

UNAPPROVED



**The Twenty-second Annual General Meeting
of the Lymington River Scow Class Association
held at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club on
Friday 20 September 2019
at 18.30 hrs in the Island Room**

**2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Present (from Attendance Sheets):

Sarah Bell, Lesley and Stephen Boyd, Peregrine Bruce, Ian Burr, Carol Canning, David Carslaw, Sebastian Chamberlain, John Claridge, Jay Devonshire, John Evans, Nick Griffen, Mick Hart, Jon Harvey (JH), Allan Hill, Diana Hobson, Carolyn Howden, Chris Knox, Nigel Lang, Jo Lewis, Dick Moore, Brendan and Dorinda Nellis, Angus Raby, Sarah Richards, Dubbie and Robbie Robinson, Dunlop and Diana Stewart, Philip Shute, Claire Sowry, Nick Taylor, Richard Wall, David Weller, Chris and Jane Willard, Roger and Christina Young

1. Apologies for Absence:

Roger and Jenny Garlick, Nigel Russell, Mike and Ros Urwin, Kathy Tilbury, Chris Caswell, Amanda and Mark Ottway, Derek Tilley, James McGill, Wendy Stickleby, Robert Maslinski, Robin Taunt, Wendy Aitken, Zoe and Guy Darby, Jane and Jonathon Cook, Kathy Tilbury, Eric Williams, Roger Bleasby, Steve Akester, John Tudor, Anne Evans, Gordon and Jane Stredwick, Lindsey Froud, Roly Stafford, Kate Thornton, Sandy and Nicholas Walford and David Wagstaff

2. Minutes of last Meeting: Saturday 15 September 2018:

The minutes were unanimously approved. Proposed by Allan Hill and seconded by Dick Moore

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

4. The Chairman's Report:

The full chairman's report can be found on the LRSCA website

JH welcomed everyone to the meeting

He started with the sailing season and warmly thanked the Royal Lymington Yacht Club for a superbly run championship despite the weather conditions and the reduced number of entries. The reasons for fewer entries and possible ways to overcome this were talked about including having a one-day event with a second lay day in case of wind conditions

The Travellers Trophy has also had weather problems with the first leg at Beaulieu cancelled due to wind conditions. The Lymington leg went ahead successfully with the final leg scheduled to take place in Keyhaven on 6 October 2019.

Administration

Membership has remained fairly static with new boats fairly similar in 2018/2019

The committee have decided, with the widespread transition to social media, to stop the printed newsletter and place all written 'Scow Tale' contributions onto the website and these will be entered into the Tell-tale trophy which will be awarded annually at the AGM

Dan and Meriel McCarthy have continued to undertake measuring and buoyancy testing as well as keeping full records of their work.

The secretarial side of things remains in good shape after Dorinda Nellis kept such a tight ship. Thanks were extended to Brendan Nellis for his excellent work on the LRSCA website

Work continues on updating the constitution and rules. This is led by Chris Knox, supported by John Doerr, Ken Kershaw and team. JH thanked all concerned

David Carslaw, as honorary treasurer has ensured a robust financial systems, reporting and accountability

JH thanked Angus Raby, from Hurst Castle, for the time spent on the LRSCA committee

The future

Over the past year one key issue the committee have been considering is to secure the longer-term ability to produce new boats and spare parts. Up until this year the Association have owned the hull plugs but several key bespoke components, in particular the foils and gaff have not been within the control of the association. I'm pleased to report that during this year new rudder and centreplate foils have been produced and that the moulds for these have been purchased by the association. The situation regarding the gaff remains under review. As such the committee is confident we have improved the longer term security of the class.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report:

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr David Carslaw (DC) reported on the accounts for the year ended 28 February 2019. These had been inspected and signed off by Tony Miles.

The baseline expenditure was £1700 for the year. There was an exceptional expense of £3000 in 2019/20 for the moulds for the foils. This was an essential expense as the previous ones needed replacing

The Association' accounts are in a healthy position as are its assets. See attached report and income and expenditure sheet

Nick Griffin queried the plugs being tabled as a fixed asset. DC replied that this was not done as they would then need to be depreciated and made it unnecessarily complicated. In addition, they were no longer insured as this was not felt to be cost effective and John Claridge felt that they were easy to replicate.

