

THE CACHALOTS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 2010. 18:30HRS

Those present

J.Mileusnic(Chair), G.Angas (Hon Secretary), B. Peck, D.Gates, G.Cartwright, P.Grant, T.Clark, R.Kelso, I.Downer, L.Hall, A.McDowall, P.Leece, P.Marriott, I.Thomson, S Daniels, H.Roberts, T.Winsborough. B.O'Connor, C.Coote, I.Stirling, A.Tinsley, K. Dagnall, I.Odd, F.O'Grady, P.Northway, G.Wright, G.Lang, D.Stocks, D.Dunn, I.Salter, N.Alford, M.Wallis.

Apologies

L. Morris. R.Dunn, S.Harwood, F.Murphy, G.Draysey, J.F.Smart, J.Whorwood,. R.Olden, J.Smart, F.Pedersen, R.Pretty, J.Noble, P.Fost, W.Wells, R.Wood, J.Lloyd, C.Phelan.

Gone Aloft

The meeting stood and observed a two minute silence in memory of the thirteen members that have Gone Aloft during 2009.

Minutes of the Meeting (22/01/09)

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM

Proposed; R.Kelso Seconded; P. Marriott.

Matters Arising

All matters arising are included as items on the Agenda for this meeting.

Report of the General Committee meeting of Thursday 19th November 2009 .

Copies of the minutes of this meeting were available to members and were provided as a supporting document for some of this agenda.

The main trends from this meeting were identified as an increase in collaborative activities between like minded professional bodies, e.g. the HCMM, RSYC & NISB and the continuing contribution to Business Southampton and the Southampton Seafarers Association. All of which have been reported on and discussed during the year.

Storekeeper's Report

Copies of the Club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2009 had been distributed prior to the meeting and additional copies were available to members.

B.Peck presented his report using these accounts. The main points for discussion were: -

- It was obvious from the accounts that the Club is losing too much money and that the situation was not sustainable. (A net deficit of £8,174.00 was to a large extent due to Clubroom costs of £10,889.00)

- All the social functions with the exception of the visit to Oxford and the Watch Ashore lunch had made a profit.
- That the Bar was still making a loss (£1,491.00)

The Accounts for 2009 / 2010 were accepted. Proposed R.Kelso. Seconded S. Daniels.

The Chair thanked B.Peck and R.James for their continuing efforts to produce clear and concise reports that have enabled management decisions to be made and actions taken.

Boatsteerer's Report

Copies of the Boatsteerer's Report had been distributed before the meeting and hard copies were available for members.

G. Angas introduced his report by presenting a review of the developments that had taken place during the course of the year. Achievements during the year include: -

- *Clubrooms* – Most of 2009 was taken up with the challenge of balancing our income/ expenditure to ensure that the Cachalots can continue to provide members with an interesting social calendar of events, maintain the donations that we make to our charities and Bursary and also the technical contributions that we make to the maritime industries within Southampton and the region.
- All the work that has been undertaken together with the decisions taken to achieve the above is minuted in Executive and Finance and General Committee meeting minutes which are available on line and in 'hard copy' in the Club. Suffice it to say we have a clear strategy for dispensing with the use of our own Clubroom if a suitable rental agreement cannot be negotiated. Indeed there are two motions in front of you tonight that the E& F and the General Committee have submitted to this AGM for approval (See Agenda item 10).
- We are currently negotiating with the Royal Southampton Yacht Club to try and establish a formal and mutually beneficial arrangement whereby, for an agreed sum of money, we will be able to use their facilities to an agreed annual calendar. Additionally the agreement will recognise the aspirations of both organisations and show how we can collaborate in the longer term to raise the profile and memberships of both our organisations.
- Failing or efforts outlined above we have identified the Elizabeth House Hotel as a suitable venue in which to meet. Unfortunately the management cannot guarantee that their facilities will be available at the times that we may request.
- We have received an estimated commercial value of our silverware and artefacts from Charles Miller Ltd, a London Auction house that specialises in maritime S & A.

Objectives for next year include: -

- Continue to negotiate with our landlords for an affordable rental for the Clubroom and office.(See item 10 below)
- Failing this then we have to locate alternative office premises
- Decide what to do with the Club's silverware and artefacts in the event of having to leave the Clubroom.

