



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2019  
AT THE ROYAL PLYMOUTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB**

**MINUTES**

Committee

Philip Kirby (Chairman), Ian Sinclair (Membership Sec/Finance), Mike Carter (Webmaster) Tony Littlewood (Committee), Dave Edwards (Committee)

Members present

Tim Sharman, Tom Eaves, Christine Eaves, Bruce Carter, Vicky Carter, Colin Spraggs. Robert Vere, Wendy Vere, Chris Dean, Denise Dean, Andy Merritt, Roger Clarke, Alex Brown.

Guests

Alex Clynych, Tony Prior, Ed Clarke

Apologies from

Rod Coomber (Committee), Steve Dart, Alurie Dutton, Steve Jobling, Mark Emmerson, Kostas Printzios.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the RPCYC and acknowledged the clubs fine location and reinstated the long established connection with the club, then opened the meeting.

**Item 1. Minutes of the last meeting**

Chairman confirmed that the minutes of the 2018 AGM had been on the HOA website for some time. There were no actions outstanding and the minutes were approved.

**Item 2. Chairman's Annual report**

Chairman also confirmed that his report had also been on the website for some time and he summarised it, and added saying that he felt that the Association was still in very good shape.

He also outlined the committee's proposal in regard to item 4 and item 5 which required an official vote and advised how voting would take place

**Item 3. Membership and finance.**

Ian Sinclair Finance Officer produced an audited tabled Financial Statement for the year 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 to 31 December 2018. The closing balance for 2018 was £2852.50. The major expense this year being the purchase of the revised edition of Hurley History Books, which contained further revisions from the original and an account of the Bring Your Hurley Home celebrations.

Ian reaffirmed that membership had remained somewhat steady over the last 5 years at approx 250, despite the amount of leavers and joiners every year. He also noted that the membership of the Facebook Group was around 650 members being at least twice as many as HOA official members. The Finances were accepted without further discussion.

It was noted that the budget for 2019 would depend on the result of the Agenda item 4 and 5 votes.

#### **Item 4. Proposed Move to Facebook Social Media and Nominations for New Committee.**

Chairman advised the current workload to run the Association in its normal present form for the volunteer committee was simply unsustainable and a change had to take place. It was the committee's opinion that after considering several options, the move to Facebook would solve a vast amount of issues and limit finances to a bare minimum. It was said that the main object was to sustain member's communication with each other and protect our valuable historic archives which could be achieved by the proposed move.

There was considerable discussion around the use and practicalities of using Facebook regarding communication between members, listing personal organised meetings, and general use of acquiring membership and FB facilities. There was also concern about the Facebook Administrator and Moderator being the sole controller and moderator responsible for the whole website and in the event of his inability to run the website how we would continue.

**Chairman took an action** - To seek approval from Nick Vass for an additional HOA member to join the Facebook website Administration, as a form of HOA back up.

After considerable discussion Chairman asked for a Vote by those eligible to vote.

Life members were excluded from voting : (HOA General Rules and the Rules Revised May 2018 – To reflect new GDPR) - HOA Rule No 4 (e).

Result : 10 For - 1 against.

#### **Item 5. Acceptance of New HOA Rules.**

Chairman gave a brief overview - there was no discussion undertaken.

Chairman called for a vote. Result: 12 For, So the vote was carried.

#### **Item 6. George Hurley Trophy – Given for Outstanding contributions to the Association**

The Trophy was awarded to Tim Sharman who served so magnificently for 12 years as HOA Chairman, and his excellent work in co producing the Hurley History Book, also his sole work involved with the revised version of the Hurley History Book last year. Tim also received a Framed Certificate.

### **Item 7. Rose Bowl Award**

No nomination submissions received from members this year

### **Item 8. Photo Competition**

Due to the outcome of the vote in Item 4, and the need to preserve the remaining HOA funds to maintain the archives, there will be no money prizes for future competitions but the winning picture will decorate the front cover of the HOA Calendar with a suitable acknowledgement.

### **Item 9. Calendars**

Mike Carter volunteered to organise and run the calendars as normal this year.

### **Item 10. AOB**

- (i) Chairman advised that due to health issues and mobility limitations Rod Coomber could no longer work in his role on the committee and had stepped down from the committee in October.

Rod who was one of the original webmasters had served for some 9 years, running and maintaining the website as the HOA developed, and in recent years just remained on the committee.

He was presented with a gift at his home by the Chairman on behalf of the Hurley Owner Association for all his years of service. Our best wishes go to him for his retirement.

- (ii) Chairman thanked Mike and Ian for their work with running and producing the Photo Competition and Calendars, and the rest of the committee for their support and help throughout the year.

Tim Sharman wished it to be minuted that he offered a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee Members for all their efforts in trying to find a solution and way forward in regard to the association's current situation and the protection of the archives.

This was approved and applauded.

### **Item 11. Date of next meeting**

In light of Agenda Item 4. (TBA)

The Chairman closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending and wishing them good sailing for the coming season enjoying fair winds and sunny skies.

He finished by thanking the RPCYC and staff for the use of the club facilities.

