



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 1st August 2016 – Looe Sailing Club, 1830 start.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Eli Pegg, Kevin Gosling, Adrian Smith. Alex Hayman

2. **Minutes from the meeting on Monday 10th August 2015 at Lyme Sailing Club:**

Minutes from last year's meeting were available. There were no amendments and were therefore approved unanimously. Proposed by Carol Haines, seconded Sandra Smith. These were signed off as being a true account by Jerry Hannabuss current NSA Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising from the minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

See attached report by Jerry Hannabuss

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 were circulated and presented to the meeting by Jerry Hannabuss.

Jerry reported that in terms of income membership fees were down slightly from £2490 in 2014 to £2440 in 2015. Expenditure was also down in 2015, £3535 compared to £4654 in 2014 – this left us with a deficit of £995 compared to 2014 which was £1753. He also pointed out that some of the expenditure for 2015 has rolled over to 2016 and will therefore show up on the 2016 finance report – an example of this are the Dinghy Show fees. Jerry also gave the meeting an over view of this year's finances - See attached reports. The Association accounts have been audited by Andy McKee – Andy was thanked for his time. The meeting voted in favour of the Treasurer's Report: proposed by Chris Yates, seconded by Steve Walker.

6. **Election of Officers:**

Current Committee positions:

Jerry Hannabuss – Chairman & Treasurer

Carol Haines – President

Jo Mahy – Class and Membership Secretary

Pete Gray – Events (North) and Silver Scorpion

Hannah and Ryan Buchanan – Events (South)

Linda Wolfenden – Nationals Co-ordinator

Alex Hayman – Technical Advisor

John Purdie – Website
Nicola Willars – General Member
Carl Jones – PR and Advertising
Simon Forbes – Sponsorship
Amy Forbes – Prizes and Sponsorship

Chairman and Treasurer

Jerry Hannabuss is happy to continue as Chairman and Treasurer of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

President

Carol Haines is happy to continue as President of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

Class and Membership Secretary

Jo Mahy is happy to continue as Class and Membership Secretary of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

Events (North) and Silver Scorpion

Pete Gray is happy to continue as Events (North) and Silver Scorpion of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

Events (South)

Hannah and Ryan Buchanan are happy to continue as Events (South) of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore both remain on the Committee.

Nationals Co-ordinator

Linda Wolfenden is happy to continue as Nationals Co-ordinator of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

Technical Advisor

Alex Hayman resigned prior to the AGM in writing to the Class Secretary, Chris Turner was approached as a replacement and has agreed to take this office on. The Committee would like to thank Alex for his contribution to the Class over the last 2 years and to welcome Chris on to the Committee.

No other nominations occurred so Chris was elected onto the Committee.

Website

John Purdie is happy to continue as Website Master of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

General Member

Nicola Willars is happy to continue as General Member of the Scorpion Class.
No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

PR and Advertising

Carl Jones was approached by the Committee in 2015 and invited to join the Committee, he is happy to continue in this role for the coming year. No other nominations occurred and is therefore elected onto the Committee.

Sponsorship

Simon Forbes was approached by the Committee in April 2016 and invited to join the Committee, he is happy to continue in this role for the coming year. No other nominations occurred and is therefore elected onto the Committee.

Prizes and Sponsorship

Amy Forbes was approached by the Committee in April 2016 and invited to join the Committee, he is happy to continue in this role for the coming year. No other nominations occurred and is therefore elected onto the Committee.

All the above Committee positions where voted in by a majority vote of the attending membership and are therefore declared elected.

7. Proposed changes to Class Rules:

At the AGM in 2015 Alex Hayman was asked to set up a Technical Committee whose main purpose would be to review and revise the current Class Rules. Over the last 12 months this Committee has been looking at various aspects of the Class rules which either need changing, clarification or deleting – these items were presented to the meeting – see attached document and will be taken forward over the next 12 months by our newly elected Technical Adviser – Chris Turner.

8. Proposed changes to Class Constitution:

There were no proposed changes to the Class Constitution.

9. Venues for future Nationals:

Linda Wolfenden confirmed the dates for the Nationals in 2017 – Castle Cove 29th July – 4th August. She advised members to book accommodation early as The Academy is hosting a big Optimist event at the same time.

Future venues: 2018 Tenby date yet to be confirmed

2019 is the 60th Anniversary of the Launch of the Class in Porthpean and 2020 is the 60th Anniversary of the design. A discussion was had about going to Llandudno in 2019 and Porthpean in 2020. Feedback from the membership in relation to Llandudno was that its very tidal, can be windy and have an unfavourable wind direction and can be hard to launch / retrieve despite their new slip way and we may need to provide our own race team. Some members expressed a preferential choice of going to Sidmouth so a show of hand was requested – 6 people raised their hands to say that they would not go to Llandudno, no-one objected to going to Sidmouth. Llandudno was removed from the potential Nationals venue list.

Linda is currently waiting for feedback from: Sidmouth, Beer, Filey, Highcliffe ref potential venue for 2019,? Porthpean 2020,? 2021,? Looe 2022

10. Sailing and training programme for 2017:

Pete Gray requested that if any member's clubs would like to hold a scorpion open to get in touch with him.

Feedback in terms of the Regional Challenge was that it was not advertised early enough on the Website – members reported that if they had known about it earlier they would have made an effort to re-arrange plans and attend, suggested it be held earlier in the year / beginning of the season.

Tom Jeffcoate requested a discussion in relation to the Silver Scorpion format – current format is 7 events, complete 4 to qualify spread between South, North and Central to encourage people to Travel – it was felt having designated SS events was not working. Alternative options to qualify were requested – suggested fleet of 6 or more boats attending an event (Regatta / Open) should count.

11. Any other permitted Business:

There was no other permitted business.

The AGM closed at 1918.

Thank you!

Minutes take by:

Jo Mahy
Class Secretary National Scorpion Association

Date: 1st August 2016, Looe Sailing Club

All above mentions reports can be obtained by contacting the Class Secretary direct on secretary@sailscorpion.co.uk

