Notice: ATYC Annual General Meeting

Date: 28th March 2012 Time: 20:00

Location: The Clubhouse, Windsor Yacht Club - 01753 858381

Windsor Marina, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berks, SL4 5TZ,

Meeting Started 20.00

Minutes

Attendance

Officers present

Michael Shefras	MS
Peter Hasler	PH
Gaby Chambers	GC
Warwick Morgan	WM
Hon Sec - Jeremy Schomberg	JS
Andy Soper	AS (Elect)
Bob Smith	BS (Elect)
Michael Chambers	MC (Elect)

Members

NAME	CLUB
Linda Turner	TSCC
Chris Turner	TWYC
Mike Chambers	TMYC
Brian Walker	Middle Thames YC
Elsie Walker	Middle Thames YC
Pam Chart	Richmond YC

Philip Chart	Richmond YC
Darren king	BCC
Marion Lonsdale	BCC/TSCC
Paul Lonsdale	BCC/TSCC
Alan Hill	Swan Radcot CC
Dominic Evans	SBC
Nicky Pinkney	SOC
Richard Hart	DSP
Neil Winchester	LRYC/IYFR
Louis Jankel	TSCC
Andy Soper	RNSA & DBA
Philip Whitehead	AMYC
Susan Evenden	TYC
Chris Evenden	TYC
Roy Mason-Wood	BCC
Sheila mason Wood	BCC
Chris Knight	WMC
Linda Varney	SBC
John Bonnett	RYC
Clair Bonnett	RYC
John Harmer	TMYC
Colleen Harmer	TMYC

1. Introduction, Welcome and Chair's Report

At the 2011 AGM Chris Turner resigned as Chair. The meeting recognised the work Chris had accomplished during the previous five years whilst in office and comment was made on the constructive work he had accomplished during that time.

He was elected as a Vice President of the Association.

I was elected as the new chair and vowed to continue the work which I had initiated with Chris in the past five years to develop the Association into an organisation that worked at all levels and continues to become a recognised force regionally and nationally.

We welcomed new blood to the Officers Committee with Jeremy Schomberg becoming Honorary Secretary and Andy Soper as Deputy for six months changing to become the Honorary Treasurer elect to take over from Peter Hasler who is retiring at the 2012 AGM. David Jones and Gaby Chambers were elected as Vice Chair and Mike Chambers as the Training Officer joined the committee. Terry Sharpe came on board to manage the web page.

At the first Officers meeting all officers took responsibility for different aspects of the organisations work and the team are now beginning to deliver what has to be done. Following acceptance of a rule change at the AGM 2012, and with new officers in place this work will develop during 2012 to make the Association even more efficient to serve the need of the Thames Boater.

I emphasised as Chair said that one of my main endeavours was to ensure that what the association accomplished was made clear to the members recognising that it was necessary to take the message to club officers and then down through to the club's membership. We started the monthly 'NOTICE BOARD' and 'MESSENGER' messages and with the club's cooperation we might now using modern means of communications make all our members aware of what we are doing Nationally, Regionally from a political perspective and advise on the more pleasant social and boating activities which are going from strength to strength.

Our major events, the Rally at West India dock has been recognised that on all fronts was as good as any in the past and the recent Annual Dinner and Dance is also testament to the health of the organisation being enjoyed and supported well. We owe a great vote of thanks to all the officers who worked so hard to deliver both events.

ATYC is represented at every meeting where any subject that might affect service to the boater is considered and takes a lead. It is our headed paper that advises the 60 Recreational Motor-boater Section on Queen Jubilee matters, and it is the same with the Olympics both activity on the tidal and non tidal Thames.

Through our membership of TUGn we have led the campaign to overturn the suggested program of not having resident lock keepers as houses become vacant. How this has been resolved will be reported at the 2012 AGM.

I am comfortable that as we enter the 2012 boating season we are in as a good shape as at any time in our history: but not complacent in any way. During 2012 we will move forward again with more new blood through more Vice Chair positions and by AGM 2013 a nomination for a Deputy Chair to take over from me when I retire at 2014 AGM. We seek wider representation from all parts of the river.

Finally I thank Peter Hasler and David Eatwell, both of whom are retiring. We gave both of them our thanks and a small presentation at the annual dinner.

And with that we move firstly onto the business of the AGM where we will ask you to accept the amendments to the rules already circulated, elect new officers and accept the Honorary Treasurers Report. Very quickly we will move onto the General Meeting where officers will update you on all the many different challenges and events we are looking forward to in 2012.

