

THE CACHALOTS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2011. 18:30HRS

Those present

G Cartwright(Chair), G.Angas (Hon Secretary), B. Peck, D.Gates, P.Grant, T.Clark, I.Downer, L.Hall, A.McDowall, P.Leece, P.Marriott, I.Thomson, T.Winsborough. C.Coote, I.Stirling, K. Dagnall, P.Northway, G.Wright, D.Stocks, I.Salter, D. Turner, M.Wallis. L. Morris, J. Bowde.

Apologies

S.Harwood, F. O'Grady, G.Draysey, J.Whorwood, F.Pedersen, J.Noble, P.Fost, W.Wells, I. Odd, A.Tinsley, B. O'Connor, D.Corr, K. Owen, R. Kelso.

Gone Aloft

The meeting stood and observed a two minute silence in memory of the seven members that have Gone Aloft during 2010.

Minutes of the Meeting (21/01/10)

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM

Proposed; P. Marriot Seconded; I. Downer.

Matters Arising

It was confirmed that the artefacts excluding books but particularly the P & O dress sword would remain with the Cachalots at this time and not be loaned to P & O for display on their ships.

Report of the General Committee meeting of Thursday 18th November 2010.

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 topic of discussion at this meeting being the future of the Cachalot's room at Queen's Terrace, this has been well publicised and an update is given in the Boatsteerer's report presented to this meeting.

It was also noted that R. Woods had been "nominated" and not "appointed" as reported in the minutes.

Storekeeper's Report

Copies of the Club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2010 had been distributed prior to the meeting and additional copies were available to members.

B.Peck presented his report using these accounts.

It was noted that the accounts were certified by Yates & Co Chartered Accountants.

The Accounts for 2009 / 2010 were accepted. Proposed L. Morris. Seconded P. Leece.

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to both Barry Peck and Richard James for their sterling work in keeping the finances and financial records in perfect order during Barry's recent and prolonged stay in hospital.

Boatsteerer's Report

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

This being the final report from George in his capacity as Boatsteerer he started by thanking everyone for their support over the years and for their acceptance of his unintentional mistakes.

The main points being:

The continued occupancy by the Cachalots of the premises at Queens Terrace which would be discussed as item 10 on the agenda.

The Bursary given in 2010 had proved successful and it was reported that the candidate Michael Smith, has now passed all his exams and attained his certificate of competency as Chief Officer.

The Cachalots had continued it's close association and support of Business Southampton during the year and progress had been made in the project to map the maritime businesses within the local area this was an ongoing project and would hopefully help to develop Southampton and it's maritime sector.

During the year and in association with the Ship Owners Association a very successful visit had been organised for children to visit two vessels, a Whitaker Tanker and a Solent Towage Tug. This had been enjoyed by all concerned.

Finally George told of the progress in meeting the set objectives for 2010 and again thanked the Officers and Harpooners for their support.

Les Morris proposed a vote of thanks for all the hard work George had put into the Cachalots during his time in office this was well received by all present.

Membership Matters

D.Gates presented his report. The changes in the membership during 2010 were as follows:

Total given at 31st. December 2010 384
 Gone Aloft 7
 Resigned 7
 Deleted 6
 New Members 12
 Re Joined 3
 Elected 6 (still to pay)
 To Delete 2011 4

The Club membership now stands at:

Total Members	384
Members paid	380

DG reported that at the last E & F it was proposed that Richard James should, in recognition of his work over the past 5 years, be nominated for Honorary Life Membership. GA reported that all GC members had since been contacted and had agreed that this nomination should be put the AGM. This was proposed by D. Gates seconded I. Thompson and unanimously approved..

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

Reports from Chairmen of Sub-Committees

1. Church Committee – GA reported, in the absence of SH, that the committee had been disbanded due to new proposals for the general office to take on the coordination of the Shipping Festival with the continuing help of the ex committee Harpooners. George Angas reported upon the much reduced share of the offerings in 2010, this after some debate was thought to be due to a large part of the congregation using gift envelopes and these not being counted for joint distribution. This to be followed up at an appropriate time with the Cathedral staff. GA thanked SH and the Church Committee members for their contribution over the years.
2. Peter Marriot gave an update on the Bursary saying that a three year period had been agreed of which 2011 would be the third year. The 2010 bursary had been a joint selection by the WMA, Sailors Society and the Cachalots the SC offering two awards The candidate for the Cachalots award was selected and six other s remained for the SC to choose from in fact the SC awarded all six candidates monies. It was noted that Mike Smith had made an effort to visit the Cachalots and speak to members.
3. David Turner presented the Cricket Section reported informing us of quite a successful season having 17 fixtures of which they played only 12 due to various reasons beyond their control, weather included. The team had moved to the Otterbourne club pitch which gave them a permanent slot one night a week on a weekly basis and a rather nice watering hole near the pitch called the “Otter” all to note after turning up to support the team! The fixture list is displayed on the Cachalot’s web site and all are welcome to attend.

4. Peter Grant gave a verbal report on the Entertainment Committee, the curry lunch being the first challenge when the venue was found to be closed prior to the lunch this was immediately changed to POSH and the day saved. Unfortunately POSH is on the first floor and does not have access suitable for the infirm or those with mobility problems. The skittles event was a success with 30 people attending as were the Cachalot suppers and other events with the visit to Windsor being of note.

Introduction to the Club Officers for 2011

Copies of the 'Club Officers for 2011' were available for members

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected I. Salter as Club Captain and P. Grant as Staff Captain for 2011 and D. Stocks as Boatsteerer

The Chair welcomed and introduced I. Salter, P. Grant and D. Stocks to the AGM and hoped that they would enjoy their respective appointments. The appointment of officers for 2011 is as follows:-

CAPTAIN	<i>I. Salter</i>
POST CAPTAIN	<i>G.Cartwright</i>
STAFF CAPTAIN	<i>P. Grant</i>
SEA STAFF CAPTAIN	<i>I. Odd</i>
BOATSTEERER	<i>D. Stocks</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 asked George Angas to update the meeting. It was then reported that notice had been served on the landlord to terminate the present lease as this was necessary to ensure that the Cachalots were not held to the terms for a further five years.

Negotiations were now underway for the terms of the new lease which would be of two years duration with a clause to terminate by either party with two months notice. Further, the terms must be such that the MtS should not incur any costs from our tenancy, we still await the a statement of what these charges will be in order to assess the feasibility of this proposed contract. Providing the finances balanced both the General and E & F committees agreed the offer should be accepted. The facility for members was to be open on Thursday and Friday lunch times only from the 7th February onwards. It was also stated that a period of 2 to 4 years might be all that could be expected under the new arrangements.

Any Other Business

Les Morris proposed a vote of thanks to Liz for all her hard work during the year. Alan McDowall offered the membership the use of a variety of boats and asked that if any one was interested would they contact him.

George Angas concluded with the message that 2011 would see the Cachalots in discussion with other maritime organisations in the area with a view to see if synergy existed on common interests, lectures, technical papers etc.

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

Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 19th January 2012 at 18:30 hrs.