

## "THE CACHALOTS"

### SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS' CLUB

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2020 at 19-10HRS

In the absence of the Club Captain A.Moll Staff Captain opened the meeting

#### 1) Those present (28)

C.R. Kelso (President), A. Moll (Staff Captain), F. Pedersen (Post Captain), K.R. Dagnall, I. Odd, T.E. Clark, J.M. Noble, D. Gates, C. Robinson, P. Leece, P. Grant, L. Odd, M. Grant, N. Dunn, R.C. Plumley, M. Phipps, J. Mileusnic, I Thomson, G. Cartwright, L. Hall, K. Edwards, A. Bloor, L. Morris, M. Oakley, N. Becket, G. Thornton, C. Hoyle.

#### 2) Apologies

R. Dunn, (Club Captain), J. Smart, E. Hunter, D. Dunn, A. Tinsley, S. Harwood, M. Bowles, K. Owen, B. Peck C. Phelan.

#### 3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Acceptance proposed C.R. Kelso, seconded L. Morris and passed nem-con.

#### 4) Matters Arising.

One ACTION reduction of Storage Space dealt with.

#### 5) Management Committee Changes.

In accordance with the Rules 5 harpooners are due to retire and the following Cachalots wish to be nominated :- N. Becket, T.E. Clark, D. Gates, P. Gould, L.R. Morris, M. Oakley, M. Phipps, R. Plumley - after a brief discussion it was agreed that they were all elected and no voting was required. It may be noted that the only other Harpooner J.M. Noble is due to retire next year.

P Grant has stood down but wished to remain as Function Officer for another year and has been co-opted.

J. Mileusnic has also agreed to remain co-opted as Bursary Officer.

#### 6) Boatsteerer's Report ( Summary of developments during 2019)

During this last year we have had our first lady Club Captain who deservedly was awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service by our Stowaway Princess Royal.

At a recent meeting of the Club's Past Captains they recommended that Captain Andrew Moll and Captain Ken Edwards be recommended for the posts of Club Captain and Staff Captain respectively.

At the 2019 Sea Pie Supper we had as our Principal Guest Captain Ian McNaught, Deputy Master of Trinity House who we made a Stowaway, Ian has supported the Club over a number of years.

At the 2020 Sea Pie Supper as an experiment we shall not have the Band which we found that due to the low banquetting suite ceiling drowned out conversation at nearby tables, however the Shantymen will still lead the singing.

The 2019 Shipping Festival Service in Winchester Cathedral, in June attracted a reduced congregation who due to the weather enjoyed the post service reception inside the Cathedral. The new seating arrangements for the flag parties proved to be a vast improvement. The Parade Marshall Cachalot Lt. Julie Whorwood-Pugh SCC was highly commended for the efficiency and conduct of the parade.

It should be noted that the 2020 Service will now be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 17-30 and not as advertised, this is due to another event being held in the Cathedral.

We must thank Past Captain Robin Plumley for the cataloguing and disposal of some of our memorabilia to an Auction House which allowed us to downsize the storage space at Lok N' Store as well as adding to our funds.

As mentioned in my last AGM Report to try and encourage attendance on a Thursday we had an illustrated talk in October by Robin Plumley on his Time at Sea in The British Antarctic Survey and the next was to be by Barry Peck on Cable Ships from 1970 in November which was unfortunately postponed and will now be given on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Members willing to give a talk are requested (don't be shy).

Our new Club Captain Andrew Mol has put together a paper "Cachalots Development Ideas" which has been presented to the Management Committee for their comments and consideration. It is considered that the paper could be circulated to the membership by the Newsletter.

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 Service and Sea Pie Supper, also the Management Committee members and Terry Clark our Newsletter and 'Cachalite' Editor, functions printer, webmaster etc. Peter Grant organising Functions, our Bursary Office John Mileusnic and Liz behind the bar and not forgetting Post Captain Flemming Pedersen who has stood in for the Club Captains on several occasions.