- Continue to develop our external relations with Business Southampton, the Warsash Maritime Academy, Southampton Shipowners Association and other professional bodies, e.g. HCMM, NI, etc
- Develop a succession policy for the Club's officers.

B. O'Connor, on behalf of all the members thanked G.Angas for his efforts as Boatsteerer.

Membership Matters

Copies of the Membership report for 2009/2010 were available for members D.Gates presented his report. The changes in the membership during 2009/10 were as follows:

Gone Aloft	13
Resignations	06
Removed from records(non payment)	05
New Members pending	05
Rejoins	03

The Club membership now stands at:

Paying Members	368
Total Members	388

The Chair thanked D. Gates for his report approved his report.

Reports from Chairmen of Sub-Committees

1. Church Committee – In S.Harwood's absence it was reported that: -

- Following on from the successful 2008 service, the Club was again able to make a donation of £1,747.59 split equally between the Southampton Seafarers Centre and the Winchester Cathedral Restoration Fund.
- The colour party went well thanks to the Colour Marshalls J.Whorwood. and G.Matthews (MCA)
- It was felt that on balance starting at the later time of 19:30hrs enabled more people to attend, especially the Sea Cadets. It is intended to start at the same time this year.

The chair thanked S. Harwood and his committee for his continuing, much appreciated efforts organising this most important event. It was noted that S.Harwood has requested to stand down from the position of Chairman due to increasing family commitments but wishes to stay as a member of the Church Committee

2. Entertainments Committee – G.Cartwright, reported that we have had another successful year of well attended social events and thanked the committee for their support, especially T. Clark who had always provided the Programmes/ Menus & Place Cards for all the events and Lesley Odd and Margaret Grant for running the raffles at many of the events.

He welcomed P. Grant as the newly elected Chairman of the Entertainments committee and, on behalf of the Committee wished him every success.

The chair thanked G.Cartwright for his many years of commitment to the Club through the Entertainments committee and especial for the successful efforts of himself and his committee.

The Cricket Section

The Chair reported that he and G.Cartwright had attended the AGM of the Cricket Section and reported that the Cricket team had had a very successful year winning nine and losing two of their eleven matches. The Chair asked the G.Cartwright to pass on the AGM's congratulations.

Introduction to the Club Officers for 2010

Copies of the 'Club Officers for 2010' were available for members

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected G. Cartwright as Club Captain and I. Salter as Staff Captain for 2010.

The Chair welcomed and introduced I. Salter to the AGM and hoped that he would enjoy his year as Staff Captain. The appointment of officers for 2010 is as follows:-

CAPTAIN	<i>G.Cartwright</i>
POST CAPTAIN	<i>J.Mileusnic</i>
STAFF CAPTAIN	<i>I. Salter</i>
SEA STAFF CAPTAIN	<i>I. Odd</i>
BOATSTEERER	<i>G.Angas</i>
STOREKEEPER	<i>B.Peck</i>
FUNCTIONS OFFICER	<i>P. Grant</i>
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	<i>D.Gates</i>

Future of the Club and Clubrooms

The Chair introduced the item and gave a review of where we are in respect of the action being proposed to bring the Club's finances back into credit. (See B/S report) He introduced the two motions that were before the AGM for approval and adoption, namely that:

Resolution 1.

The option to withdraw from the tenancy agreement and to vacate the Clubrooms should be exercised on 2nd November 2010.

When put to the meeting the vote count was:

For	29
Against	2
Abstentions	1

The result being a majority in favour of adoption

Resolution 2.

The Officers should continue to identify suitable social and administrative facilities within and from which Cachalots can operate after May 2nd 2011.

When put to the meeting the vote count was:

For	31
Against	0
Abstentions	1

The result being a majority in favour of adoption

Any Other Business

R.Kelso advised the Committee that P&O Cruises is to establish a memorabilia 'show case' on board their new cruise ship the Azura during her maiden season. After which it will become part of a travelling heritage display across its fleet of seven ships. He suggested that we should give some thought to lending our P&O Dress Sword which is one of only three remaining world wide. This was agreed. **Action GA to contact P&O.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the Staff Captain and Officers for their support during his year in office and wished G. Cartwright a successful and enjoyable forthcoming year as Captain.

Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 20th January 2011 in the Clubroom at 18:30 hrs.