DC noted that Tony Miles had inspected and approved the accounts

The accounts were approved by a show of hands

6. Election of Examiner of Accounts:

DC thanked Tony for his work and confirmed that Tony would continue

7. Election Committee posts:

Nominations were received for Committee posts as follows:

Honorary secretary: Carol Canning co-opted for year 2018-2019

Carol Canning Proposed by Jon Harvey

	Seconded by Chris Knox
Committee member:	Angus Raby (retiring)
Nick Griffin	Proposed by Angus Raby
	Seconded by Jon Harvey
Jay Devonshire	Proposed by Allan Hill
	Seconded by Chris Knox

There were no other nominations and it was unanimously accepted the above nominations be elected to the posts as detailed above

8. Next Championships

JH indicated that there was discussion amongst the committee and with members of the Association about the reasons for the decline in numbers entering the LRSCA National Championships. There would appear to be a thought that a one-day event, with the option of a lay day on the Sunday would be better supported. There was discussion around the pros and cons for this plan

The date and venue are not yet fixed although it is planned to have it later in the season, probably early September, to avoid other events and the school holidays. The committee was in discussion with Beaulieu River Sailing Club about the possibility of holding the 2020 Nationals there. This is not confirmed

Dick Moore queried whether boats would need to sail 'in class' or whether Beaulieu Scows would race too. JH stated that this was still to be discussed

9. 2020 A.G.M. & Annual Dinner:

The 2020 AGM and dinner are booked for Friday 18 September 2020.

Jo Lewis pointed out the possible clash with the Solent Music Festival, as with this year resulting in reduced numbers at the AGM/dinner. This will be investigated with a possible change in the dates

10. The presentation of the Tell Tale trophy

JH reported that there had been a number of excellent entries the Tell-tale trophy. However, the unanimous winner was Jonathan Cook's 'Do we need a road trailer for our Scow?'

JH congratulated the entrants on the high standard and enjoyable tales as well as Jonathan for his winning entry. His trophy will be given to him at a later date.

11. Any motions to be discussed

There being no motions put forward, the chairman asked the President to take the floor

12. The Hon. President of the Association

Sebastian Chamberlain thanked the committee and recommended an early retirement to the bar and dinner

13. Any other business

John Claridge formally thanked Dan and Meriel McCarthy in their role as class measurers for the incredible job that they do for the Class as well as making his job so much easier

14. The Chairman's reply and close of formal business

JH thanked everybody for their support and the President for his address and wise counsel

The formal part of the meeting closed at 18.50hours

Informal discussion:

1. John Claridge suggested that following the recent potter up the Yar River with the need for towing, that all boats carry, in addition to their normal painter, a seven-metre length of floating line that is used for towing
2. Sarah Richards queried the format of a one-day Nationals; would there be five races on one day and an additional day if inclement weather conditions
3. CK updated the people present at the meeting about the progress being made as regards overhauling the LRSCA constitution and rules. He has a group of five people on the sub committee and after careful consideration, have decided to start with the constitution. It is important to

avoid contradiction and anomalies and they are working on this at present. The proposed changes to the constitution will be presented to an EGM in the winter. The outline plan for the changes to the constitution will go onto the website for comment, following the EGM

4. Dick Moore questioned why numbers were below normal and felt that it was because the committee and the organising clubs had not done sufficient to publicise the event
In addition, he felt that thoughts on a one-day Nationals should be sought
5. Nick Griffin wondered that, if one had to travel any distance for one day Nationals, this would be a discouraging factor
6. Lesley Boyd thought that having the event in the holidays affected numbers but also was against a one-day Nationals
7. John Evans commented on a one- or two-day Nationals and felt there were pros and cons for both. In addition, he too felt that more effort needs to be put into marketing the event with word of mouth most important
8. Allan Hill (captain of racing RLymYC and LRSCA committee member) commented on the lack of participation at both two- and three-day events across the full racing programme. He suggested a change in format to a full day of racing for the Nationals with three races in the morning, home for lunch and then a further two in the afternoon
9. Jay Devonshire commented that Beaulieu offers very restrictive racing with the tidal window. He felt that September was a better time but that juniors are back at school so the event would lose the younger sailors
10. Stephen Boyd wondered about the equinox gales curtailing sailing later in September

A show of hands was roughly equal for either a one- or two-day format for the Nationals

11. David Weller felt that combining the Nationals with another Club event would be too difficult to manage. In addition, he noted that it would be neap tide on 4/9/20 and a discussion around tides followed this observation
12. Phillip Shute felt that more should be done to encourage the youngsters and there should be a push to encourage both the junior fleets and Wednesday Junior Sailing youngsters
13. John Claridge thought that possibly the name put people off or that we reverted to the original format of a river start for the first race, two to three races out in the Solent, if held in Lymington and then a race home

The informal part of the meeting closed at 19.10

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