Finally I wish to announce that I intend retiring from this position at the 2021 AGM because of old age and after holding this Office since November 2014 I think that I should hand over to a younger Cachalot..

I. Thomson reported that he had just received an email from Winchester Cathedral changing the date of the S.F.S. to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June and will be discussed at a meeting with Winchester on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

#### 7) Storekeeper's Report.

The Storekeeper presented his audited report for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and gave a detailed account of the various entries.

He reported that for the end of the year we had cash assets of £36,547 against last year's £36,406.

The Sea Pie Supper account showed a surplus of £7,562 against last year's £6,273.

The Shipping Festival Service 2019 account showed a surplus of £614 against last year's £863. The surplus was divided between the Cathedral and local seafarer's organisations.

Unfortunately the Trafalgar Night Dinner showed a deficit of £346 against last year's surplus of £183.

The Captain's Charity GAFIRS raised £112 approx. at the end of this financial year and is still ongoing.

Last year Captain's Charity (SSAFA Gosport and Southampton Sunday Lunch Project) raised a total of £879.

250 Club Lottery – A total surplus of £685 was achieved against £585 from last year.

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

The Storekeeper's accounts and report approval was proposed Clive Robinson, seconded Douglas Gates and agreed nem con.

In reply to Clive Robinson's question from the floor, the storekeeper agreed that we were still losing money..

To reduce our storage costs it was suggested that members could store the flags in their homes.

#### 8) Membership Report.

The membership Officer reported that we have a membership of 274 of which 252 are paying members.

Members Gone Aloft 7, resigned 3, new members 12 and deleted 4.

The Membership Officer was thanked for his Report.

#### 9) Functions Officer and Bursary Officer's Reports.

The Functions Officer reported that the curry lunches, Christmas lunch, Club Suppers in May and September were all well supported as was the Burns Supper and the annual Skittles Evening and all showed an excess of income.

Unfortunately the Trafalgar Night Dinner showed a deficit attributed to lack of corporate support.

The Bursary Office for the benefit of new members gave a brief history of the award known as 'Captain Peter Marriot Bursary' which started in 2008 for Deck & Engineer Officers studying for higher certificates. In 2012/13 it was decided that instead we should encourage youngsters who had an interest in the maritime world. It was therefore proposed to award a bursary to the two local Sea Cadet Units which helped out at our Shipping Festival Service to assist them annually to participate on a voyage on a SCC training vessel. This year it was reported that both the Southampton and Winchester Sea Cadet Units both took advantage of the maximum award of £500 per Unit Bursary. From the Southampton Unit 5 female members with ages ranging from 13 to 16 were assisted to undertake a voyage onboard 'TS Royalist' hopefully we shall read an account of their voyage in our Newsletter.

Two Winchester cadets had a successful Western Isles voyage onboard 'TS Royalist', their report will also be published.

The Management Committee has given its approval for the v2020 Bursary Awards.

The Bursary Officer reported that the 2009 Bursary Award recipient was now Staff Captain on Cunard's 'Queen Elizabeth'.

#### 10) Introduction of the Club Officers for 2020.

It was reported that the Past Captains had elected Andrew Moll as Club Captain and as Staff Captain Ken Edwards for 2020.

The appointment of Officers for 2020 is as follows :-

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

HARPOONERS N. Becket, T.E. Clark, D. Gates, P. Gould, L.R. Morris, J.M. Noble, M. Oakley, M. Phipps and R. Plumley.

P. Grant has stood down but wished to remain as Function Officer for another year and wishes to be co-opted.

J. Mileusnic also wishes to remain as Bursary Officer and be co-opted.

All the above appointments were unanimously agreed by those present.

11) Any Other Business

The Functions Officer p. Grant advised that he would be retiring from this position at 2021 AGM.

The President suggested that we invite the Editor of the 'Southern Echo' to visit the Club or perhaps place him on the 'Cachalot Newsletter' mailing list.

A Past Captain raised a complaint that the Sea Pie Supper price differential between a member and his wife who supported the catering for the Shipping Festival Service should be given further consideration.