

## THE CACHALOTS

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2012. 18:30HRS

#### *Those present*

I.Salter(Chair), D.Stocks (Hon Secretary), B. Peck, D.Gates, P.Grant, T.Clark, I.Downer, L.Hall, A.McDowall, P.Leece, A.Tinsley, I.Thomson, T.Winsborough., I.Stirling, J.Noble , L.Morris, S.Harwood, R.Kelso, G.Cartwright, G.Angas, M.Wallis. G.Draysey, B.O'Connor, J.Mileusnic, D.Dunn, H.Roberts.

#### *Apologies*

R.Olden, I. Odd, D.Turner, K.Owen, C.Coote, R.Pretty, P.Marriott, J.Smart, J. Whorwood, R Keyzor, N Salter.

#### *Gone Aloft*

The meeting stood and observed a two minute silence in memory of the nine members and one Stowaway that had Gone Aloft during 2011.

P.LeVoguer, M.J.Plumridge, P.R.Davies, Sir Julian Oswald, A.Gravestock, F.Grayer, D.B.C.Morris, A.J.Wilson, P.Fost, T.Grieves.

#### *Minutes of the Meeting (20/01/11)*

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM

**Proposed; L.Morris, Seconded; A. McDowall.**

#### *Matters Arising*

The Boatsteerer confirmed that the 2011 minutes would be altered to reflect the full abbreviation of the Southampton Seafarers Centre.

#### *Report of the General Committee meeting of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 .*

Due to an administrative error copies of the minutes were not available and I have attached them to these minutes for your information. Please send any comments you may wish to raise to the Boatsteerer concerning the attached General committee minutes.

#### *Storekeeper's Report*

Copies of the Club accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 had been distributed prior to the meeting and additional copies were available to members. B.Peck presented his report using these accounts; a copy is attached for information and to complete these minutes.

The Accounts for 2010 / 2011 were accepted. Proposed R.Kelso, Seconded A.McDowall

#### *Boatsteerer's Report*

Copies of the Boatsteerer's Report copies were available for members.

A brief summary of the report:

A new lease had been agreed with the landlords for the club room and office on a zero rental basis but at no cost to the SSC, a break clause of 28 days notice on either behalf was inserted in the lease.

The E & F and General Committee's had agreed to continue the bursary on a yearly basis providing sufficient funds were available. The budget for 2012 allows for this gift and therefore we look forward to appointing a recipient in due course. The Boatsteerer thanked Peter Marriott for his contribution to the running this award. Ship visit, once again the club supported and helped with the annual visit for local children to view a Whittaker Tanker and Solent Towage.

Solent Maritime was formed and we congratulate George Angas on his new position as Chairman of Solent Maritime and look forward to reading about the achievements in 2012.

Sea Pie Supper, we have taken on the challenge of a new venue with all the changes and challenges that will entail.

Stowaway members we have two new members, HRH The Princess Royal and Admiral Lord West who will join us at the supper as principal guest. Unfortunately The Princess Royal will not be able to join us at the Supper or the Shipping Festival but we have extended an invitation for next years events.

The Boatsteerer will continue to recruit Harpooners throughout the coming year in an attempt to bring new ideas and views into the various committees.

### ***Membership Matters***

D.Gates presented his report. The changes in the membership during 2011 being as follows:

Total members at 31st. January 2012 359

Gone Aloft 10

Resigned or deleted 28

New Members and members re joined 14

The membership was still in decline.

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

As a result of this report various ideas were discussed as to how to make the club more attractive to new members, it was recognised that the club membership was open to all with a maritime background or interest in seafaring.

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

1. The Shipping Festival Service will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 with the rehearsal on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and in 2013 next year, the 13<sup>th</sup> June with the rehearsal on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.
2. Peter Marriott was not able to attend due to illness and an update on the future of the Bursary is to be found in the Boatsteerers report.
3. Gerry Cartwright presented the Cricket Section reported on behalf of David Turner. A very up beat and successful 2011 season, stating how the team had gained from quite a diverse membership, members coming from all sectors of the maritime industry both young and old including quite a number of different nationalities each with their own experience. They look forward to the 2012 season and hope that as a club we could offer our support both by attending the games and if possible supplying some interested team participants. (full report attached)
4. Peter Grant reported that once again the entertainments committee had organised some very good events throughout the year with all but one making some money

towards club funds. It was unfortunate that the Dinner Dance this year had to be cancelled due to a poor response from membership, this event lost £52.88 deposit. The other close call was the club Christmas Lunch and thinking on their feet the committee changed venue and arranged to have a lunch in the club room catered for by the Seafarers Centre which was enjoyed by all attending. In conclusion a successful year, with a small but welcome contribution to club funds.

### ***Introduction to the Club Officers for 2012***

Copies of the 'Club Officers for 2012' were available for members

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected P.Grant as Club Captain and J.Noble as Staff Captain for 2012 and D. Stocks as Boatsteerer

The Chair welcomed and introduced P. Grant and J.Noble to the AGM and hoped that they would enjoy their respective appointments. The appointment of officers for 2012 is as follows:-

<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b><i>P.Grant</i></b>
<b>POST CAPTAIN</b>	<b><i>I.Salter</i></b>
<b>STAFF CAPTAIN</b>	<b><i>J.Noble</i></b>
<b>SEA STAFF CAPTAIN</b>	<b><i>I. Odd</i></b>
<b>BOATSTEERER</b>	<b><i>D. Stocks</i></b>
<b>STOREKEEPER</b>	<b><i>B.Peck</i></b>
<b>FUNCTIONS OFFICER</b>	<b><i>to be appointed</i></b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b>	<b><i>D.Gates</i></b>

### ***Future of the Club and Clubrooms***

Although the club now enjoyed a rent free lease it is still incurring considerable costs and with the decline in membership it was proposed at the E & F committee to appoint a working group to look into the finances and raising funds.

There was a review carried out in 2006 and certain recommendations were made:

- to improve the web site and computerise accounting membership records etc.
- Change the opening hours to Thursday and Friday,
- Collaborate with for instance the Nautical Institute amongst others,
- Build upon the relationship with SSC,
- Etc.

As you will see most or all of these recommendations were carried out but some five years later we are in a similar position.

Action: Boatsteerer to form a working group.

Note: John Noble wished to volunteer as a member of such a group

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

Reg Kelso proposed to invite Ian Murray editor of the Southampton/Southern Echo to attend a lunch time session at the club one Friday and asked if the Captain and

Boatsteerer would attend in order to meet with Ian. Reg was tasked with setting up a date for such a meeting.

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

***Date of the Next Meeting***

Thursday 17th January 2013 in the Clubroom at 18:30 hrs.