Arden Sailing Club
64th Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 25th February 2025 8pm
At The Clubhouse

Minutes

1. **Apologies: -**
   David Haherall, Eoin McCarthy.
2. **Minutes of 2024 AGM: -**
   Proposed S Ryder Secon K Pinfield. Approved by the meeting.
3. **Matters arising from 2024 AGM minutes: -**
   None.
4. **Officers Reports: -**

Commodore:

Welcome to the 64th AGM of the Arden Sailing Club.
This year has been another fickle year for weather, creating more than an average number of floods. Climate change or not its certainly having an impact on how often we have access to the water. Despite this we have achieved some very enjoyable sailing sessions, sadly fewer than ever with racing due to the low number of boats on the water. We can only do our best to encourage more people to sail. To this end Ralph Evans our Senior Sailing instructor hopes to run a level one and two dinghy sailing course this year.
I must congratulate Steve Ryder, a very competent power boat handler, who achieved instructor status at the end of last year and now hopes to run power boat courses starting this year.
My thanks go to the committee, Ralph Evans Vice Commodore and Bosun, Helen Williams Secretary and Training Principle, Steve Ryder Treasurer and Sailing Secretary and Ken Pinfield who supports us all. Myself plus this small band of people have held the club together now for many years and are willing to continue for the coming year. However, this cannot continue for much longer as some of us become very long in the tooth. Something will have to change if the club is to continue, so we need to start thinking about that now.
I would like to thank David Bryden once again for mowing and keeping the site so neat and Simon Newman who has assisted in numerous ways this year. Other members have given their assistance when needed plus the Pheonix Dragon Boaters and Wittering SUP.
I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season on the water.

Hon. Treasurer:

This is our annual opportunity to look at the big picture financially.

So financially how are we doing? …. I think we are doing well
Our rent from George Revill has gone up from £600 a quarter to £750 a quarter
but we have put up the rent from

Evesham Sea Cadets	£100 a month to £140 a month
Pershore Phoenix	£100 a month to £140 a month
Wittering SUP	Occasional to £150 a month

So, from £250 a month(£3000pa) to £430 a month (£5160pa)
We have kept membership subs similar but will now charge more for training to be in line with other clubs and institutions.
In 2024 we did:

28/02/24	PIR lighting of boat store area	£104.00
04/03/24	PIR lighting of the rest of the clubhouse	£404.89
04/03/24	Grass seed	£ 48.00
01/08/24	Blinds	£551.00
12/10/24	Starters hut door repair	£159.33

Just over £1250

BALANCES
We have made a profit if you look at the accounts and it is heading in the right direction and we have spent a lot of money-making great improvements to the club that should last for many years to come:
Electricity and water are under control
LED replacements
Timer switches on the boilers
Water meter
Water consumption has improved, maybe no major leaks this year?
We now have better controls on the water heating

If we look at the accounts, we are slightly positive and that is with dwindling membership.
We are not a profit driven organisation so only need to make enough….
But we do need to operate the club as efficiently and sensibly as possible to maximise the pleasure for the members whilst minimising the fees the members have to pay.
We need to preserve the stability of the club financially with enough of a margin in the bank to weather any unexpected demands.
We have changed our pricing structure charging more for training, we have asked our site partners for an increase in their rent.
In the past few years, we have increased our income by diversifying and bringing in other income streams.

So, looking to the future
Save money by continuing with swopping out old inefficient technology and replace it with more energy efficient technology, we need more members
I mentioned it last year, it might be interesting to look again at solar, at the moment there don't appear to be any grants but I am keeping an eye on this and reviewing it regularly.

Accounts Proposed R Evans, Seconded K Hodges. Approved by the meeting

Boatswain:

A short report this year. Following on from the major site works in 2023. This last year has been a year of consolidation. The lower area to the left of the site is now integrated and useable. The area where the boat trailers are parked has been substantially recovered from the undergrowth and is now in a condition where regular mowing can take place. No further work has been completed on the right-hand frontage but the good news is that the collapsed are appears to have been stabilised.

What are the plans for the coming year. Hopefully if we get some decent weather then the Right-hand frontage is in the plan for completion. In a change from our usual format, we have dropped one of our early seasons working days and replace it with a day in the summer where hopefully the weather will be better for painting etc. We might even manage a BBQ with that day.

Mowing still represents a significant chore for us. Many thanks are again due to David Bryden for his efforts to keep things ship shape. Following on from last year's efforts to set a collector up on the more powerful of our 2 mowers with limited success. The club has purchased a tow behind sweeper to improve matters. The original mower is still suffering with belt problems. Belts have been replaced again but we have decided to move it on.

Thanks again go out to the usual stalwarts that turn out year on year for the working parties, with special thanks due to Helen for providing the lunches to keep us going.

The tree pruning is complete for this year. next weekend we plan to clear the site of some of the boats that have been abandoned on the club site.

We have just placed orders for new covers to protect our training fleet.

Within the club house we have replaced all bulb/tubes with LED fittings. PIRs have been fitted within the toilet/changing areas. Some work is still needed to get the fans to work with the new set up.

Thank you

Hon. Sailing Secretary:

2025 Program will be published this week.

5. Election of Officers and committee: -

Officers	**Current Members**
Commodore	Keith Stevens
Chairman	
Vice Commodore	Ralph Evans
Boatswain	
Hon. Treasurer	Steve Ryder
Hon. Sailing Secretary	
Hon. Secretary	Helen Williams
General Committee (4-8)	
Training Centre Principal	Helen Williams
Social Secretary	
Publicity officer	
Other Members	Kenneth Pinfield

Proposed K Hodges re-elect on block, Seconded E McCarthy Approved by the meeting.

6. **Appointment of Auditor** (Currently Jerroms): -
   Proposed R Evans Seconded S Ryder. Approved by the meeting.
7. **Review of Membership Fees: -**
   No Changes Proposed.
8. **Future of Club: -**
   Discussion on how to increase numbers and how to involve Pheonix in **particular in the future of the site.**
9. **Rent review / Lease extension: -**
   Inform membership that renewal is due at the end of 2026 and decisions on the future need to be made to enable discussions to take place.
10. **Any Other Business: -**
    Phoenix has members who want to do Powerboat courses. Also looking for safety Boat for 7th Sep Pershore Regatta.
11. **Meeting Closed at 21.09**