Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 10th August 2015 – Lyme Regis Sailing Club

1. Apologies for Absence:
   Tony Rowe

2. Minutes from the meeting on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at Teignmouth Sailing Club:
   Minutes from last year’s meeting were available. There were no amendments and were therefore approved unanimously. Proposed by Carol Haines, seconded by Rich Jones. 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 2014 were circulated and read out to the meeting by Jerry Hannabuss.
   Jerry reported that Association funds continue to reduce year on year. See attached report provided by outgoing Treasurer Paul Barnes. The Association accounts have been audited by Alex Machin.
   The meeting voted in favour of the Treasurer’s Report: proposed by Rich Jones, seconded by Chris Yates.
   Pete Rose asked if there was any plans by the Committee to increase the annual membership fee. Jerry responded by reporting that the Committee did not have any plans to increase the fee. Chris Yates proposed that the Class Membership be increased by £10 in 2016 as the reducing class funds would justify an increase. This proposal was seconded by Simon Holden. The majority voted for this to take effect in 2016.

6. Election of Officers:
   Current Committee positions:
   Jerry Hannabuss – Chairman
   Penny Jeffcoate – Vice Chair
   Carol Haines – President
   Jo Mahy – Membership and Interim Class Secretary
   Pete Gray – Events (North) and Silver Scorpion
   Hannah Buchanan – Events (South)
Chairman
Jerry Hannabuss is happy to continue as Chairman of the Scorpion Class. No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on the Committee.

Vice Chair
Penny Jeffcoate is happy to continue as Vice Chair 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.

Membership Secretary
Jo Mahy is happy to continue as 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 Buchanan is happy to continue as Events (South) of the Scorpion Class. Ryan Buchanan volunteered to undertake this role jointly with Hannah – there were no objections so Ryan is now an elected member of 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 is happy to continue as Technical Advisor of the Scorpion Class. No other nominations occurred and therefore remains on 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.
**Treasurer**
Paul Barnes has stood down as Treasurer, there were no nominations put forward as a replacement so Jerry Hannabuss proposed that he takes over the role of Treasurer as well as continuing as Chairman.

**Class Secretary**
Lucy Searle stood down from role as Class secretary in January 2015, Jo Mahy has been standing in as Interim Secretary. There were no nominations put forward for a replacement so Jerry Hannabuss proposed that Jo Mahy continues as both Class and Membership Secretary.

All the above Committee positions where voted in by a majority vote of the attending membership.

7. **Proposed changes to Class Rules:**
There were no proposed changes to the Class Rules.

Alex Hayman will be setting up and chairing a Class Technical Sub Committee, Volunteers will be approached independently of this meeting.

8. **Proposed changes to Class Constitution:**
6 weeks prior to this meeting a copy of the Constitution was circulated out to all members of the Association with proposed changes to the Junior Membership Section (3.vi), addition of a Student Membership Section (3.vii), a change to the Committee structure in terms of the Chairman and Treasurer being held by one person and Class Secretary and Membership Secretary being held by a different but single person (4.b), and a change to the subscription year from January to 1st April 2015 (7a & b) – see accompanying proposed changes to Class Constitution.

The majority voted for the above mentioned changes, 1 abstention was recorded.

9. **Venues for future Nationals:**
Looe 2016 – dates 30th July 5th August 2016 confirmed
Castle Cover 2017
? Tenby 2018

Suggested venues from the floor:
Eastbourne
Llandudno
Pwhelli
Abersoch
Rock
Filey
Porthpean
Mounts Bay
Penzance
North Berik
Whitstable

10. Sailing and training programme for 2016:
More sprint events were requested – similar to Stewartby this year.
Sea events before Nationals
Training events – Pete Gray reported that finding venues can be difficult.
   Janet Ritchie suggested training 1st day, sprint 2nd day.
   Sprint events better suited to inland rather than on the sea - ? Shotwick
   Lake might be a possible venue.
A discussion occurred in relation to the Silver Scorpion format – membership felt that its
spread over the year was good, some people thought that all events should count.

Number of opens were reduced this year to try and encourage more attendances at opens
meets. Next year’s events programme is well on its way with some new venues added to
the Southern Circuit – Bough Beach? April, Eastbourne in May.

Discussion was had in relation to promoting Scorpion events at large handicapped events
like Port of Plymouth – good for class PR.

11. Any other permitted Business:
There was no other permitted business.

The AGM closed at 2013.

Thank you!

Minutes take by:

Jo Mahy
Class Secretary National Scorpion Association

Date: 10th August 2015 at Lyme Regis Sailing Club