

## THE CACHALOTS

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2009. 18:30HRS

#### *Those present*

G. Angas, (Hon Secretary) L. Morris(Chair), J.Mileusnic, B. Peck, D.Gates, G.Cartwright, S.Harwood, T.Clark, I.Downer, G.Draysey, L.Hall, R.Kelso, P.Leece, P.Marriott, I.Thomson, T.Winsborough. B.O'Connor, C.Coote, R,Pretty, I.Stirling. A.Tinsley. K. Dagnall, P.Fost,

#### *Apologies*

S.Daniels, R.Dunn, A.McDowall, F.Murphy, J.F.Smart, J.Whorwood,. P.Grant, I.Odd, R.Olden, E.Plowman, H.Roberts, J.Smart, F.Pedersen,

#### *Gone Aloft* (Since the AGM 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008)

The meeting stood and observed a two minute silence in memory of:  
P.W.Love, J.A.Pellow, P.S.Powell, D.M.Wright, D.Roberts, P.Jackson.

#### *Minutes of the Meeting (22/01/09)*

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM

**Proposed; R.Kelso Seconded; I.Downer**

#### *Matters Arising*

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

#### *Report of the General Committee meeting of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008.*

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

- In response to R.K's enquiry GA reported that he had not approached W Macrea yet to invite him to become honorary member because he was not attending the SPS and that it was felt that his installation as an Honorary member would be more appropriate at a Club room function than at the SPS.

**Action; GA.**

#### *Storekeeper's Report*

Copies of the Club accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 had been distributed as Appendix I to the agenda and additional copies were available to members.

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

- Previous accounts gave a false impression on the balance sheet that the Club's value is more than can be realised as cash. The E & F Committee recommended that those fixed assets that would remain in the Club rooms should the SMMC leave them should be written off and those fixed assets

such as office equipment, projector, tables and chairs, etc. should be depreciated at 20% per annum. This was approved

- Agreed that next years accounts would show the value of the Club's silverware to be that which we use for insurance purposes
- B.P. pointed out that last year we had purchased non recurring major items from our reserves (carpets, laptop computer, etc.). Even so, as the forecast showed we need to review our future activities to ensure that we do not continue to live beyond our financial means. **Action: BP, GA, JM, LM, GC, IO and DG.**

After some considerable discussion the Committee accepted the E & F Committee's recommendation to accept these as a true record of the Club's accounts. **Proposed R.Kelso. Seconded L Hall.** L.Morris commended B. Peck for a good and clear set of accounts.

### ***Boatsteerer's Report***

Copies of the Boatsteerer's Report were available to members at Appendix II.

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: -

- Set up a three year academic bursary with the Warsash Maritime Academy.
- New carpets for Clubrooms and redecoration of stairwell to first floor and associated passageway and ground floor foyer.
- New laptop computer to facilitate more efficient office working and facilitation of internal and external presentations in the Club.

Objectives for next year include: -

- Continue to develop our external relations with Business Southampton, Solent Skills Quest, the Warsash Maritime Academy and other professional bodies, e.g. HCMM, NI, etc.
- Develop a succession policy for the Club's officers.
- Develop a publicity policy for the Club with David Healy who has agreed to take on the new honorary post of Publicity Officer.

GA reported that at an Extraordinary General Committee meeting held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January it was agreed to recommend to the AGM that the Club will invite, in addition to Mr R. Woods (see GC meeting 20/11/08 minutes), also Admiral Lord West of Spithead to become Stowaway members of the Club. It was also recommended that if Mr R. Woods accepts then he will be invited to be installed at the next SPS when he will be the Principal Guest. Admiral Lord West of Spithead will not be invited until 2010 with the intention that his installation, should he accept, will be at the SPS in February 2011. Both these nominations were approved by the Committee. The chair thanked all concerned and approved the report. **Proposed L Morris. Seconded I. Downer.**

### ***Membership Matters***

Copies of the Membership report for 2008/9 were available for members at Appendix III.

D.Gates presented his report the summary as at 31/12/08 of which was:

Total Joined	12 (+ 2 since 01/01/09)
Total left + Gone Aloft	24 (+3 in abeyance )
<u>New Members pending</u>	<u>04</u>
<u>Balance</u>	<u>-12</u>

The membership of the Club is now 407. Chaplains Fthr P. Foley has moved and Rev'd W. Macrea has retired to be replaced by Fthr's F. Sahetapy and J. Padua. The Chair thanked D. Gates for his report approved his report. **Proposed J. Mileusnic. Seconded G.Cartwright.**

### ***Reports from Chairmen of Sub-Committees***

1. Church Committee – S.Harwood reported that: -

- The 2008 service was very successful and S.H. thanked all the ladies for their efforts in the Deanery garden after the service. He reported that Judith Peck has kindly agreed to organise the ladies this year.
- The attendance at the 2008 SFS was noticeably better than 2007 and that he had thanked the Winchester College Chapel Choir who had stood in at such short notice for the Cathedral Choir.
- The colour party went well thanks to the Colour Marshall J.Whorwood.
- 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 preacher this year will be Revd Dr Andrew Wood, Chair of the Southampton Methodist District.
- The total amount of donations that we were able to make was £1,800. A great improvement on 2007.

The chair thanked S. Harwood and his committee for his report and continuing, much appreciated efforts organising this most important event.

2. Entertainments Committee – G.Cartwright, reported that: -

- All last year's functions with the exception of the Anniversary Ball, which had been anticipated to make a loss, made a contribution to the Club's accounts as well as being enjoyed by all those attending.
- He was arranging a 2.5hr narrow boat excursion on the Kennet and Avon Canal on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009.
- He wished to thank his committee for their support, especially T. Clark for all his preparation and printing of menu's, event programmes and place cards.
- He will be standing down as Hon Entertainments Officer and Chairman of the Entertainments committee at the end of this year.

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 to make last years 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations so enjoyable.

### ***The Cricket Section***

The Chair reported that he and G.Cartwright had attended the AGM of the Cricket Section who with the departure of M.Weston to the Australian Maritime Academy in Launceston, Tasmania, do not have a Secretary .Whilst last years matches were co-ordinated by Ian Bagshaw and George Gifford and that they had a very successful and enjoyable season he indicated his concern for the future of the section.

### ***Introduction to the Club Officers for 2008***

Copies of the 'Club Officers for 2009' were available for members at Appendix IV.

G.Angas reported (due to the Chairman's absence from the Past Captains meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009) that their appointment of officers for 2009 is as follows:-

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

### ***Any Other Business***

G.Angas introduced the issue of the paucity of Cachalots that were indicating their willingness to stand for election as Club Officers. After some lively discussion it was agreed that a serious attempt should be made to ensure that all Cachalots should be encouraged to get involved with the administration and management of the Club and that existing officers should make every attempt to ensure that the inclusivity of all Cachalots was emphasised at every opportunity. **Action: GA, BP, JM, GC, LM and IO.**

The Chairman thanked the Staff Captain and officers for their support during his year in office and wished J. Mileusnic a successful and enjoyable forthcoming year as Captain.

### ***Date of the Next Meeting***

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 in the Clubroom at 18:30 hrs.