

Holm Sailing Club AGM 11th February 7:00pm

The AGM was held in the Graeme Room of the Holm Community Centre from 7.00pm. Neil Foubister was in the chair.

Present: Mark Causer, Charlie Siderfin, Simon Kemp ,Mairi Fleet,Neil Foubister, Malcolm Gordon, Michelle Scott, Mairi Fleet,Raymond Greive,Fredrick Sundman,Lyndsay Walnsay Adrian Askew and Andrew Leslie .

Apologies:Sheena Taylor and Greame Ramage.

Copies of minutes from the previous AGM were distributed, these were adopted .

Proposed: Andrew Leslie

Seconded: Adrain Askew

2. Matter arising from the minutes.

We had difficult accessing a rescue boat course due to this being held during the week and limited availability. Andrew agreed to contact the new training person at Orkney sailing Club. Mark agreed to see if the Nav school did any such training.

3. Commodore's Report.

The Commodore's report was brief and stated that we had a successful year. We had at our height 12 boats out and around 8 boats out consistently.

Neil informed the meeting of the sad news that Bruce Johnston who for years took role in our safety boat was ill. We thought that we might do some fundraising either for Bruce directly or for his nominated charity. Neil would approach Irene (Bruce's wife) to enquire whether this was appropriate.

Neil commented that we are still a growing club and it has been enjoyable sailing with such "good bunch of folk". In all we had a good years sailing.

The Commodore thanked Derek, Brendan and Jim for their continued support this year without them we would not have got out on the water. A big thank you Molly for their continued use of her shed for the safety boat and the club boats. Charlie provided a thank you hamper for Molly, we again were hugely indebted to him / Catherine for this.

A discussion was held about the merits of some repairs to be completed to the safety boat .There are a number of repairs (Steering wheel,

puncture)and Derek would be keen to have these fixed. It was agreed to spend money on the safety boat for the repairs and also a service.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer commented that our membership was still growing with:-

15 full members

4 junior memberships

2 senior memberships

5 Family memberships

Mairi stated that we were comfortable financially speaking and that we should invest some of money keeping the safety boat well maintained. This was agreed. The had regatta been postponed on two occasions and had an impact on the money that we raised, but we concluded that it was more about having a good sailing event rather than fundraising.

We had a discussion on the merits of being registered with the RYA.It was felt that we don't make enough requests for help or assistance and maybe we should. Members were also reminded that they usually get discounted insurance due to being a a member of RYA. We agreed to keep this going at present.

Mairi reminded members that we were running low on prizez, that we give out at the regatta. Neil suggested that we maybe consider other prizes and requested that we think about this over next few weeks.

Mairi also reminded members that there was course stickers which could be purchased for their boats at £10.

We acknowledged the great work Mairi did producing the accounts and thanked her. Neil took the opportunity to thank Caroline Stevenson for verifying the accounts. Mark will send her a card and some flowers.

Committee Elections:

Neil intimated that he felt that he had completed his three years and wished to stand down. Due to Charlie's work commitment as yet he was unable to take on the Commodores role. The whole meeting was offered the opportunity to lead the club .However no one wished to take on the role. Neil agreed to continue for another year.(Excellent!)

Commodore: Neil proposed by Adrian seconded by Mark

Treasurer: Mairi proposed Charlie seconded by Andrew

Secretary: Mark was proposed by Neil seconded by Simon

Vice Commodore: Charlie was proposed by Neil seconded by Mark

Regatta dates.

We had a discussion about changing the regatta date. However we felt that it should remain the week after the county show on the 16th August 2014.

We have decided to move the interclub and port to port to June. We will contact Stromness and inform them that we would like to have inter club on Saturday the 14th and Port to Port on the 15th June and if they wished they could sail with us on a Tuesday.

Fees/Fundraising/Blue Door

Bag the Bruck. We agreed to do this again as we got £150 from OIC. We felt that it was a good community gesture and very worth while.

We felt that we could do some fund raising for new sails for the club boats. Mairi will fill in a form for the blue door. We will also pursue a grant through the lottery for 4 new sets of sail, 2 new launching trolley's and 3 new starter buoys .Emma said she would contact a community council member to enquire about some help for the starter buoy's.

Most of the fees were to remain the same, however we changed the family fees to £60 as many family memberships are one adult and one child and it was fairer.

Family:- £60

Adult:-£45

Young person:- £15

Senior- £25

We agreed a flat rate for under 18s insurance to be £30 including their insurance.

Also that if you were keen to try sailing you were allowed to participate

3x then membership fees would be necessary.

Club Boats

We have four club boats. We did not allocate these, however we were aware that Fredrick, Robbie, Ewan and Bichan all wished to take boats out.

Fredrick stated that there were a number of items which would need to be replaced on Topaz. We agreed to get the boats out on the 16th April and see what needed repaired and replaced.

AOCB

Andrew was asked to do another rules night. We agreed the 16th of April after we get the club boats out at Cleat. So meet at Cleat at 6.30pm then on to the Holm Community Hall.

We had a discussion over the merits of an additional night's sailing to get members more skilled i.e. giving members more advice/experience helming. We agreed that this was difficult as the summer was extremely busy. Adrian suggested that we have 1 Tuesday night a month for doing drills and giving less experienced helms the chance to learn from more experienced skippers. So on the first Tuesday night of the month, we will not have a points race but have opportunity to train and develop our skills. Adrian agreed to come up with some drills that we could use on this night.

Sailing will commence on 6th of May. The first night will be to get the boats out and sailing. Normal sailing night to start with the gun at 7 pm. (Simon and Charlie please note.....)

We spoke about having a Jamboree in the summer where we could have fancy dress and barbecue. The Saturday the 29th June was suggested. Fancy dress to be worn. A theme may be developed near the time.

We also welcomed Lindsay who was at her first AGM and wished to join the club.