handicaps. All handicaps will change for every race based on the mathematical methods used for NHC methods but starting with our normal PY numbers. More maths for me as they will have to be worked out after each race on the computer. The non race day has been dropped. We will have 26 weeks of racing and will need 52 officer days so that means that those of us that race must expect to do 4/5 duties. We have left the weekend of the Wardle trophy clear and I would

encourage members to put their boats on their trailers and go and have a sail on someone elses water. Sadly for the first time in many many years we will only manage to put 2 boats on the start line at Saundersfoot. Which used to be the Clubs holiday away on water that didn't require you to tack every 30 seconds. I can only say come and try it. its not too late to enter.
To sum I can only say that we are a club approaching a crisis. We are a sailing club that is not really sailing and we desparately need to increase the pool of members to get more boats onto the water. You the membership need to decide how we go forward.

Social Secretary :

No Report

5. Election of Officers of the committee :

There is no Chairman, or Press / Communications officer.

Most of the current remaining committee members have agreed to stand for a further 12 months in the same roles.
Steve Ryder has agreed to take over the role of Treasurer. Keith Stevens has agreed to take over the role of Commodore after Niall Campell stood down, Helen Williams has agreed to take over the role of Club secretary after Steve Trzoska stood down

Vote for all members standing, Proposed – Ken Penfield, Seconded – Kevin powell. Unanimously agreed

6. Appointment of Auditor :

Unanimously agreed to re-appoint accountants Jerroms

Proposed – Kevin Wlilliams Seconded – Bary Kent. Unanimously agreed

Review of membership fees :

Membership fees remain unchanged for 2019

Family - £110
Single - £105
Boat parking £85, and extra boats £30

Any Other Business :

Trustees for the club identified to those present, following a question from Barry Kent.

Presentation Dinner venue arrangements agreed by Helen Williams, the occasion will be held at the Oak in Defford.

Meeting ended at 2055.