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River Hamble Mooring Holders Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 19 March 2019

Held at Warsash Sailing Club 19 Shore Road Warsash Southampton SO31 9FS

On Tuesday 19th March 2019

PRESENT: Dave Anderton (Chair) and 30 members

APOLOGIES: David Chin

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members and visitors to the AGM.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 March 2018:

The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. As last year there were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report:

Welcome to the 2019 AGM of the RHMHA. After the last week or so of gales and high winds let's hope that our boats are OK and that the weather changes a little bit to allow us to ready for the season ahead. For many of us as we venture out into the Solent for the first time this year one of the most testing small craft journeys in the world is to aim for Cowes. This tests the boat, and crew, and allows us to make sure that the facilities on the island are still there and providing their usual high standard of goods and service! We can all navigate to Cowes with our lovely electronics but it is all so dependent on the Satellites and can we depend on them? Peter Dubock will let us know in his talk after this AGM

Your Committee has met for 3 formal meetings since the last AGM, less than last year due to the cancellation of some Harbour Authority Meetings and decisions and your committee members getting older.

All meetings of the Harbour Board and Management Committee have been attended by one or more committee members as an observer. (The minutes are not a full record of the meetings as only decisions are recorded and we feel that to represent our members to the best of our ability it is important for at least one committee member to attend to take note of discussions in these meetings.)

We warned last year that harbour dues were likely to increase and we hope that members have been able to absorb the changes in the harbour dues this year. If the increase has caused difficulty please let us know.

A high priority for the Association over the last year or two is the problem of access to the river and facilities for launching tenders. We had no suggestions re an access point for tenders at the midpoint of the river (around Mercury area) and indeed there have been few communications from members this last year. Does this mean that our Email and telephone-based system needs to be replaced with a Social Media type approach or is it that we are all satisfied with the way the river is operated now? Please make us aware any problems that you have by Email, letter or telephone.

I would like to make special thanks to all the committee members for their hard work and commitment this year. We do work hard on your behalf. Major illness has again struck more than once and yet we have managed to achieve almost all that we set out to do during the year. Your committee has again struggled through the year without a secretary. It is difficult for us and we desperately need help in this area. Please, there must be someone you know who could do the job? If there are no volunteers this year then the Committee will be forced to consider its options for the future and come back with a proposal to be debated at next year's AGM.

Finally, Can I remind you that the River Hamble Annual Forum is on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at the Victory Hall in Warsash at 7.00 pm. This is the time to find out what the Harbour Master has been doing and to be able to ask him questions about the Hamble River and its activities. For those who keep their dinghies at Warsash and Hamble this is your opportunity to take part in the ballot for free tender moorings.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Jeremy Clark, presented the accounts to 28 February 2019 showing a surplus for the year of £652 and total net funds of £9382 plus prepaid Subscriptions of £1160.

The Treasurer said we have a very healthy bank balance and might consider reducing the subscriptions back to £5 per year. He suggested that we have three options:

- 1) Stay at £8 for next year.
- 2) Go back to £5.
- 3) Go back to £5 when net funding reached £10,000.

After a short discussion the Treasurer proposed £8 as per the Agenda. Seconded by James King and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer pointed out that our membership is slowly reducing - not many new members to make up for those giving up sailing or moving away. This is partly due to there being no major problems on the river although the Harbour Authority is still hoarding funds. He reminded members to check that their mooring partner (if they have one) is a member and if not to recommend that they join. He reminded us that we still have the membership cards to give out and application forms are available on our Website.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Colin Brookes and seconded by Peter Crick and carried unanimously.

5. Election of Committee and Officers:

As there were no proposals for a new Chair or Committee members, and the existing members all confirmed that they would stand the meeting unanimously approved their re appointment.

Chairman:		David Anderton
Secretary:		<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer and Members Secretary:		Jeremy Clark
Website:		John Selby
Update Editor:		<i>Vacant</i>
Members:	Tony Blewett	Colin Brookes
	John Mitchell	Peggy Dorothy

5. The Chairman closed the formal AGM and invited members to raise any other business.

7. Any Other Business:

The Deacons plan that had been discussed the previous year was initially rejected but has been re-submitted and is now approved to the middle of the river after the MMO had given its approval to the scheme. The meeting agreed that this was unsatisfactory particularly as Deacons appeared to have positioned the pontoons further out.

There was a long discussion about the recent fire on a boat on the river and the delay in dealing with this. Peggy Dorothy and others said the response was somewhat chaotic although the Authorities did not seem to think so. Robert Hughes said a fire a few years ago had seen an even longer one and a half hour wait. It was hoped that the Harbour Authorities would work with the fire brigade to reduce response times.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hours

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