

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hurley Owners Association  
Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club, Plymouth  
5 March 2011**

Present: Ian Anderson (President), Tim Sharman (Chairman), Mike Sheridan, Rod and Donia Coomber, Ian Sinclair, Bruce & Vicki Carter, James Hester, Howard & Sue Cogan, Ian Calderhead, Tom Eaves, Kevin Mitchell, Phil & Lynne Biggs, Phil Kirby, Jerry and Jean Barker, Bob Crocker, Tony Littlewood, Mick Harris, Ralph Smith, Bryan Mermagen, George Maskill

Apologies : John Udy, Paul White and David Holmes

The Chairman welcomed all those present, particularly our President, Ian Anderson.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held in Plymouth on 6 March 2010 were agreed to be a true record of that meeting. The following actions had been placed.

- a. Having sought advice from the RYA on the liability of the organisers of rallies it had been decided that the principle of individual responsibility should be enshrined in the Association's rules. Rod had agreed to check that the legal experts considered the proposed text appropriate and then publish a new set of rules on the website.

Action complete

- b. The committee was asked to consider how HOA might ensure that an interest was maintained in the location and ownership of the Hurley moulds which were currently held by Blaxton Boats.

Covered at item 6

2. Chairman's Report

The text of the report is attached.

Tim Sharman spoke to the report covering in particular:

his thanks to Rod for his work on the website;  
his appreciation of all the work which was involved in the organisation of rallies, particularly in the South West;  
his thanks to Bruce Carter for taking over storage of the Hurley archive so that the information contained therein could be retained for posterity;  
but most importantly his gratitude to the retiring Treasurer, Mike Sheridan, who had gone to tremendous lengths to bring the accounting procedures up to date and to keep track of the fluctuating and fickle membership.

Tim proposed a vote of thanks to Mike and Ian Anderson presented him with a commemorative plaque.

3. Treasurer's Report

Having tabled the accounts (attached), Mike Sheridan made the following comments.

The committee expenses had been higher this year because of the longer distances travelled to meetings.

The odd subscriptions for different years were due to the absent mindedness of a few members who renewed more than once (!) and a foreign member who sent totally the wrong amount and had, as a result, been given three years membership and large and small burgees.

The miscellaneous expenditure referred to £100 for formalising our interest in the Hurley moulds, the refurbishment of the trophy and the purchase of a new accounts software package.

Far fewer newsletters were now being printed, but expense was still incurred in the production and postage of the directory.

HOA paid fees to the RYA and for the hosting of the website.

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

#### 4. Membership

At the last AGM there had been 231 members – there were now 265 on the list (which had briefly even gone above 300), but several had not yet paid. There seemed to be a turnover of around 50 members per year. The committee had decided that if a member had not renewed their subscription by the end of May in any year, then they would be deemed to have resigned – the password to the website would then be changed and the change advised only to fully paid up members.

#### 5. The book

The previous AGM had agreed that to produce a history of Hurley boats would be a constructive way to use some of the increasing funds held by the Association. Tim described how he had met and talked with all the significant people involved in the history of Hurley to capture their memories and trawled through the archive for hidden nuggets of information. The book was now with the printers so that the final details of colours etc could be sorted out – he handed proof copies round for examination.

The book would be sold to members for £10 and to non-members for the actual cost of production which would be around £16. PBO had expressed a serious interest in publicising the book so it was to be hoped that a reasonable number would sell. Ultimately it was predicted that HOA funds would subsidise publication to the tune of about £1300.

Those present thanked Tim for his magnificent effort and praised the book highly.

#### 6. Hurley moulds

All the moulds had been in the custody of the owner of Blaxton Boats until he went out of business when HOA paid £100 to the landowner as a sort of storage charge to ensure that access was retained. A Mr Mark Reade has bought the moulds and is storing them at his site near Rye, where he intends to start a classic yacht renovation and building business. It was thought that it would be useful if a list of the moulds could be obtained so that a member needing a replacement item could obtain one. Tim took an action to contact Mr Reade again and request such a list, but also to ask him to keep HOA informed of their status – and if his own business failed!

Action Tim Sharman.

Ian Calderhead knew of a GP moulding firm who should be able to make small items from the moulds if necessary. Ian has also offered to store the moulds himself if necessary.

#### 7. Elections

Apart from the Treasurer, Mike Sheridan, all the existing committee were content to continue and Ian Sinclair was unopposed as the new Treasurer.

#### 8. Rallies 2010

A vast array of rallies was planned for the South West area, particularly by the Tamar group, ranging from Falmouth and Fowey rallies to a trip to the Scillies or Guernsey.

In the Solent a rally to Poole is scheduled for 16/17 July -. Details on the web site.

#### 9. AOB

- a. The Cruising Association was offered discounted membership to HOA. This was mainly useful for foreign sailing, but they did have a library in London.
- b. Questions were asked about the current requirements for papers and certificate when sailing overseas – particularly to the Channel Islands which were not in the EU.

**Action** Bryan Mermagen to produce an article on the rules for the website.

- c. On the question of tax exempt status for older boats the RYA had advice. It was agreed that, rather than putting such information on the website, links to appropriate places would be more useful because they would then direct the reader to the latest position.

10. The meeting closed at 11:58am and was followed by an excellent lunch.