



Cachalots Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date of meeting: Thursday 13 January 2022, at the RBL Club room and by Zoom

Chaired by Club Captain – Andrew Moll

Attendees (Room): A. Moll, N. Becket, T. Clark, J. Noble, L. Morris, C. Phelan, J. Whorwood, R. Plumley, M. Plumley (9)

(Zoom): J. Jones, I. Odd, L. Odd, M. Phipps, B. Peck, P. Grant, A. Tinsley, K. Dagnall, M. Cox, R. Dunn, I. Thomson, F. Quader, P. Leece, J. Mileusnic, F. Pedersen, W. Hargreaves, G. Thornton (17)

Minutes

<i>ID</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Action</i>
		The AGM is held in accordance with Rule 11. All attendees by Zoom were in place for a start at 1830. After calling to order and explanation of Zoom etiquette, attendees were 'muted' and Captain Andrew Moll opened the meeting as Chair.	
21/01/01	Apologies received	J. Smart, R. Kelso, S. Daniels, L. Hall, J. Barriball	
21/01/02	Gone Aloft	A minute's silence was held to remember Cachalots Gone Aloft in 2021. Robert Seago, Rupert Best, Anthony Brindle, Gerry Cartwright, Richard Olden, Peter Sara, Henry Forse	

21/01/03	Minutes of last meeting dated 14 January 2021	Minutes have been available on the Club website since January 2021. Accepted as a fair record of the meeting of 14 January 2021. Proposed by J. Whorwood, seconded by M. Phipps.	
21/01/04	Matters arising	The issue of furlough payments for Liz Robson was resolved.	
21/01/05	Management Committee Changes	<p>Election of Harpooners. Martin Phipps MBE will take over as Club Captain from Andrew Moll.</p> <p>The following Harpooners were due for election - Terry Clark, Douglas Gates, Noel Becket, Peter Gould, Leslie Morris & Mark Oakley. All except Peter Gould indicated their wish to stand for another term.</p> <p>Noel Becket is elevated to Staff Captain and hence cannot stand as Harpooner. Julia Whorwood was proposed.</p> <p>All Harpooners proposed were elected unopposed. This satisfies the requirement of Rule 3(b). See 21/01/12 Club Officers.</p> <p>John Noble indicated he would stand down as Functions Officer towards the end of the year due to other commitments.</p>	
21/01/06	Boatsteerers Report	<p>Greetings to all, where does the time go. As I write this, I note from my records that it is one year since I took over from Ken Dagnall who had decided to ring 'Finished with Engines' and took his bottle of Brown Sauce off into the sunset and hopefully has been enjoying a well-earned rest and catching up with the list of jobs from Margaret.</p> <p>In my first blog I stated, "We all find ourselves in turbulent times with Covid-19 and Brexit affecting, and likely to affect our lives for some years to come." Well it seems nothing has really changed and despite the freedom allowed by the vaccination of many, we find ourselves in a situation where the risk of further controls remains ever present.</p> <p>We will endeavour to keep the Club room active as far as possible and in accordance with government guidance and rules as well as any considered by the RBL.</p> <p>In 2021 we did manage to get a virtual meeting place running using Zoom and a plentiful number of members took advantage of this. A change to the use of a digital monthly Cachalot has worked very well and the addition of a quarterly printed copy has gone some way to keeping in touch with those members who do not have email or who prefer to 'hold' the pages to read.</p> <p>Meeting's at RBL – our meetings at the RBL Club room have generally been busy. At the meeting of the Management Committee it was agreed to hold off</p>	

