

MINUTES OF THE FISHGUARD BAY YACHT CLUB AGM
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 11 OCTOBER 2019

There were 24 members present and apologies were received from 11 members.

The Chairman Peter Cross welcomed members to the 72nd AGM.

1. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were read. Copies of the minutes and the Commodore's Report were available and can be accessed on the club website.

Proposed that the minutes be adopted: Martin Sykes Seconded Martin Barlow

2. Matters arising -

None

3. Commodore's Report – Martin Sykes gave a report on club activities over the previous year including sailing and rowing events. Several club members have achieved GB squad status in both sailing and rowing. He thanked all the volunteers for the time they gave. The full report is attached and will be available on the website.

Chairman's response – Peter Cross thanked Martin for the effort and enthusiasm which he has put into the club over the years, it being an example to the rest of us. He was a driving force in reinstating sailing at the club and it was largely thanks to him that the club achieved RYA accreditation. He has also been instrumental in organising the refurbishment work. The Chairman also thanked the committee for their time. The breakdown of activities which have been mentioned is a tribute to many people putting time and effort in. Amalgamation with the rowing club has been of enormous benefit to the club, having younger and enthusiastic members. The results from sailing and rowing show a remarkable achievement for a small club in West Wales.

4. Treasurer's Report – Amanda Griffiths was unable to be present so the Chairman gave a summary. The figures were better for the year, showing a £7k profit compared with £655 the year before. The bar profit increased by £935 – turnover fell by £4k but direct costs were reduced by £3k so there was a gross profit margin of 42% compared with 37% the previous year. Sailing fees are a significant income as well.

There has been grant money which was used to purchase assets such as the black RIB.

Proposed that the accounts be adopted: Andrew Bingham Seconded: Martin Barlow

5. Election of Officers

Martin Sykes stepped down as Commodore and from the Executive Committee

Gail Strawbridge has resigned from the post of Hon. Secretary and the committee.

Chairman - Peter Cross

Commodore - Geoff Turner

Vice Commodore - Mike Hughes

Rear Commodore – Martha Owen

Hon. Treasurer – Amanda Griffiths

Alan Brookes was invited to join the committee and take on the role of Hon. Secretary

6. Election of Committees

Executive Committee

Lee Robinson and Paul Potter have resigned.

Tomos Harries was elected on to the committee.

Other members will remain: Peter Kedward, Michael Renny, Tony Davies, Andy Bingham, Martin Barlow.

Sailing Committee

Geoff Turner remains as Sailing Captain, Nicola Cleary Sailing Principal, Matthew Pritchard, Brian Murphy, Andy Bingham, Mick Renny.

Entertainments Committee

Martha Owen, Amanda Griffiths, Yazmin Barlow, Gail Strawbrige

Wines Committee –

Bar Treasurer – Martin Barlow

7. Moved – to re-elect Messrs Pritchard and Co. as auditors of the Club

Proposed: Andrew Bingham Seconded: Mike Hughes

8. Change to Constitution and Rules

The Chairman outlined the proposed changes –

Changing the identification of younger members from cadets to junior members.

Removing the requirement for a joining fee.

Changing the category of membership from ‘temporary’ to ‘restricted membership’ to comply with licencing regulation.

These changes had been proposed by the Executive Committee and were passed unopposed.

Rule 10 (e) The Chairman raised the issue of keys and security: there have been numerous occasions when the club doors and windows have been left unlocked. It is unknown how many keys are in circulation. The committee will arrange that in future members will need to provide a good reason to have a key and will pay a deposit with names being recorded.

There were some questions from the floor about whether it would be feasible to change the locks every year, what the mechanism would be for members to apply for a key (approach a committee member) and the possibility of having an electronic card for access. This is currently being explored and the issues will all be taken back to the next Executive meeting.

Proposed that the motion be adopted Peter Cross Seconded Mike Hughes

9. Any Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman