



**The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting
of the Lymington River Scow Class Association
held at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club on
Saturday 15th September 2018
at 18.30 hrs in the Island Room**

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Present (from Attendance Sheets):

Stephen Boyd, Lesley Boyd, Ann Blacoe, Claire Bridge, Pel Bruce, Ian Burr, David Carslaw, Sebastian Chamberlain, John Claridge, Jane Cook, Guy Darby, Zoë Darby, Zissa Davidson, Marigold de Jongh, Barry Dunning, John Evans, Lindsey Froud, Jon Harvey, David Hayles, Carolyn Howden, David Howden, Chris Knox, Nigel Lang, Robert Maslinski, David Matcham, Helen Matcham, Dan McCarthy, Meriel McCarthy, Pam Moore, Richard Moore, Brendan Nellis, Dorinda Nellis, Sylvia Pepin, Jane Pitt-Pitts, Sarah Richards, Dobbie Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Claire Sowry, Julian Sowry, Roly Stafford, Dunlop Stewart, Diana Stewart, Wendy Stickley, Sue Sutherland, Robin Taunt, Jeremy Vines, Max Vines, David Weller, Chris Willard, Jane Willard.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Harry Boyd, John Brealey, Fiona Bruce, Chris Caswell, Penny Caswell, Midori Claridge, Joanna Edwards, Richard Edwards, Michael Hampton, Joanna Lewis, James McGill, Amanda Otway, Rory Paton, Andrew Richards, Nigel Russell, Gordon Stredwick, Jane Stredwick, Bill Vance, Jane Wilford, Christina Young, Roger Young.

2. Minutes of last Meeting: Sunday 17th September 2017:

The Minutes, having been previously circulated to all members of the Association, were unanimously accepted as an accurate record by all those present.

3. Matters Arising:

No matters arising.

3. The Chairman's Report:

John Evans (JE), Chairman, welcomed all present to the 21st AGM of the Scow Class Association and reported on the work that the Committee has done on behalf of members over the last three years interspersed with comment on the last twelve months.

He began his report by focusing on sailing and racing activities. He also thanked Keyhaven Yacht Club for two superbly run Championships during his tenure together with LTSC who ran the equally superb 2017.

Whilst noting that Roly came to watch the Scows set out and David Barnett again trailed his Scow from Seaton, JE stated he was disappointed by the low entry from the R Lym YC. The championship supper was an excellent event and a good opportunity to catch up with fellow sailors - long into the evening

He gave sincere thanks to all those who volunteer to make the Scow Championships and events so successful, particularly those who help on the slipway and the rib crews.

JE noted that Jon Harvey's initiative, the Travellers' Trophy has now been running for two years and is now a regular in the Scow racing calendar.

He advised that sadly, and after considerable work done by Dick Moore and a team of six, the "Celebration of the Scow" had to be cancelled. This was simply because LRSCA were unable to attract enough variety of Scows to make the event feasible to run despite much early enthusiasm. JE thanked all who contributed.

JE reported that cards offering the condolences of LRSCA had been sent following the sad deaths of Jennie Lennox and Peter Burchell.

He further reported on administration matters and advised that membership numbers remain around 225 but this lack of growth in membership reflects the number of new builds this year with only three or four boats having been built this year.

On a personal note, the Chairman said he was proud of the work achieved by the Working Party and very proud to have been the Chairman trying to move the Association forward with various interesting initiatives and ideas. On one particular issue your committee decided not to pursue the motion of last year's AGM relating to BRSC and the Working Party.

Whilst reviewing other activities and the milestone 20th Anniversary, JE highlighted the contributions made by all the individual Committee members and thanked them all.

JE pointed out, though, that the Association needs to find a way to rejuvenate interest in attending events and functions held by LRSCA.

JE presented the Tell Tales Trophy to Max Vines for her submission "Lymington River Scow National Championships 2018 - A very odd thing happened..." and he advised that there had been no entries for the Trail/Sail Trophy.

In his absence, JE thanked Gordon Stredwick (GS) for his support as President and said that by way of thanks he has now received a J P-P glass "Marian" picture and asked that I thank the Association for this token of our appreciation.