		<p>opening again on a Thursday and review the option at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>Zoom gatherings – I am continuing where possible to maintain a Zoom gathering on a Thursday morning, opening from 1045. For the most part I am free on a Thursday so not too onerous and happy to continue hosting this for members. Where I have something else on, usually golf, I will set the Zoom call up for people to join any time after 1045 but I have had issues with the system timing out. You may find yourself on your own and looking at a blank bulkhead!</p> <p>250 Club – Good to see new members taking shares. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!!!</p> <p>Sea Pie Supper – Friday 4th February 2022</p> <p>With a contract signed and planning moving forward, we keep our fingers crossed that our Dear Leader will not invoke any controls through the winter months and spoil our evening. Tickets went on sale on Friday 5th November and we have passed 350 reservations which hopefully will be converted to become paid for reservations soon. Please remember to contact Richard James if you wish to reserve a place and purchase a ticket(s) for the Sea Pie Supper. Members £53 and guests £65.</p> <p>Functions</p> <p>A Burn's Night Supper is being planned for Thursday 20th January 2022, to be held in the lower room at the RBL. The cost will be £36 and numbers will be limited to forty-one.</p> <p>Shipping Festival Service 2022</p> <p>Following our successful MN Day service in September 2021, I have started planning to celebrate the Shipping Festival Service at St. Michael's Church. We hope, and do not expect any Covid-19 restrictions being in place. Civic dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, High Sheriff of Hampshire, the Mayor and Sheriff of Southampton will be invited along with representatives from organisations associated with the port of Southampton. The service will commence at 1900 and we hope there will be a parade of flags.</p> <p>Proposed by L. Morris, seconded by D. Gates.</p>	
21/01/07	Storekeepers Report	<p>Ian Odd provided a verbal overview of the accounts which were displayed on screen. They have been finalised and certified by the accountants, Yates & Co, dated 06-Jan-22.</p> <p>Ian Odd indicated, subject to confirmation, that with reasonable receipts for the Sea Pie Supper and subscriptions, the accounts should return to a healthier outlook.</p>	

		<p>However, he indicated, taking account of what we have experienced in the past 24 months, the Club was in a reasonably healthy position to weather the current and future storms with an overall balance of £40,416 in the account. Ian was thanked for his excellent contribution in looking after the accounts. The accounts dated 06-Jan-22 were approved by P. Grant, seconded by B. Peck. The overall report was proposed by M. Phipps, seconded by R. Dunn.</p>	
21/01/08	Membership Matters	<p>D. Gates and B. Peck confirmed the Club has 268 members of which 245 are paying. We will not know full data until the renewal subscription process is completed, hopefully by end of February.</p> <p>In the past year from 1/1/21:</p> <p>Gone Aloft – 6, Resigned – 6, New members – 6, Rejoined – 2, Elected but not paid – 2, Pending applications – 3.</p> <p>Proposed by J. Mileusnic, seconded by F. Quader.</p>	
21/01/09	Editor / Webmaster Report	<p>Terry Clark provided a verbal overview of his report.</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>I have continued to produce a monthly newsletter during the year, mainly thanks to the output of Cachalot Michael Grey who still writes for several nautical publications. He, and they, kindly allow me to reprint his articles in our humble magazine.</p> <p>In September I was able to resume the production of a printed magazine using a new local printer, 'footprint', our previous printer not having come through the pandemic.</p> <p>Contrary to what one might expect from their name, 'footprint' is able to print capital letters and produce a pleasing looking mag., in full colour, at less than the price from the previous printers.</p> <p>It is now intended to produce these printed colour newsletters every quarter, as before, with a digital copy in the intervening months. I am also still producing a 'printer friendly' version of the digital issues for those that insist in holding their copy in their hands and reading it in the proper way.</p> <p>The shiny new printed issues are posted out to those not on our email distribution list and to any other members who request it, currently a total of about 70 members.</p> <p>Those on the email distribution list, now 249 strong, receive both the quarterly and the monthly issues by email, as pdf files.</p>	