Michael Shefras MBE
Chair ATYC

2. Apologies

Dave Jones
Dave Hansell
Martin Powell
Terry Scott
Dennis Hill
Lewis Read

3. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

Minutes were agreed and signed off by Michael Shefras

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 2011 AGM

There were no matters arising from these minutes

5. Chairman's Report

Duplicated from item 1 above

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1. Accounts and Auditors report (see Appendix A)

PH reported that the draft accounts for 2011 have been posted on the web site for members to view. There were no questions on the accounts and the accounts were adopted. There was a unanimous vote of acceptance from the attending members. Our honorary reporting accountant, Keith Clarke was thanked in his absence for his work and will be retiring from the post as from this Meeting.

PH will also be retiring from the post of treasurer as from this meeting, MS offered another vote of thanks (previously thanked and gift presented at ATYC Dinner Dance) for all his hard work over the years. PH responded and thanked the officers and membership for the presentation gift. The post of honorary treasurer will be up for election in item 9 below.

7. Secretary's Report

2011 / 2012 has been a year of great developments and successes, the obvious ones are the annual rally and the dinner dance.
Over and above that are the improvements in the communications between all officers and all member clubs, it is with the radical development of e-mail and web usage by all of the clubs that this has been achieved
The Messenger and the Notice Board have got our agenda into the clubs on a monthly basis. Thank you to everybody that has been a part of this and I hope it grows from strength to strength. Thanks must be given to Gaby Chambers for co-ordinating and implementing this.

It is your association, so please use it.

But in particular it is the refreshed web site, to which Terry Sharpe is adding regular input and upgrades to allow for all of our minutes, letters and political lobbying papers to be added for all to see at an instant.

It is with all of these improvements and the growth in diversity within the committee that we have had to have a look at the Club Rules and re-evaluate some of them bringing them up to date and in line with new working practices.

7.1 ATYC Rule changes (*see Appendix B for the full document*)

RULE 4 proposed change

Delete 'four' and 'Assistant Honorary Secretary' revised rule to read The Officers of the Association, who must be members of a member Club, shall consist of; a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer

(This allows more than four Vice Chairmen to be appointed which assists in sharing the workload and removes the post of Assistant Secretary which is no longer needed).

RULE 5 proposed change

Delete 'four' and 'Honorary Assistant Secretary' from first paragraph revised rule to read
An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April each year when audited statements of accounts made up to the previous 31st December shall be submitted. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected at this meeting and the Honorary Auditor shall be appointed.

(This ensures consistency with Rule 4).

Rule 8 proposed change

Communications sent to the representative or to the Secretary of any member Club at the last recorded email address or to their postal address, where a member has no email address, shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to the member Club. Any accidental omission to send such copy or non-receipt of the same shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolution.

RULE 10 proposed change

The burgee of the Association shall be a light and dark blue triangular shaped flag with light blue in the upper part, divided horizontally by a wavy white band and may be flown by any member of a Club belonging to the Association.
All monies of the Association shall be paid into an account at a Bank and/or Building Society approved by the Committee. All cheques shall be signed by any two Officers of the Association notified to the bank as signatories. An Internet banking facility can be used which must be accessible to the Chairman and Treasurer.'

(Most transactions are now electronic and this allows easier access to up-to-date financial information than the current monthly bank statement. Giving the Committee the power to approve changes to banking arrangements avoids the need to bring detail changes to an AGM).

8. Membership

The membership has reduced by 2 clubs and is currently running at 43

9. Election of Officers

JS was formerly elected at an EGM at the beginning of the June 2011 Officers Meeting having been proposed at the 2011 AGM.

9.1. Deputy Chair (Andy Soper retiring)

We have no candidate for Deputy Chair, we are actively recruiting for this post.

9.2. Treasurer – Andy Soper (Peter Hasler retiring)

Uncontested vote, proposed by PH, seconded by MS with a unanimous vote by the attending membership

9.3. Vice-chairperson – Bob Smith (Dave Eatwell retiring)

Uncontested vote, proposed by Penton Hook, seconded by MS with a unanimous vote by the attending membership

9.4. 2 x Vice-chair – Dave Hansell and Mike Chambers (new posts)

Dave Hansell - Uncontested vote, proposed by Swan Radcote, seconded by DJ with a unanimous vote by the attending membership

Mike Chambers – Currently in charge of Competitions and Training
Uncontested vote for Vice Chair responsible for Competitions and Training proposed by JS, seconded by DJ with a unanimous vote by the attending membership

9.5. Honorary Reporting Accountant

PH is standing to take over this post, PH advised the officers and Membership that by taking this post he will in effect be starting by auditing his own work for a 3 month period. There were no objections and PH was voted in as the ATYC Honorary Reporting Accountant.

10.
Any other Business

There was no other business

11.
Meeting close (approx. 20:30)