Arden Sailing Club 60th Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23rd February 2021 8pm by Zoom

Minutes

1. Apologies:- Kevin Powell

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM:- Proposed Ralph Evans Seconded David Yule

3. Matters arising from 2020 AGM minutes:- None

4. Officers Reports:-

Commodore:- We know this past year has been difficult, so I will not dwell on the negatives. On a positive note, we have had some sailing and along with a few others I have enjoyed 5 or 6 social sails. Although on one or maybe two occasions we did have an informal race without an OOD thanks to Steve Ryders camera skills.
Other positives have been the start of stand-up paddle boarding at the club thanks to James Wittering and his training venture, the other is our new partnership with the Evesham Sea Cadets who will be affiliated members this year and hopefully for many years to come. Jane Winfield is already actively involved in a grant application to install our second slipway. Thank you Jane, we will all benefit if the application is successful.
I think this year all of us now involved with the club need to get our heads together to look at how the club is run and managed collectively to ensure it works and develops for everyone.
Thank you to the committee who have continued throughout the year to keep things running and David Brydon for keeping the site looking good throughout the year. Other members have also contributed in many ways.
I look forward to seeing all members back at the club as soon as we are allowed. I think the earliest date for re-opening the outdoor facilities being the 29th March.

Hon. Treasurer:- Obviously 2020 has been a unique year on so many levels, the good news is that the club is still viable and the prospects for the future are looking very promising.
I think we made the right decision to try and support our members through the pandemic by not imposing any subscriptions except latterly to just pay for the parking of our boats and I would like to

commend all of our members and the affiliated clubs for their supportive behaviour.
It is easy to forget that Arden Sailing Club is a fabulous site with great facilities and access to the water in a truly stunning location, sailing on the river alongside herons with beautiful scenery always leaves me feeling more at peace and at one with nature and somehow the worlds troubles recede…. for a while at least.
So we have the opportunity to share this with others.
Whilst our membership numbers are still low, in the last year we have initiated new ventures that should both financially and socially improve our status. With low numbers we needed to diversify and become more adaptable which is what we have done, if we can offer a broad range of activities at our site alongside the traditional dinghy sailing then this will encourage new families and organisations to consider our site to be a "one stop shop" for waterborne activities and hopefully this will be a virtuous circle for all involved.
This year we have started an arrangement with James Wittering with his Stand Up Paddleboards and are in the process of welcoming the Evesham Sea Cadets to partner with us, both of which will encourage greater utilisation of the site. We still have a great arrangement with Pershore Phoenix who have been very supportive during these trying times and our landlord has also been very positive with our plans.
I wish I could say that Wychavon District Council had also been supportive during the pandemic but after applying for grants we have not received a penny from them or any of the other organisations that might have been expected to help.
So, to the numbers See Accounts.
Proposed David Bryden Seconded Ken Pinfield.

Boatswain:- There are a few repairs that we may be able to get on with in March. Also, some Trees left to pollard including the one on site unless we can get to these before 28th Feb we will be prevented because of disturbing nesting birds.

Hon. Sailing Secretary:- Good evening all. A short report this year. As we are all well aware in March of last year the country went into lockdown restrictions. Sports clubs were forced to cease their activities and our season planned to start in Mid March was put on hold. Whilst restrictions on actual activities were slowly lifted by the middle of the summer our on shore facilities basically remained off limits. Our training courses were cancelled for the year as it was virtually impossible to socially distance in the 2 man boats that we use for training. Likewise the Wardle trophy event that we were due to hold went the same way. On that subject we have offered to roll our holding of that event over

to this year. A small amount of social sailing and impromptu competition did manage to take place and well done to those souls that supported the events. However, our organised scheduled programme remained suspended. Our week away at Saundersfoot fell victim to the virus which was a shame as David Yule had been persuaded to come and try a change of venue. Sadly, I suspect that that will be the status this year.
Assuming that all goes to plan March the 29th is the key date for us though indoor facilities will remain off limits for some months to com. The sailing program has in principle been carried forward from last year. Due to the limited number of members, we will try with only a single nominated OOD per session and in the case of multi event days organise the race officer on the day from those that wish to participate. Race rules being adjusted to reflect best 2 results to count.
Hopefully after a year that none of us expected we can all enjoy some sailing this year. Thank you.

5. Election of Officers and committee:- Re-election on block Preposed David Bryden, Seconded David Yule

Officers

Commodore	Keith Stevens
Chairman	
Vice Commodore	Ralph Evans
Hon. Sailing Secretary	
Hon. Treasurer	Steve Ryder
Boatswain	Kevin Williams
Hon. Secretary	Helen Williams

General Committee (4-8)

Training Centre Principal	Kenneth Pinfield
Social Secretary	
Publicity officer	
Kevin Powell	

6. Appointment of Auditor:- (Currently Jerromes):- Proposed Ralph Evans, Seconded Kevin Williams.

7. Review of Subscriptions:- committee no proposing any changes in subs. David Yule requested confirmation of when subs due, Confirmed 1st April. Treasurer to send out reminders in March hopefully only spring handicap will be affected by Covid restrictions this coming year so full fees will be expected. David Bryden suggested we should look at what restrictions are in place or proposed to be lifted before people have to pay possible letting people postpone paying. David Yule agreed with the suggestion of a longer period to pay. Keith Stevens said the committee would consider these suggestions in light of the situation in March when

the reminders would need to be sent out. Hopefully by then it would be clearer what restrictions would apply. Craig and Ken Pinfield expressed hope we could be flexible. Steve Ryder confirmed the committee would discuss before reminders went out in light of government rule as applied at the time. David Bryden expressed confidence that the Treasurer and the committee would use their discretion in forging the best path through. Keith Stevens said he would discuss with the Phoenix Dragon Boaters and the Sea Cadets what payment timings would suit them best. Linda commented that Phoenix had lost many, but were hopeful that a return to Training would result in may of those people returning also.

8. Any Other Business:- David Bryden asked about the planning application for Caravan Park at Strensham Marine. Seve Ryder stated Defford Village was opposed to plan. Discussion followed of possible Vandalism or other nascence issues as reasons for objection from ASC. David Bryden also noted the plans submitted seemed to show Jetties on the Strensham Marine site that they had previously been forced to remove. Steve Ryder said he would liaise with Defford Village and respond to Wychavon council pointing out the discrepancies in the plans.

Craig offered his assistance with publicity, and his thanks for the welcome of the Sea Cadets.

Keith Stevens declared the meeting closed at 21.10 hours.