		<p>I have no idea how many members actually read <i>The Cachalot</i> or bother of print off the PF version.</p> <p><i>Cachalite</i> bulletins continue to be sent out as necessary to keep members informed between newsletters, 28 in 2021 compared to 16 in 2020 and 23 in 2019. We are now up to 201 since the facility started.</p> <p>Website I have continued to keep the website reasonably up to date but have made no other changes other than to include a dedicated page in the members' only section to keep members informed of the progress of our President Reg Kelso. There is also a dedicated page in the public section giving all the necessary information on the Sea Pie Supper in February. The Google analytics program continues to throw up anomalous and baffling figures to such an extent that I am disinclined to report them here. There is a different monitoring system embedded in the WordPress programme on which our website is produced. Of the 223 members on our email distribution list, 113 are registered to visit the members' only section. Since January 1st, 2021, 35 have visited it, 8 of them this year. They may have visited multiple times, only the last visit is recorded. They may have visited the open section without logging in and will then be included in the Google analytics figures. Proposed by J. Noble, seconded L. Morris. A vote of thanks for a job well done was provided by J. Whorwood and J. Noble.</p>	
21/01/10	Peter Marriott Bursary	<p>John Mileusnic provided a verbal overview of his report.</p> <p>Bursary 2022 Two aspects of the 2022 bursary require discussion and decision by the committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Will the 'Cachalots' proceed with a bursary for the year 2022 (b) If (a) is positive then the method of distribution of the funds. <p>(a) This is an annual discussion and obviously depends on the financial situation of the Club at this point in time and whether the committee considers the bursary to be of value to the 'Cachalots' or if there are suggestions for a change. In this year of Covid the Storekeeper's report will be paramount in the decision.</p>	

		<p>As Bursary Officer my view is that the Club should continue with the bursary. If the bursary and the Captain's Charity are taken together it cements our charitable contribution to the community. The Club has assisted many young cadets to train offshore, some of those from families who would have been unable to afford the full cost without the Club's help. For 2021 the Club has contributed to the funds of both Southampton and Winchester units in a year that their normal fund raising activities have been severely restricted.</p> <p>(b) At last year's December meeting followed by the AGM it was agreed that due to Covid the bursary would be in the form: - Bursary, Bursary/Donation, Donation. Eventually both units selected the £500 donation. While the decision at that meeting and the AGM was that this was a 'one off' due to Covid, the committee will now need to discuss how the bursary should proceed for 2022. The whole Covid issue has dragged on and now none of us knows how the coming year will be affected.</p> <p>The AGM agreed with the intentions to continue with providing a bursary and distribute funds either for offshore activities as before, or as a donation as was done in 2021.</p> <p>Proposed R. Plumley, seconded F. Pedersen.</p>	
21/01/11	Functions Report	<p>John Noble provided a verbal overview of his report.</p> <p>Most events are being kept simple for the coming year, with a number of lunches arranged at Kuti's and occasional evening dinners/buffet held in the RBL lower room. John will make enquiries about a skittles evening at Old Bowling Green house.</p> <p>John confirmed he would be standing down by the end of the year as he takes on a new role for three years with HMS Conway. Hence we are looking for a willing volunteer, or team of volunteers to take on the role of the Functions Officer and committee.</p> <p>Proposed by K. Dagnall, seconded by I. Thomson.</p>	

21/01/12	Club Officers	<p>The appointment of Club Officers for 2022 is shown below:</p> <p>Captain Martin Phipps MBE Staff Captain Noel Becket Post Captain Andrew Moll Boatsteerer Robin Plumley MBE Storekeeper Ian Odd</p> <p><i>Hon. Editor</i> Terry Clark <i>Hon. Membership Officer</i> Douglas Gates/Barry Peck <i>Hon. Functions Officer</i> John Noble <i>Hon. Bursary Officer</i> John Mileusnic</p> <p>Harpooners (6) Terry Clark Douglas Gates John Noble Leslie Morris Mark Oakley Julia Whorwood</p>	
21/01/13	Any Other Business	<p>No items for AoB had been communicated to the Boatsteerer ahead of the meeting and none were raised at the meeting. R. Plumley made a vote of thanks to all the Club officers and Harpooners for their work and support during the past year. A vote of thanks by all was made for Andrew Moll to acknowledge his tenure as Club Captain during the past two very challenging years.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 1930.</p>	

20/12/14	Date of next Meeting	Thursday 13th January 2023	
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