**THE BRITISH MARIEHOLM IF ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**held on Saturday 20th May 2024 – 18:30 hrs via Zoom**

**Those Present**

Matt Davis, Len, Alan Macklin, Oliver Barstow, Mike Lloyd & John Young.

**Apologies for Absence**

Nina, James Baker, Katie, Peter Louth, Kevin Bailey, Len & Anne-Marie Careless, Peter & Flea Haddrell & Bob Warren.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Proposed by Alan and Seconded by John Young. It was unanimously agreed that the 2023 AGM minutes should be accepted.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**Captain's Report**

Alan Macklin delivered his report for the year;

*“2023 saw some significant changes in the Class Association that better reflect the balance of Class Membership that has migrated east such that numbers in the far south west are now almost equally balanced by those along the south coast in general and the Solent and surrounding area in particular.  And I would like to express my particular appreciation for Mike Lloyd's work as our new secretary along with my personal thanks to Matt Davis for his time as Secretary - and now taking on the Treasurer role - and to Olive Barstow for his many years as Treasurer.  I cannot actually recall when I took on the Class Captain role but I confirm that I shall be standing down at the 2025 AGM.*

*Although Association numbers are up, with considerable credit to Mike for his work here, last year was a 'disappointing' year for Class racing.  The disparate clubs along the south coast that our Members belong to provide limited opportunities for them to sail and race together . In the 'home waters' of St Mawes Sailing Club, either of our 2 most active IF Boats (both on 3 occasions) featured in the top 3 places for all 6 of the Club racing series but that was about the best that we can say for our racing as we never recovered our Class Start in Falmouth Sailing Week post COVID and in 2023 only managed 2 entries in the FSW handicap fleet whilst our National Championships did not take place due to lack of entries.  For 2024, our 'National Championships' are scheduled for Sun 14 July and we would welcome any visitors.*

*For 2025, perhaps it is time to give the Solent area the chance to host our National Championships and give all the IF-Boats in the area the chance to get together for an event.  I am not suggesting anything too serious: in St Mawes we used to have an unofficial Class Rule that said if you have to lodge a protest you should automatically retire as the principles on which we race are that you retire if you made a mistake and you are taking things too seriously if you feel you need to protest!  I shall leave it to those members in the Solent area to give this some thought and come back to Mike with some ideas.*

*I wish you all 'good sailing' for the summer - particularly now that the weather has improved.”*

**Treasurer's Report**

Matt provided the accounts for year ended 31 Dec 2023.

Balance brought forward **£6,425.00**

Receipts - Association Membership £80

Mooring £750

Payments - POFSA Membership £20

Percuil River Mooring £258.00

Mylor Mooring Services £263.00

Balance carried forward **£6,535.00**

Reminder that the class mooring is available to the newest boat in the fleet. If not required, then a local rental will be sought to help cover costs.

The Treasurer issued a reminder to all members to pay membership subscriptions. It was agreed that the amount should remain unchanged at £10 p.a.

For avoidance of doubt the Association bank account details are:

***The British Marieholm IF Association***

***Sort code* 30-98-57**

***Account number* 00697817** - Please make sure that your name is included as reference.

Standing orders would be much appreciated by the Treasurer.

The accounts were proposed by Alan Macklin unanimously accepted.

Consideration was given to what the Association might like to spend it’s funds on and it was proposed that perhaps some could be allocated to assist owners wishing to trailer their boats to events such as the Nationals in Falmouth or Folkboat week in the Solent, to assist with costs of transport, moorings of other such expenses. Unanimously agreed.

**Nomination of Officers**

Alan Macklin agreed to continue as Class Captain for a further year but informed the meeting that he would be standing down at the 2025 AGM.

Vice Class Captain. Position vacant.

Mike Lloyd - Secretary.

Matt Davis - Treasurer

It was proposed that the above named should serve as the officers of the association for the following year. Volunteer required for Vice Class Captain position with a proposal from the Captain that this position should be filled by a member in the Solent area to reflect the growing fleet there. Unanimously agreed.

**Boat & owner news**

Baro & Zeitgiest for sale though Zeitgiest not currently advertised. Kalinka may also be available.

Mahjong is still for sale in Lymington, albeit with with a very expensive electric drivetrain installed.

The Secretary has now made contact with 35 IF-Boats in total in the UK;

11 IF-Boats in the Falmouth area. All details we have are on the website.

14 IF-Boats in the Solent.

2 on the East Coast and 4 others on the south and West coasts.

3 Exact location unknown

**Dates for the Diary**

Round the Island Race (RTIR) – 15th June.

Falmouth Classics 14-16th June

IF-Boat Championships –14th July.

Falmouth Week – 11th – 17th August 2024

Folkboat Week 17th to 23th August in Yarmouth.

Date of next AGM – Monday 12th May 2025 at 18:30hrs. To be held on Zoom.

**AOB**

Consideration was given to Holding the IF Nationals in the Solent as part of Folkboat week if enough local boats could be persuaded to join the regatta. Secretary will canvas Solent based boats.

The secretary congratulated the Treasurer on his work on the new Website.

Peter Poland articles on IF’s on the Website should be held as PDF’s so that they can be downloaded. Matt will try to include these as well as develop the “blog” area.

The secretary will also send the North Sails Tuning Guide to Treasurer for uploading.

Len thanked the Members for all their hard work keeping the Assoc going, and offered his trailer, currently at Top garage in St Mawes if anyone needs it.

The Sec mentioned that the UK Folkboat Assoc are very keen to work with us to develop co-operation and fraternity amongst the fleets and would be very keen to welcome as many If’s as possible to attend Folkboat Week in August this year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:16.