

“THE CACHALOTS”

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS’ CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2015 at 18:30HRS

Those present

I. Odd, (Chair), J.Smart, B.Peck, K.Dagnall, L.Morris, P.Leece, A.Tinsley, I.Thomson, I.Stirling, D.Gates, T.Clark, S.Harwood, R.Kelso, J.Mileusnic, F. Pedersen, M.Grant, L. Odd, H.Roberts, P.Grant, G.Cartwright, G.Angas, I.Downer, R.Pretty, J. Whorwood-Pugh, J.Noble, N.Bassett

1) Gone Aloft

The meeting stood and observed a two minute silence in memory of the members :-

Past Captains Peter Moore, Peter Marriott and David Carr.

2) Apologies

C. Coote, R.Olden, G. Draysey, A. McDowell, D.J.B. Dunn, K. Owen, I. Petersen, M. Wallis, G. Pugh, R. Domanski

3) Notes of the Meeting held on 16th January 2014

These were circulated for information in lieu of unrecorded Minutes.

4) Matters Arising

The attention of those present was drawn to the last AGM when it was proposed to make some minor modifications to our 2013 Rules but these were overlooked during the meeting.

It is now proposed that the following Rules which have been published in Cachalot No.49 Sept. '13 and the proposed amendments to the Rules published in Cachalot No. 50 Dec. '13 be now considered.

The CACHALOTS - RULES – 2013

Rule 1 The name shall be "The CACHALOTS". Formerly known as "THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS' CLUB".

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Rule 11. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in January or February in each year and all Cachalots shall be entitled to attend and to vote, but no member shall be entitled to vote in any matter or take part in any discussion at such meeting, or at any meeting of the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees, unless their subscription for the current year has been paid. The date of the AGM will appear at least once in the programme of events given to each Member and on the meeting rooms Notice Board and on The CACHALOTS web site. Any change to the given date shall be promulgated by whatever means appropriate.

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These Rule changes were agreed by those present

As the Rules 2013 are published on our web site printed copies of the Rules will only be given to members up on request.

5) Management Committee Changes

These are dealt with under item 10)

6) Storekeeper's Report (Barry Peck)

Copies of the Club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2014 had been distributed to the members present.

B. Peck presented his report using these accounts and reported that for this year we had a deficit of £863 which was better than expected. (A copy is attached for information and to complete these minutes held in the Office.)

Queries from the floor were raised concerning expenditure Donations and Wreaths and also Insurance and the Captains Charity and the Bursary. The Storekeeper's explanations were accepted by those present. The adoption of the Accounts for 2013 / 2014 were Proposed by R. Kelso and Seconded by L.Morris. The Storekeeper was stepping down this year and was warmly thanked for his dedication and diligence.

7) Boatsteerer's Report (Ken Dagnall)

Captain Reg. Kelso took over the Boatsteerer's position from Captain David Stocks at our last AGM in January 2014.

Captain Kelso then successfully navigated us through the Sea Pie Supper last February and the Shipping Festival Service last June.

As a lowly marine engineer I offered to give him a hand and before long found myself taking over his illustrious position after his Doctor advised him to ease up.

I was duly invested with the regalia at the Harpooners Dinner in November and since then I have been on a steep learning curve with this year's Sea Pie Supper at the new venue of St Mary's Stadium and the initial planning of the Shipping Festival Service at Winchester.

I wish to thank Reg., Richard and the other Club Officers Past & Present for their help and guidance and hope that I don't drop too many clangers.

Finally you may be pleased to know that after being severely chastised by my wife, my future Cachalot blogs will be of the Women's Institute/Inner Wheel standard.

The Chair thanked K. Dagnall for his report

8) Membership Matters (Doug. Gates)

D.Gates presented his report. The changes in the membership during 2014 being as follows :-

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Resigned or deleted 8 and 6 (14)

New Members and members re joined 12

The membership was still in decline and since the New Year nine have resigned, a clearer picture should be available in a month's time.

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

9) Reports from Bursary and Functions Officers

1. The Bursary award has been named 'Captain Peter Marriott Bursary' in memory of Peter and the outstanding work he made despite ill health. At the recent meeting of the Past Captains Captain John Mileusnic agreed to take over the position of Bursary Officer.

As mentioned at the last AGM it was agreed that our Bursary Award would go to both the Winchester and Southampton Sea Cadet Units. Last year only the Winchester Unit took advantage of the Award but this year we hope that both Units will apply. John has still to go into all the past paperwork and have it computerised to give a clear position and would report back to the Management Committee.

2. Past Captain Peter Grant as Functions Officer presented his Committee's report 2014. 13 events were organised including an outing to Bristol, the aim was to make a small profit from activities and this year none of the functions made a loss. The Club Captain thanked Peter Grant and his Committee for another successful year. Suggestions for the 2015 Club Outing would be welcomed

10) Introduction to the Club Officers for 2015

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected J. Smart as Club Captain and L. Morris as Staff Captain for 2015.

The Chair welcomed and introduced J. Smart and L. Morris to the AGM and hoped that they would enjoy their respective appointments.

A vacancy in the Management Committee for a Harpooner had occurred due to Captain Peter Grant at the first Committee meeting resigning from the Committee but offered to be co-opted as Functions Officer and this was accepted. We have three candidates for the vacancy and after a ballot by those present Captain John Noble was elected.

The appointment of officers for 2015 is as follows :-

CAPTAIN	<i>J. Smart</i>
STAFF CAPTAIN	L. Morris
POST CAPTAIN	I. Odd
BOATSTEERER (<i>Hon. Secretary</i>)	<i>K. Dagnall</i>
STOREKEEPER (<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>)	I. Odd
HARPOONERS	G. Angas, G. Cartwright, T. Clark, C. Coote, D. Gates, J. Noble (It may be noted that five Harpooners are due to retire at the 2016 AGM)

The Club Captain Ian Odd thanked the Officers both past and present, the Club Members, and behind the scenes Richard and Liz for their help and support which was very much appreciated during his term of office

11) Any Other Business

The Club Captain reminded members that the Club had three Trustees who are named as Barry Peck, David Stocks, Peter Marriott, their work involved overseeing that the Management Committee was doing its job properly and with good governance, to sign legal documents without financial responsibility as we have insurance for this aspect.

From the Floor - our attention was drawn to our Rule 25

“25. The property of THE CACHALOTS shall be vested in not more than four Trustees (“the Trustees”) who shall be appointed by the Management Committee and the property of THE CACHALOTS shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Management Committee may from time to time direct by resolution. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the assets of THE CACHALOTS. Each Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Management Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Management Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Captain is now nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of THE CACHALOTS within the meaning of Section 36 Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.”

This will be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting on 12th March 2015

It was suggested that the younger members of the Nautical Institute and guests at the Sea Pie Supper be canvassed to join our Club which is not limited to those having a Master Mariners qualification.

The Captain advised that the position of our occupancy of the Club Rooms was on a four weeks notice and at the moment we were only paying for the utility services we used.

After the Sea Pie Supper tombola for a iPad donated by the Southampton Ship Owners Association we would be making a generous donation to the Southampton Seafarers Centre.

Club Members are to be encouraged to support the Annual Merchant Navy Service at the Holyrood Church on the High Street which is scheduled for September (details will be published in ‘The Cachalot’)

Vote of thanks was proposed from the floor to the Management Committee and the other Officers who helped to run the Club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19-30 hrs

12) Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 14th January 2016 in the Clubroom at 18-30 hrs.