



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1000 SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015
AT THE POOLE YACHT CLUB**

Members present:

Tim Sharman (Chairman), Ian Sinclair (Treasurer), Sue and Andrew McKinnon, Mike Carter, Nick Vass, Rod and Donia Coomber, Bruce and Vicki Carter, Tony Littlewood, Roger Powell, David Adamson, Richard Edmunds, Derek Christie, David Reeves, Claire Templar, James Hester, Kevin Mitchell, Ian Atkinson, Andrew Merritt and Bill Churchhouse (visitor).

Apologies had been received from:

Jacques Jongneel, Richard and Rose Coase, Ray Munns, Alurie Dutton, Scott Workman, Matt and Tony Harris, Colin Scott, Dennis Smith and James Green

1. Minutes of last meeting

These had been on the website for some time and there were no outstanding actions. The minutes were approved.

2. Chairman's report

Tim said that his full report was on the website. He considered that the affairs of the association were in very good order; Ian was doing an excellent job with the finances; the website was proving its worth as a source of all knowledge about Hurley boats; and the Yahoo group provided a very useful forum for answers to questions.

No Newsletter had been issued recently for lack of an editor so a new approach had been developed with a News page on the website – just one page at present with links to individual news items. Tony Littlewood had offered to improve the graphic design of the page, but was currently handicapped by the demands of four young grandchildren.

Andrew McKinnon suggested that an 'all stations' e-mail about the on-line news might be useful and Ian agreed to do this.

Action Ian Sinclair to send an 'all stations' email about the website News page.

The photo competition had again proved very successful as had the link to the calendar, but he was disappointed at the low voting turn out.

The move of the AGM to Poole had been a very good idea, making it easier for some to attend who had been unable to attend the Plymouth meetings. In general terms other local events would be a good idea, and could be supported financially and with

Committee representation, but they would need local members to request and organise.

He was delighted to see that Bill Churchhouse and Claire Templar were about to undertake the Jester Challenge.

3. Membership

Ian said that the numbers did fluctuate as was to be expected in a society such as this, but they were fairly stable and there was an archive of past members. A list of current members could be provided, but only in hard copy – personal details could not be put on the website. Current membership stands at 264.

4. Treasurer's report; accounts for 2014; budget 2015

Ian tabled the audited statement of accounts which showed a very comfortable state of affairs – the income had been greater than budgeted and the expenditure had been less. (Mr Micawber would be delighted!) The increased funds balance would be needed to support the celebrations around the 50th anniversary of the H22 in 2016.

The organisation was very economical – the committee only met once a year for which expenses were paid and other interactions were by e-mail. The Hurley history had been published with a view to spending accumulated funds usefully and that history had been supported by paying to have the original design drawings scanned.

5. Elections to the Committee

None of the current committee had expressed a desire to resign so there would be no need for an election. However the Chairman did express a wish to see some turnover of the team and pointed out that he had been in post for 10 years.

6. Photo competition

There would be another competition this year and the entries would be posted on the website. Bruce commented that some of the winning entries this year, while being excellent pictures, were not really of a high enough technical quality for printing at the calendar size.

7. 50th anniversary of the H22

2016 would see the 50th anniversary of the marketing of the first H22 and H18 and the official opening of the Valley Road factory. A major celebration event was being planned in Plymouth to coincide with the Classic Boats Festival (when they have decided which weekend it would be, probably at the end of July.) Tim gave a slideshow presentation of our outline plans for the event. (This is now available on the website.) Steve Dart from Plymouth was leading the planning, but in principle it would include a 'pontoon party' or informal gathering at King Point Marina on the Friday night, a 'parade of sail' of as many Hurley boats as could be assembled on the Saturday, dinner and presentation evening at the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club on Saturday evening and visits to places of Hurley relevance on Sunday. Members of the Anderson and Hurley families would be invited.

There was considerable discussion and enthusiasm for the proposition and a particular offer of assistance from James Green, a recent member with much

experience of the leisure boating scene on Plymouth. Tim read out a letter from James, making this offer.

Roger Powell said that his company would be happy to contribute a trophy or prize.

8. AOB

Claire Templar thought that we should have a forum on the website in addition to the Yahoo group which she found very irritating to use. Rod said that he did not think that he had the technical skills to implement this. After some discussion about how a new forum would interface with the Yahoo group, Claire agreed to make proposal as to how this might be done.

Action: Claire to produce a scoping/feasibility paper for a new approach to the internet/website forum.

Some owners of H22s had been enquiring about PY numbers so that they could race. Nick pointed out that PY numbers were no longer used, having been replaced by IRC numbers and that to obtain one the boat needed to be measured. This was run by the RORC and was a fairly expensive exercise (ca. £400), but having once been done for the two variants of the model, it could be used by the rest of the class. Nick asked if HOA might be willing to provide some financial assistance. Tim said that the Committee could consider a proposal which set out the costs and benefits. Nick accepted an action to present a proposal to the Committee.

Action Nick to provide a proposal to the Committee on financial assistance to measurement of H22s.

9. Date and venue of next meeting

To be decided.