Additionally, JE thanked Jane Cook (JC) and presented her with some essential navigational equipment, Meriel McCarthy (MMcC) with a porcelain cake stand and Dorinda Nellis (DN) with a hydrangea plant as they are all standing down from the Committee at this meeting.

JE ended his report by thanking LRSCA members for having him as Chairman, stating it had been an honour, privilege and at times a lot of fun and that he knows he is handing over to Jon Harvey (JH) an LRSCA in excellent shape. He wished JH every success in the role.

(Note: A full transcript of The Chairman's Report is available on LRSCA website)

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report:

The Hon. Treasurer, David Carslaw (DC), reported on the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2018, which had previously been circulated after inspection by Tony Miles. DC thanked Tony Miles for once again very kindly inspecting and signing off the accounts. He also thanked David Weller for his assistance and support when he took over this role from him.

During his presentation on the accounts, DC pointed out that if membership stays the same then income and expenditure can stay the same.

In response to a question from Dick Moore, he confirmed that David Weller, JE and John Claridge had seen the mould which is kept by David Matcham for the Association. It was clarified that it is actually the plug from which you make the mould that is being kept for us and that is in good order.

David Hales proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Dick Moore. Accepted by show of hands.

6. Election of Examiner of Accounts:

After thanking him for his work, it was proposed by Sebastian Chamberlain and seconded by David Matcham that Tony Miles be elected Examiner of Accounts for the year 2018/19 and this was accepted unopposed.

7. Election of President and Committee posts:

Nominations were received for Hon. President and Committee posts as follows:

Honorary President -	Gordon Stredwick (Retiring)
Sebastian Chamberlain	Committee nomination
Chairman -	John Evans (Retiring)
Jon Harvey	Proposed by John Evans
	Seconded by Dorinda Nellis
Vice-Chairman -	Jon Harvey (End of 3 year term)
Chris Knox	Proposed by Gordon Stredwick
	Seconded by David Carslaw
Hon. Secretary -	Dorinda Nellis (Retiring)
	TBA
Committee Member –	Jane Cook (Retiring)
Diana Hobson	Proposed by Jane Cook
	Seconded by Chris Knox
Committee Member -	Meriel McCarthy (Retiring)
Allan Hill	Proposed by Chris Knox
	Seconded by John Evans

There were no other nominations and it was unanimously accepted by all present that Sebastian Chamberlain, Jon Harvey, Chris Knox, Diana Hobson and Allan Hill be elected to the posts as detailed above.

8. Next Championships:

The 2019 Championships will be held at the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club and the weekend 20th and 21st July 2019 has been agreed.

9. 2019 A.G.M. & Annual Dinner:

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 20th September 2019 at the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club at 6.30pm, followed by the Annual Dinner at 7.30pm.

10. The Hon. President of the Association:

The retiring Hon. President, Gordon Stredwick, previously sent his apologies as he was unable to be present at this AGM. He asked Sebastian Chamberlain (SC), as the in-coming President, to thank on his behalf the Committee for all their work over the year, particularly those standing down from the Committee at this meeting.

SC additionally thanked JE all his hard work on behalf of the Association during his time as Chairman. He presented JE with 2 gifts from the Association in appreciation of all that he has done.

11. The Chairman's reply and close of formal business:

The Chairman thanked the Hon. President for his comments and the Association for the gifts.

JE then formally closed the official business of the AGM, adding his appreciation to the outgoing Committee members and pointed out that he believes that everything has been left in very good shape for the next Committee.

JE then invited the in-coming Chairman, Jon Harvey (JH), to take his place and to chair the Informal Discussion.

Informal discussion:

JH thanked JE and chaired the Informal Discussion during which the following topics were discussed:

- Chris Knox (CK) advised that the Handbook is being updated and should be ready for the start of the next sailing season. It will be available online.
- John Claridge (JC) reported that sourcing road trailers remains an issue.

- JC advised that the moulds used for rudders and centre boards are reaching the end of their life. Aluminium moulds for these should be considered. They are expensive but should last.

NOTE: initials in brackets for LRSCA Committee members and others who addressed the meeting.