



Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the National Yacht Club

Monday 7th September 2020 @ 20:00hrs.

Present: Commodore: Martin McCarthy (Commodore), Vice Commodore: Conor O'Regan (COR), Hon Sec.: Peter Sherry (PS), Member: Tim Sykes (TS) and Club Secretary: Oonagh Deegan

Attendance over Zoom:

40 members logged into the meeting via Zoom

Introduction

Commodore opened the Zoom meeting at 8:09pm – he noted that due to the Covid restrictions the meeting which was initially scheduled for March had been deferred and the current guidelines had necessitated hosting the meeting online rather than a physical meeting. He advised that as a Zoom meeting open debate would be more restricted, and the intention was to will deal with such items in AOB.

Commodore noted that the required Quorum of 25 members had been reached and the meeting can validly proceed.

Commodore also thanked the 40 members for their proxy votes and thanked Tim Sykes for his assistance with IT issues.

Apologies

Apologies were noted from - Colm Murray, Peter Cullen, John Murray, David Turner

Deceased Members

Commodore read the list of deceased members since the 2019 AGM.

Deceased listing – Alan Pope, Joe Fallon, Mary Stewart, Phylis Mombrum, Jonathan Ryan, Seamus O'Riain, Michael Byrne, Louise Gunn, Declan Martin, Joseph Lyons, Cyril Lincoln, Ray Duggan, Richard Nolan, Arthur Jolley, John O'Connor, Rosealie Cassidy, Greta Downes.

A minute's silence was observed.

Item 1 - Approval minutes 2019 AGM

Commodore requested that minutes of 2019 AGM (as posted on the members section of the Clubs website prior to 5th March 2019) are taken as read and asks the meeting if these minutes are a true and fair record of that meeting.

Motion

“To agree and sign the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 25th 2019.”

Proposed by Chris Moore,
Seconded by Tim Sykes –

Commodore confirmed that he holds 40 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept the motion as carried. The Motion was deemed carried.

Item 2 - Commodores Report –

The Commodore presented the report of the Committee and Club’s activities for the year ended 31st December 2019 and ran through highlights.

Motion

“To receive, consider and approve the report of the Committee of the Club’s activities since the last Annual General Meeting.”

Proposed by: Ronan Beirne
Seconded by: Frank Burgess

Commodore confirmed that he holds 40 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept the motion as carried. The Motion was deemed carried.

Item 3 - Financial Statement

Conor O’Regan went through the financial report.

COR thanked Roger Bannon (RB) for the questions submitted prior to the meeting and proceeded to take members through his detailed responses to these.

Additional questions were submitted by Members over Zoom and debated.

COR – Thanked the members and staff for their support during his 4-year tenure as Treasurer and is looking forward to new manager starting. He thanked the Finance Committee and the Main Committee for their input over the years.

Motion

“To consider and approve the audited financial statements of the Club for the year ended December 31st 2019.”

Proposed by Brian Hall
Seconded by Larry Power

Commodore confirmed that he holds 40 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept the motion as carried. The Motion was deemed carried.

Item 4 – Committee Election

Commodore thanked all the Committee Members – he noted the 2 Committee resigning, John McNeilly and Peter Doran and thanked them for their commitment particularly in their roles with Adult sailing and House matters respectively.

The Committee members nominated for the period until the next AGM together with their proposers and seconders were as published on the Club Notice board on August 31st

Motion

“To elect Officers and Committee for the year to the 2020 Annual General Meeting as proposed and seconded.”

Commodore confirms that he holds 40 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept the motion as carried. The Motion was deemed carried.

Item 5 – Honorary Members

Commodore – proposed two well-known sailing personalities for Honorary Membership – **Hal Sisk** for his commitment and involvement in the restoration of the Dublin Bay 21’s, a boat synonymous with the NYC and **Jack Roy** for his outstanding services to sailing locally, Nationally and Internationally.

Motion 5a)

“To elect Hal Sisk as Honorary Member of The National Yacht Club”

Proposed by: Martin McCarthy
Seconded by: Fionan De Barra

Motion 5b)

“To elect Jack Roy as Honorary Member of The National Yacht Club”

Proposed by: Martin McCarthy
Seconded by: Chris Doorly

Commodore confirmed that he holds 40 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept both motions as carried. The Motions were deemed carried.

Item 6 Auditors

Commodore called on the Honorary Treasurer to advise the meeting on the election of auditors. COR recommended – Nexia Smith & Williamson Audit Company to continue in office.

Motion

“To appoint As Auditors, Nexia Smith Williamson for the forthcoming year.”

Proposed by: Alan Daly

Seconded by: Larry Power

Commodore confirmed that he holds 35 proxies in favour and requests the meeting for agreement to accept the motion as carried.

Item 7 Any Other Business

CO’K (Charlotte O’Kelly) said that she too would like to see a review on BH and what do we need to do to get this going? Was a vote required?

This issue was debated and a requested commitment to instigate a review of boathouse operations by a specific date was refused by the Commodore.

LP (Larry Power) – in relation to the vouchers – given club was closed, will vouchers paid as part of subs be extended into next year?

COR – the objective would be to use the vouchers this year – appreciate may be difficult – but still a lot membership uptake in B&C – we may come up with a scheme next year.

Commodore – this is a tricky time, navigating through COVID, he named the previous Commodores and Trustees and thanked them for their sage advice – also the work of the Committee especially with regulations changing every week.

AD (Alan Daly) – no one could have anticipated this year and on behalf of sailing members – well done to all on Committee, and Junior Committee – thank you all sincerely

Commodore thanked all members who took the time to attend virtually and make contributions. As a note of appreciation to those members who completed the recent Data Gathering survey, he held a draw for dinner for 2 at the Club and the winners were Bill and Carmel Quigley.

Commodore closed meeting at 21.24