

## “THE CACHALOTS”

### THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS’ CLUB

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019 at 19-10HRS

Those present (21)

F.Pedersen (Club Captain), K.R.Dagnall, C.R.Kelso, I.Odd, T.E.Clark, J.M.Noble, D.Gates, C.Robinson, P.Leece, P.Grant, L.Odd, M.Grant, R.Dunn, R.C.Plumley, A.Moll, J.Mileusnic, I.Downer, J.Smart, B.Peck, D.Dunn, K.Edwards.

1) Gone Aloft since last AGM.

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

Keith Lightbody, Ian Peterson, Denis Gore, Brian Waters, Gerry Pugh, Mike Godfrey, Reg Pretty, Allan McDowall.

2) Apologies

I. B. Thomson, A R Tinsley, L.Hall, G.Cartwright.

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January 2018

These were proposed by C Robinson, seconded P.Grant.and accepted as a true record of the last AGM by those present.

4) Matters Arising

C.R.Kelso requested details of the storage of the memorabilia and artefacts and was advised that this is included in the Boatsteerer’s report. He also suggested that the name Cachalots be used instead of Southampton Master Mariners Club however the general consensus was that either names could be used.

5) Management Committee changes – Election of a Harpooner

Harpooner John Noble retires this year in accordance with the Rules however he offers himself for re-election, Cachalots Peter Gould and Les Morris have also expressed a wish to serve as a Harpooner and a ballot took place with John Noble being re-elected and this makes a total of six Harpooners on the Committee

It may be noted that next year five Harpooners are due to retire but may offer themselves for re-election.

6) Boatsteerer’s Report. (Summary of developments during 2018)

At the last Management Committee meeting it was proposed that Captain Reg. Kelso remains as Club President and our recommendation has now received your approval. The position will not in any way interfere with the Club Captain’s normal office and duties or running of the Club.

As reported last year our Club Room is usually well attended on a Friday but sadly underused on most Thursdays (ideas to rectify this would be appreciated).

One idea I have is that we have a monthly Thursday talk by a Cachalot on his career at sea or the history of a shipping company or class of ships or even the latest developments and disasters at sea.

As you all know many of our Memorabilia and Artefacts have gone into storage and a comprehensive list of our items is ongoing and nearly complete with a view to offering them for sale to our members followed by auction house or a nautical dealer. We shall then be able to reduce the size of our storage room and save some money as we currently pay £2142 approx per annum. Reducing the storage unit by 50% would save £790 approx.

**ACTION** is now required for completion of the downsize within the next 6 months

The Sea Pie Supper and Shipping Festival Service was as usual attended by many of our members although the Service congregation which included a delegation from Weymouth MNA was down from previous years, snags did occur which we hope to rectify in future.

We are all very pleased that Cachalots Mike Morley and David Carter were recently awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service by Stowaway Princess Royal at a ceremony at Trinity House.

Captain Ian McNaught the Deputy Master of Trinity House our next proposed Stowaway was made a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in this New Year’s Honour List.

In the Club we presented an engraved glass plaque to Captain Reg. Kelso and to Captain Terry Clark in recognition of their outstanding services and dedication to the running of our Club

What of the Club's future, at this AGM we shall appoint the first lady Club Captain Rachel Dunn which may make some of our long deceased members turn over in their graves.

Our Staff Captain designate is Captain Andrew Moll RN, both Captains are in gainful employment and not of the older generation which is often heard at the S.P.S.

I must thank amongst others our Administrator Richard James, Paul Leece and Ian Thomson who both help to organise the Shipping Festival Service, and all those Cachalots who help the Sea Pie Supper, not forgetting the Management Committee members and Terry Clark our Newsletter and Cachalite Editor, functions printer, webmaster etc. Peter Grant organising Functions and Liz behind the bar

Finally I have agreed to carry on as Boatsteerer if you wish.

The Boatsteerer was thanked for his Report

7) Storekeeper's Report. (To receive and approve the Annual Club Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018)

The Storekeeper presented his report for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and gave a detailed account of the various entries.

He reported that for the end of the year we had current assets of £36,406 against last year's £38,288, a difference of £1882.

The Sea Pie Supper account showed a surplus of £6,273.00 against last year's £6,703.00, this year we have a small increase in guests tickets price.

The Shipping Festival Service 2018 account had a surplus amount of £863 against £438 in 2017. The surplus was divided between the Cathedral and local seafarer's organisations,

250 Club Lottery – A total surplus of £625 was achieved against £745 from last year.

Functions showed a surplus of £669 against £707 last year.

Bursary only paid out £220 against the usual £1000 (see Bursary Officer's report)

An unexpected expenditure was the updating of the Computer system which amounted to £512, this was offset by a £500 legacy.

