

Annual General Meeting

Held at Aberdeen and Stonehaven Yacht Club on Sunday, 30 November 2003 at 15-00.

41 members were present, representing a quorate meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

J Johnson, T Jones, K MacDonald, P Davidson, J Davidson, M Tunstall, A Tunstall, A Thornton, J Cruickshank, P Anderson, M Fraser, J Jones, A Malcolm, A Fraser, E George.

2. Adoption of 2002 minutes and matters arising

There were no matters arising. Acceptance of last minutes as true record. 2003 Minutes to be posted on website :

Proposed: Ed Gillespie

Seconded: Duncan Robertson

3. Proposed changes to constitution

It is proposed to amend the constitution as follows:

Para 26, constitution of committee. To change first sentence to:

*The management committee (herein referred to as "the committee") shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Catering Secretary and **five to eight** other members, who shall be elected at the annual general meeting each year to hold office until the termination of the next following Annual General Meeting.*

Proposed: Helen Sinclair

Seconded: Craig Evans

4. Treasurer's Report.

Club's financial position is healthy. Final accounts adopted.

Proposed: DM-Hall

Seconded: Andy Mclellan

5. Sailing Secretary's Report

John Styles thanked members for electing him to the sailing secretary's position.

- A total of 7 series races held (6 trophy races, 1 regatta)
- 101 series races scheduled of which 85 were sailed. Of 34 series races scheduled to be run at Skene 33 were run. The Ladies trophy was not run due to lack of entries. 52 series races were run at Stonehaven out of 67 races scheduled
- Highest average finishers were 12 Stonehaven Wed, 10 Skene Saturday, 9 Skene Wednesday
- Lowest average finishers were late summer and autumn (6 each)
- Stonehaven 2004 regatta to be held August 21st, reverting to old dates
- 2003 regatta had an entry of 120 boats. Next year's regatta 21st August 2004. Mix and match only supported at Skene. Biggest turnout 22 entries.
- The last Sunday of each month was used for mix and match (these were days not sailed last year). This had a reasonable uptake at Skene, but not at Stonehaven.
- The reason most of the races were not sailed was probably due to poor weather but there was a lack of feedback as race sheets were not being completed when racing was cancelled.

Turnout for duties was good this year. Chasing people to remind them appeared to be effective. Discussion as to whether there needs to be two people in the rescue boat at all times. This was to be taken up by the committee. There was a wide-ranging discussion about the programme and the number of duties. The club has tried a full range of options and there is no perfect solution. It was decided to leave this to the committee.

5. Commodore's Report

Colin thanked all for attending to-day and noted that it had been a good year both in terms of spirit and club successes.

Training

The club offers training at all levels thanks to a large number of members who are prepared to help others to improve.

- The juniors had an excellent year- thanks to Keith who organised it and all who helped. Very positive feedback from children and parents.
- Pete Malcolm's race training was very effective
- CRAIG has been running his NESS sessions. Craig encouraged everyone in the club to participate.
- RYA powerboat and rescue courses have been successful
- Mix and match days. Enabled people to meet people and to learn more about sailing. Popular at Skene but less so at Stonehaven.
- Fireball training by Donald. "The more you practice the luckier you get"

Racing

- 2 of the trophy races not held. Not enough ladies! Family challenge not supported- might be better at Skene.
- Regatta successful- fewer boats than last year but more manageable. Craig did a great job with all his helpers. Regatta takes a lot of effort but puts ASYC on the map. Feedback is that racing is very well run.
- Outside the club, Laser sailors are doing well on their travellers with 4/5 ASYC boats regularly competing. This is also true of the fireballs where 3 boats are regularly competing. 5 fireballs went to Europeans. Eddie Bisset came second in the Cat travellers and Jonathan Stearn was seen at several events.
- Cruising. Little activity this year on the water- a lot of activity in the shed!. Ian went off to the Orkneys in the summer. Others have been to the west coast and overseas. There will be an award for the cruising trophy this year

House and grounds

- What would we do without Dave? Lot of activity on the outside wall. The end gable has been delayed till next year. The south beach shed requires a new roof and shed requires replacing. Cruiser shed has asbestos roof. Rescue boats require ongoing maintenance. Club shed and start box have been modified. The club notes its thanks to Helen and Dave in the usual way.
- MRI have left Stonehaven for Aberdeen. This may cause difficulties for rescue cover at the regatta. Should the committee consider purchasing the building?

Website

- Thanks to John Perry. Being updated regularly.

Overall it's been a good year. All committees have been successful and thanks to all those who so willingly took part.

7. Election of Management Committee for 2003/2004

The nominations received for Committee posts and/or members standing for re-election were as follows:

Positions by constitution		Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Keith Lewis		
Vice commodore	Brian Fraser	Helen Sinclair	John Colegrave
Catering Convenor	Helen Sinclair	Standing for re-election	
Committee Members	John Styles Keith Stewart John Colegrave Winnie Gillespie Lucy Lingard	Winnie Gillespie Colin Ladd Standing for re-election Standing for re-election Standing for re-election	Dave Sinclair Brian Fraser
To be co-opted to management committee:	Dave Sinclair		

The Management Committee was duly accepted by quorum.

7. Confirmation of Honorary Members

Honorary Members are:

Hon. Charles Pearson	Dunecht Estates
Hamish McDonald	Stonehaven Maritime Rescue - for support over the years.
Stewart Young	Factor at Dunecht Estate

Proposed: Winnie Gillespie Seconded: DM Hall

The Honorary Members were duly accepted by quorum.

9. AOCB / Proposals notified to Hon. Secretary within 7days of AGM

- The committee proposed that Jim the harbour master be proposed as an honorary member. Mike Dixon seconded. The meeting accepted this by quorum.
- Discussion about "RYA youth status". To be discussed at committee. Craig Evans to send information to Keith Lewis.
- Should the club members do some of the maintenance rather than get outside contractors? On the other hand the club is its major asset and should be done professionally. To be discussed at committee.
- How can we encourage juniors to continue in the club and race? There is a lot of activity gone into training. ? have a junior series. ? have prizes for each junior race. ? submit junior race results to the press regularly.?
- AGM expressed its appreciation of the retiring commodore and committee.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.15pm.