



Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday March 31st 2008

Chairman: Commodore
Present: 52 members as per attendance sheet
Apologies: Ken Ryan, Andrew Mackey, Michael Horgan Srn., Liam Shanahan, Martin Crotty, Colm Murray, Brendan Chawke.

The Commodore asked the Hon. Secretary to read out the names of the deceased members :

Steve Fossett
Nuala Henry
James J. Macken
Maureen Miley
Susan Pinkster
Henry M Callan
Michael Loughnane
Fergus Briscoe
Bernard Ward

Commodore asks the meeting for any other names that they know of. He then asks the meeting to stand and pause for a moment's reflection in respect of those members, staff and friends who passed away during the year.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Commodore advised that the Minutes of the A.G.M. of March 26th 2007 and the E.G.M. of November 26th 2007 have been available on the Website and were available in the room prior to the meeting. He proposes they are taken as read and asks the meeting if these Minutes are a true and fair record of these meetings.

The Commodore asks for a proposer and seconder:

Proposer: G. Pierse
Secunder: K. Slattery

The Commodore asks for a show of hands.
Commodore signs the minutes.

COMMODORES REPORT:

The Commodore presented his report of the Club's activities for the year 2007.

The Commodore asks for a proposer and seconder to adopt his report.

Proposer: R.Beirne
Secunder: B.Barry
He asks for a show of hands.
Motion passed.

Auditors Report:

The Commodore asks the Hon Treasurer to read the Auditors report
J.Duff advised the meeting that the financial position of the Club for 2007 was very good with membership and bar and catering income all up on the previous year.

B. Mathews asked why the mortgage was increased.

J. Duff replied this was due to the development and refurbishment of the Club.

B. Barry wanted to know had we acquired the freehold for the Club.

J. Duff replied yes we had and it was paid for.

R. Mulligan asked what we were paying rent for.

J. Duff informed him that we paid rent on the platform space

The Commodore asks for a proposer and seconder to adopt the accounts.

Proposer: E. Cummins

Secunder: R. Byrne

The Commodore asks for a show of hands.

Motion passed.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS UNDER RULE 7.3

The following were proposed:

Franz Winkelmann

Kenneth A. Ryan

Liam Boyd

Patricia Douglas

Patricia Field

Pat Byrne

Ronnie Maddock

Paddy Barry

John Paget Bourke

Michael Bolger

Jarleth Cunnane

Ger O'Rourke

Damian Foxall

Proposed by B. Mathews

Seconded by C. McHenry

Elected.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

J. Duff proposes the appointment of Oliver Freaney & Co as auditors for 2008.

Seconded by D. Stuart

Commodore asks for a show of hands

Motion passed.

RULE CHANGE:

- To amend Rule 4.3 by the addition of “and Honorary Members who were formerly Full Members” after Full Members.
- To amend Rule 7.3 as follows:
Rule 7.3 In addition, the General Committee shall have the power at its discretion also to propose, and the Members in General Meeting to elect:
 - a. Such Members as they consider desirable as Honorary Members of the Club. Such Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription, or Levy, and shall retain the same rights, entitlements and obligations as their previous Membership category.

- b. Such persons as they consider desirable as Honorary Members of the Club. Such Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription, or Levy and shall have the same rights, entitlements and obligations as Full Members save that they shall not have any rights in the property or management of the Club, or be eligible to propose for or to be elected as Officers of the Club or as members of the General Committee, or to attend or vote at General Meetings or to act as proposer or seconder for any category of Membership. Such Honorary Members shall be subject to re-election annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

The Commodore explains the rationale for the rule change and calls for a proposer and seconder:

Proposer : F. Cooney

Secunder: K. Slattery

The Commodore asks for a show of hands

Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31ST 2009

The following were elected unopposed:

Commodore	P. Ryan	Committee	R. Byrne
Vice Commodore	P. Barrington		A. Dooley
Rear Commodore	L. Power		T. Maguire
Hon. Secretary	R. Beirne		B. O'Regan
Hon. Treasurer	J. Duff		M. McCarthy
Boathouse Captain	J. Hall		A. Winkelmann
Sailing Secretary	C. Murphy		

The outgoing Commodore and Hon. Secretary vacate the table. The outgoing Commodore presents the New Commodore with the Commodore's Burgee.

The new Commodore presents the ex Commodore with the Past Commodore Flag.

The outgoing Vice Commodore presents the Vice Commodore's Burgee to new Vice Commodore.

The new Commodore and Officers take their seats at table.

The Commodore thanks C. Murphy for all his work over the previous three years and advises the meeting on his plans for the coming three years.

INTEREST FREE DRAW:

The Commodore calls on the Hon Secretary to undertake the Interest Free Draw

Winners drawn Gay Brennan & Liam Boyd.

A.O.B

Commodore then invited questions from the floor:

Tom Leonard asked why the Sailing Manager is not available on sailing days.

Commodore Peter Ryan said that most of his time is spent making arrangements for events and he is present for events.

Mal Nowlan referred to family membership and that children must be kept under control on the premises and in particular on the platform. Is the “high chair” in the bar to remain a fixture ?

Cormac McHenry congratulated the past Commodore Con and his wife Cathy.

For the recent development an invalid lift was discussed. Could the House Committee keep this under consideration?

Ned Cummins commented that there could be issues as we have a “listed” building.

Ged Pierse said that a scissors platform type on the exterior could be explored.

Chris Moore said that the lift was reviewed for the development and almost impossible to install internally. Area outside the bar door was identified but financial constraints restricted.

Commodore said that the issue would be kept on the agenda and would be included with the next phase of developments.

Tony Jobling asked for a definition of the “next phase”.

Commodore said it will be kept on current agenda for review and given priority.

Sean Nolan said that the coffee facilities are now excellent and could we consider “fair trade” coffee ?

Commodore requested comments & suggestions via e-mail and that he will have a new address commodore@nyc or something similar. While inviting comments please don't present these outside the bar !

Commodore stated that his priority is to build up reserves & membership.

Brian Matthews suggested that we might have a price for the lift for the E.G.M.

Ged Pierse said that the trustees could also review the position.

There being no further business the Commodore thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.35hrs.

Ronan Beirne
Honorary Secretary