**THE BRITISH MARIEHOLM IF ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**held on Saturday 22th April 2023 – 1200 hrs via Zoom**

**Those Present**

Matt Davis, Alan & Bridget Macklin, Mike Lloyd & John Young.

**Apologies for Absence**

Oliver Barstow, Peter Louth, Kevin Bailey, Len & Anne-Marie Careless, Peter & Flea Haddrell & Bob Warren.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Proposed by John Young. It was unanimously agreed that the 2022 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, see report in the club handbook for full text.

Highlights included:-

* IF-Boats made up approx. 50% of the handicap yacht fleet entries and dominated results.
* Annika won the National Championships. Only 3 boats entered with the same finishing order in every race.
* No racing at all in Falmouth week due to lack of wind.
* 4 boats entered the Round the Island Race. Association would like to support racing in the Solent.
* Loss of Alex McColl to the fleet. Alex was an important member of the fleet and instrumental to the change of the rule for the awarding of the Brian Snowden Salver to prevent a boat winning the trophy 2 years in a row. The trophy was awarded to Marie McColl in 2022 and it was felt that Alex would have enjoyed the irony of Emily Too winning the trophy 2 years in a row!

**Treasurer's Report**

Oliver provided the accounts on the website for year ended 31 Dec 2022.

Balance brought forward **£6,358.28**

Receipts - Association Membership £165

Mooring £725

Payments - POFSA Membership £20

Percuil River Mooring £163.80

Mylor Mooring Services £641.04

Balance carried forward **£6,423.44**

Above does not include website costs of £142.08 which Oliver Barstow has paid personally.

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 pay membership subscriptions. It was agreed that the amount should remain unchanged at £10 p.a.

The accounts were proposed by Alan Macklin unanimously accepted.

**Nomination of Officers**

Alan Macklin agreed to continue as Class Captain.

Vice Class Captain. Position vacant.

Mike Lloyd agreed to take over as Secretary.

Matt Davis agreed to move over to the position of Treasurer following Oliver Barstow’s retirement.

Bridget Macklin noted that Alan had served as Captain longer than any other previous Captains.

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. Unanimously agreed.

**Boat & owner news**

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

Pele is now back in the UK in Cardiff Bay.

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

Vigo has arrived in St Mawes though unlikely to race.

Iffen recently for sale in Chatham.

We understand there are around 30 IF-Boats in total in the UK. Some on the East coast.

Approximately 10 IF-Boats in the Falmouth area. All details we have are on the website.

Approximately 5 IF-Boats in the Solent. Mike aiming to make contact with owners in the Solent.

Discussion followed over cost of buying an IF-Boat today. Mike estimated £8k to £12k depending on condition, engine and equipment.

Alan recounted the beliefs of John Todd, a founding member of the association, in the early 2000s, that IF-Boats should always be a low cost fleet and should always change hands for £10k, irrespective of condition and equipment.

This ethos is where the current rules of only one replacement sail allowed per season and minimal electronics comes from.

**Dates for the Diary**

Round the Island Race (RTIR) – 1st July.

IF-Boat Championships – 15th & 16th July.

Falmouth Week – 6th to 12th August 2022 (Series is Thurs 10th - Sat 12th).

Folkboat Week 19th to 26th August in Yarmouth.

Date of next AGM – Saturday 30th March 2024. To be held on Zoom, with perhaps some people in St Mawes Sailing club if people are available.

**AOB**

Mike trying to get all IF-Boats in the same class for the RTIR. Race takes around 9 hours to complete 60 mile course. Critical to get around the Needles before tide turns. 1,200 to 1,400 boats complete in total.

IF-Boat Championships will be part of a wider fleet including the St Mawes One Design Centenary and the Rustler/Piper class which is now the largest fleet in St Mawes with around 11 boats.

Discussion of IF-Boat website. Problem with website is that it is not secure and Oliver is stepping away from association and running the website. It was decided that we do need a website to encourage new member to join. Bridget mentioned the current cost of hosting is high and cheaper alternatives are available. Wordpress approx. £100 p.a.

Mike to speak to Oliver and will make some enquiries about creating a new basic website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12:40pm.