

SAILABILITY SCOTLAND

Scottish Charity No SCO20022

2016 - 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sat.27th February at CCCDS Clubhouse
Bardowie Loch, Glasgow.

1. Attending

Derrick Robinson, (Chair) Keith Wilson, (Trustee) Stephen Thomas Bate, (Treasurer) Dorothy Bennett (Minute Secretary).

John McPartlin, Paul Noble, Liz Eaton, Ann Foley, Ronnie Cameron, Alex Hodge , Marjorie Greevy, Ann Ritchie, Merrick Yates, Neil MacDougal, James Galloway and Brian Wilson. (16)

Apologies

Duncan Greenhalgh, Ian Taggart, Richard Toulson, Ruth Foley, Lorna, Elspeth and John Turnbull, Hilda Robin, and Jamie Scott and Dianne Wilson.

2. Minutes of the AGM Feb. 2015

Minutes of the AGM Feb. 2015 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees Annual Report was presented by Derrick Robinson.

Merrick Yates pointed out that one of the Squibs ,”Thunder” had not been used for some time, 2 of the Challengers at Loch Ore Meadows were in need of refurbishment and the Challenger at Crammond was no longer in use as the sailing club group there had sadly closed.

Derrick announced that the Loch Venacher Sailing Club Committee had very kindly offered to become the National Base of Sailability Scotland.

They were very keen to support our charity and looked forward to a symbiotic relationship in which we can both benefit.

Derrick thanked Keith for initiating this arrangement.

Treasurers Report.

Stephen Thomas gave an up to date account of our present financial position and pointed out that it was important to be aware that we would need to raise funds in order to remain financially viable for the foreseeable future so that we can serve the members and continue to run events.

He suggested that we could do this in several ways such as recruitment of new members, reducing expenditure and applying for grants.

The accounts were approved and there were no questions.

5. Appointment of Independent Advisor

Resolution 2

It was accepted that Richard Kelly was to continue as Independent Auditor.

6. Constitution

a) An open discussion was held on the future of the Organization which centred around the importance of raising funds and increasing the profile of the club generally.

Various suggestions were made, including increasing membership to increase fund raising profile, obtaining new boats rather than trying to maintain older boats, getting rid of older boats e.g. the Squibs, applying for grants and funding including Lottery funding for new boats and holding open events where we can be seen in order to raise the profile of the organization.

b) Resolution 3

Proposal from Trustees - The remit given the Trustees at AGM 22, to progress with OSCR a new Constitution for the Charity that would allow our conversion to a SCIO legal entity, has been pursued but has identified a clause in our current Constitution that makes it impossible to transfer the charity's assets to the intended SCIO. It is therefore recommended that Clause 11 of our current Constitution is removed and replaced with:-

11 *Dissolution*

11.1 *If it appears to the Executive Committee that, after consultation with the members, the consensus of opinion is that the Association is either is no longer viable or that its aims and objectives could be better achieved under a different Legal Entity, then the Trustees shall seek the consent of OSCR for the Association to be dissolved.*

11.2 *Upon receipt of said consent and after settlement of all due debts, the remaining monies and assets of the Association shall be handed over to any new Legal Entity agreed by the membership under Clause 11.1 above. Failing the existence of an agreed New Entity these monies and assets shall be passed to RYA Scotland, or that failing, to Scottish Disability Sport, to be used for the development of boating for people with a disability and their carers, in Scotland. Formal acknowledgement of transfer of assets by the appropriate officer of the recipient organisation shall be sufficient discharge.*

11.3 *Unchanged.*

Accepted unanimously.

7. Membership

a) Resolution 4

Proposal from Trustees - that the charity accepts a generous offer from the Challenger Class Association to give automatic membership to that organisation for all members of Sailability Scotland; (an opt out will of course be available on our membership form).

Accepted unanimously

b) Resolution 5

Proposal from Trustees - entry to SS events will be dependent upon valid and current membership of the Charity. Reciprocal membership with CCA members as per Resolution 4 will apply.

The details of this resolution were discussed and concerns raised that it may put off sailors from entering events.

It was agreed to give the committee discretion to adopt the principle of the resolution with possibly a temporary membership option.

8. Regatta fees to SS

Resolution 6

Proposal from Trustees – Entry fee levy (£1) intended to be collected by the host club and returned to the organisation to fund Traveller Series Prizes etc has not been collected. The small outgoing has been covered from sponsorship and out of charity funds. It is proposed we cancel this option for 2016 and attempt to raise extra sponsorship to cover outgoings. Accepted unanimously.

9. Determination of Annual Membership Fees.

Resolution 7

Proposal from Trustees that all membership fees are held at 2015 levels.

It was decided that the individual membership fee would remain at £15 but the Group membership should increase from £40 to £50.

10. Election of Trustees.

Derrick Robinson was nominated and approved to serve a further 2 years as trustee.

11. AOCB.

There was no other matter raised.

12. Date of next Meeting.

February 2017. Venue to be arranged.

Lunch

A light lunch was provided allowing people to socialize and catch up with news and views.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizes were presented by Ann Ritchie and all recipients congratulated.

SPEAKER

Representative of RYA Scotland

Brian Wilson.

Brian gave a synopsis of the structure, function and benefits of RYA Scotland as well as some advice on the endeavours of fundraising.

This was greatly appreciated and we look forward to liaising with Brian and RYA Scotland in other events.

Meeting closed 15.30hrs.