Our final audited balance sheet for 2017/2018 shows a deficit of £1882 which was better than expected but we can expect this to increase year on year.

The Storekeeper thanked Barry Peck for looking after the 250 Lottery and the Membership Accounts.

The Storekeeper's accounts and report approval was proposed Clive Robinson, seconded Barry Peck and agreed by Those present..

The Storekeeper was thanked for his hard work in preparing his report

8) Membership (Report from Membership Officer).

The changes in the membership during 2018 to were as follows :-

Total Members 275, Paying Members 253, Gone Aloft 9, Resigned or Deleted 16, New Members 8, re-joined 3.

(2017 - Total Members 289, Paying Members 268, Gone Aloft 10, Resigned or Deleted 19, New Members 5).

The Membership Officer was thanked for his Report

9) Reports from the Function & Bursary Officers.

The Function Officer reported that the Curry Lunches and Christmas Lunch were well supported and enjoyed by all.

It would appear that members prefer a daytime function, hence the cancellation of the evening Christmas Dinner.

A surplus was again made as shown in the Storekeepers report thanks to a 10% built in allowance.

The Functions Officer was thanked for his Report.

The Bursary Office reported that Peter Marriot Bursary in its present form has been operating for the last five years, exclusively equally geared towards Southampton and Winchester Sea Cadet Units. The Bursary is only applicable towards offshore training onboard the brig TS "Royalist" and the motor vessels TS "Jack Petchley" and TS "John Jerwood". The recommendations from the Unit's Commanding Officers are collated by the Bursary Officer. The Bursary request is then reviewed by the Club Captain of that year, Boatsteerer, Storekeeper and Bursary Officer before approval is given.

During 2018 two Cadets benefited from our Bursary. The Winchester unit applied for one cadet to sail onboard TS "Royalist" in October. The Bursary was for £220 towards the full cost of £320. The application was approved and a report is awaited for publication in our Newsletter.

The Southampton Unit did not apply for the 2018 Bursary, but initially three Cadets were due to train offshore during 2018 having used the approved 2017 Bursary to book for the year ahead. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances two of the Cadets left the Unit before taking up the opportunity to go offshore. The third cadet received a Bursary of £270 towards the full cost of a voyage onboard TS "Jack Petchey". A report is also awaited for publication

in our Newsletter. It has been agreed by the Club Officers that the Bursary paid to the Southampton Unit for the two departed Cadets be retained in that Unit's account and used during 2019. Both the Commanding Officers of the Southampton and Winchester Sea Cadet Units have expressed their gratitude for the Club's continuing support of the Cadets. It may be noted that Cadets do not necessarily go offshore every year mainly due to certain circumstances. The Management Committee has given approval for the 2019 Bursary and invitation letters will now be sent to both Units Commanding Officers. The Bursary Officer was thanked for his Report.

10) Introduction to the Club Officers for 2019

The Chairman reported that the Past Captains had elected Rachel Dunn as Club Captain and as Staff Captain Andrew Moll for 2019.

The appointment of Officers for 2019 is as follows:

CAPTAIN	R. Dunn
STAFF CAPTAIN	A.G. Moll
POST CAPTAIN	F. N. Pedersen
BOATSTEERER ( <i>Hon. Secretary</i> )	K.R. Dagnall MBE
STOREKEEPER ( <i>Hon. Treasurer</i> )	I. P. Odd

HARPOONERS T E Clark, D F Gates, P Grant, G. Cartwright, J. Smart, J M Noble.

(It may be noted that all the Harpooners except J.M. Noble are due to retire at the 2020 AGM in accordance with the Rules)

All the above appointments were unanimously agreed by those present.

11) Any Other Business.

Paul Leece reported that he considered that at the Shipping Festival Service the Cathedral were having more and more involvement and he suggested that in future they do the ushering instead of our sidesmen, except for the VIPs who would be our senior sidesmen's responsibility.

It was also suggested that the flag party be seated in the front rows of the nave behind the VIP section as their present position at the sides was in unsatisfactory blind spots.

The distribution of the canapés in the garden after the Service when it was reported that the Cadets were not required will not happen in future as one of our Officers will have a permanent presence there.

It was also suggested that the Club should be more involved in getting VIPs to attend.

All the above will be discussed at our next meeting with the Cathedral personnel.

A suggestion that at the Sea Pie Supper several Club Membership Forms be placed on each table as well as being mentioned in the Programme was agreed.

The Storekeeper remarked that several corporate companies at the Sea Pie Supper were late payers due to their accounting system which was not on a local basis.

The provision of food in the Club Room was discussed now that we have a gift of a microwave oven and it was considered that our landlords would not be in agreement as they do not provide any food for sale or have a license to sell food. It was suggested that on our Programme of Events a footnote should be added "No Food available except Crisps"

12) Date of the next Meeting: THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020

