



Annual General Meeting 08/04/2022 held at FBYC

Meeting Commenced 19.00hrs. with 25 members present.

Chairman's Welcome:

- The Chairman welcomed all members to the first AGM we have held live for 3 years.
- He reminded members that this was the year of our 75th anniversary and encouraged all to help support the Club by attending events that are being planned.

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mike Hughes and Suzanne Swartz.

Minutes of the AGM held On 07/05/2021 (via Zoom) : the minutes were circulated and proposed as a true record by Geoff Turner and seconded by Martin Barlow.

Matters Arising : There were no matters arising.

Commodore's Report:

Another year of Covid which has affected everything we could do - we had Alert level until June and then Alert level 0 from Aug. So we were all playing safe for most of the season - for example, generally avoiding using the changing rooms and showers. But we did get on the water more than in 2020.

The restrictions also meant that the bar wasn't open as much as usual, and the cleaning costs were higher; however Martin Barlow has done an excellent job of managing it so it only made a small loss.

Hugo and Mary Jane ran the cafe well for the summer, with a couple of evening barbeques. Having the cafe is good for the club - as well as giving us substantial income, it means far more people are aware of us, and there's usually someone here to answer questions. So thanks, Hugo and Mary Jane

We've continued to maintain the building as best we can - new flooring in here, and the external woodwork has been repainted. We were hoping to update all the electric heaters but that has been delayed and won't now happen until the autumn.

The tin shed is probably our next big project. We've replaced the door, but the roof is in a very poor state and needs replacing. We've also been advised that the swallows are a potential health hazard so we'll be discouraging them by making it more difficult for them to get in.

On the water, we had fairly good Thursday Evening sailing sessions although as usual the numbers dropped off a bit. Thanks to Matthew, Andy and everyone else who helped. I'm delighted to say that 3 of our juniors from those sessions are becoming Dinghy Instructors - that's Tomos, Huw and Amelia.



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We held a successful Welsh Laser Championships in September, with 23 entrants - we had restricted it to Youths and Juniors only, in order to keep the numbers down. However this year, the event is moving up to North Wales, probably Llandudno.

We ended the season with a Bart's Bash charity event, which was fun as usual. But that was about the only dinghy racing we held, so this year we'll be having club racing each month through the summer. Racing really is the quickest way to improve sailing skills.

We didn't have a dinghy regatta last year, but we will this year on June 12th, with a coached "Introduction to Racing" day on Saturday the 11th.

Thanks to the work of Jay Williamson at Newport Boat Club, the South Cardigan Bay Sailing Partnership has been formed, which at the moment consists of 3 clubs, us, Newport and Teifi. The aim of the partnership is to improve coordination between the clubs and pool resources when we need to.

In the autumn, we put in a bid to host this year's ILCA (Laser) National Championships as their original venue had pulled out. However, after a lot of discussion and Zoom meetings, the committee decided that 250 plus sailors for a week in August was too much for the club to handle. However we're hoping that the Laser UK Association will choose us for a smaller regional event in the future - that'll be a mere 150 boats or so.

The rowers have again had an excellent year, and the Jemima Rowing Club is fast becoming a national level club. As well as getting a steady stream of new members, they're getting great results at international and national level both for on-the-water rowing and indoor rowing. In particular, Val Coleman is a World Record holder and has given the club great publicity. Their crowd-funding campaign for the new compound in Goodwick reached its target in the very limited time they had, and shows that the club has great support from community. So well done Martha, Peter and everyone who puts so much work into it.

Well this year is the club's 75th anniversary and to celebrate we're having a big Battle of Fishguard event on Sat 2nd July. The aim of this is to get as many boats on the water as possible. The format isn't finalised but it's very probable that water pistols will be involved. It'll be followed in the evening by a barbeque and band.

Then in October we're having a 75th Anniversary party with food and music. We'll also be hosting music events for the Folk Festival in May and Aberjazz in August.

Finally, thanks to everyone on the committee for all their work, in particular Tony and Amanda.

Let's hope for a good year both on and off the water.



Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's report was circulated and unanimously accepted. The report was proposed for acceptance by Peter Kedward and seconded by Mick Rennie.

Election of Officers of the Club:

Geoff Turner stood down as Commodore and the Chair thanked him for his outstanding contributions over the years.

The following standing officers were duly elected :

Chair: Anthony Davies

Commodore: Mike Hughes

Vice Commodore: Martha Owen

Hon. Treasurer: Amanda Griffiths

Sailing Captain: Geoff Turner

Hon. Secretary: Jim Dale

Election of Committees: The following committees had their election renewed:

Executive Committee, Entertainments Committee, Sailing Committee. The Wine Committee was re-established with Martin Barlow elected as Chair.

Auditors: It was proposed by Yasmin Barlow and seconded by Geoff Turner that Messrs. Pritchard & Co. be re-elected as Auditors of the Club.

Consideration of any proposals: None received.

Any Other Business at Chairmans' discretion: None put forward.

Meeting closed at 19.35hrs.