

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL SQUIB OWNERS ASSOCIATION HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2009 AT WSC, WEYMOUTH**

Present

The Chairman David Wines welcomed 42 Members to the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Gear, David Longford, The Stonehouses and several other Members.

Minutes of the 2008 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 24th June 2008 (copies of which had been circulated) were approved and signed.

Proposed: Toby Taylor
Seconded: Gerard Dyson

Matters Arising

New Subscription Rate - Sally Everitt reported that most members have changed their Standing Orders to reflect the new rate although some members haven't cancelled their old Standing Orders so there were still some anomalies.

David Wines thanked Sally Everitt for doing a fantastic job collecting the subscriptions.

Accounts for the year ending 30th April 2009

The accounts were circulated.

Andrew Porteous reported that (subject to the audit by Richard Sullivan) the accounts were finalised and reflected the new subscription rate. It had been a good year for mould fees as 10 new boats had been built generating an

income of £3,000 for the NSOA.

The usual expenditure of two Squibbles and the Handbook was highlighted but Andrew thanked Peter Richards on doing a magnificent job in finding a new printer and new advertising income and therefore Squibble was virtually self-financing. Further, David West had done an excellent job advertising in Yachts and Yachting and certainly raising the Squib's profile in the Yachting media.

The surplus income has been transferred to the Mould Replacement reserve fund.

A new deck mould had been completed at the cost of £5,600 so together with the moulds/plus and load cell - the fixed assets of the class totalled £8,000.

The class assets amounted to £23,000 which he felt was quite satisfactory.

Public Liability insurance has been taken out so the Class was now insured for Alexandra Palace dinghy show and further to a question, Andrew informed the Meeting that all the NSOA trophies were also insured.

There being no further questions the accounts of the NSOA for the year ended 30/4/09 were adopted.

Proposed: Paul Hardy
Seconded: Malcolm Blackburn

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and hard work in preparing an excellent set of accounts.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to approve the subscriptions at £25 - Full Members (i.e. boat owners) and £20 - Associate Members and the Euro equivalent.

Proposed: Gerard Dyson
Seconded: David Best

The Proposal to approve a change to the National Squib Owners Association Rules

The Chairman explained that following on from the show of hands at the Lowestoft AGM it was agreed that it was a very costly and unnecessary procedure to post the Notice of AGM to every Member when it should be possible to use the excellent NSOA website. It had therefore been agreed that there should be a proposal at the 2009 AGM to streamline the business of the Class by using the Website rather than the prohibitive cost of mailing every Full and Associate Member as at present.

The Chairman read out the proposed amendment:

To amend Rule 14(a) to read:

“The Honorary Secretary shall give every Full and Associate Member not less than twenty eight days clear notice (excluding the day of publication on the NSOA website/posting and the day of the Meeting) of the date, time and place of such Meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat by publishing the details on the NSOA website and where specifically requested by a Member posting the same to the Member’s address last known to the Association.”

The Meeting agreed that it was an excellent idea and it avoided the problem of incorrect addresses on the database. However, if the Membership details were wrong - the Chairman stressed the importance of the individual Member contacting Sally Everitt rather than vice versa.

The proposal was put to the meeting:-

Proposer: Tony Saltonstall

Seconder: Steve Warren Smith

There were no objections and two abstentions.

It was resolved that the proposal was carried by the requisite two thirds majority.

Election of Officers

The nominations for the officers remained the same:-

The Chairman notified the Meeting that under the Rules of the NSOA constitution - his three year term of office finished in 2010. Likewise The Hon. Secretary notified the Meeting that despite extending her three year term of office to seven years she would also be seeking a replacement from 2010.

Chairman	David Wines
Hon. Secretary	Lou Bibby
Hon Treasurer	Andrew Porteous
Hon Technical Adviser	Tony Saltonstall
Hon Auditor	Richard Sullivan
Hon. Membership Sec	Sally Everitt
Hon Publicity Officer	David West

Proposed: Chris Hogan
Seconded: Nigel Harris

There was a unanimous vote in favour of the officers of the NSOA.

Election of Committee

The following who were elected for a period of two years at the 2007 AGM retire and offer themselves for election for a further two years:

Peter Jackson	Weymouth SC Fleet
David Wines	Plymouth Fleet

The following who were elected for a period of two years at the 2008 AGM continue in office for a further year:

Mike Barsby	Rutland SC Fleet
Lou Bibby	Royal Anglesey YC Fleet
Max Evans	Felixstowe Ferry Fleet
Colin Norman	Medway YC Fleet
David Pearce	Waldringfield SC Fleet
Peter Horton	Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Fleet
Steve Warren Smith	Royal Victoria YC Fleet
Gerard Dyson	Royal Yorkshire SC Fleet
Jill Fleming	Irish Forum

The following who were elected during the year resign and offer themselves for election for a further two years

Peter Marchant Burnham Fleet
Malcolm Blackburn SCYC Fleet

Proposed: David East
Seconded: Nigel Harris

There was a unanimous vote in favour of the new Committee.

Future Championship Venues

2010 Dun Laoghaire
2011 Plymouth
2012 Dartmouth

Any Other Business

Peter White said what an excellent championship Weymouth SC were running but felt that everyone (i.e. the Crew) competing at the National Championships should be a Member of the NSOA to help raise additional funds.

Brian Holland said he felt it was more important for every Squib Owner to be a member of the NSOA before raising funds from those crewing at the Nationals.

The Chairman said the NSOA relied on the Fleet Captains to ensure that all Squib Owners were paid up members of the NSOA. The key factor being the racing Squibs - if a squib competed in a Fleet - the Fleet Captain must ensure the subscriptions are paid.

However, if a Squib is not registered with the NSOA it makes it very hard to track down. It was agreed that the Committee should look into the initiative of getting the unregistered Squibs to join the NSOA.

It was suggested that at the Championships a fee of £5 was charged as payment for the Crew.

Daily Prize giving

The question was raised whether the daily prize giving could be changed as the 10 prizes each day seemed to be going to the same boats. It was agreed that the Race winner deserves their prize but it would be good to spread the prizes around.

Fran Blackburn said it was important that there was recognition for achievement and normally the prizes did get spread through the fleet. However, cascading the prizes down through the fleet does not really work as it is so dependent on where you finish during the week.

Max Evans said the Championship subcommittee rack their brains to ensure the prizes are spread evenly hence the creation of the gold/silver/bronze fleets. The committee were very receptive to any proposals providing they were workable.

Toby Taylor suggested instead of the top ten boats each day getting a prize - it should be 1st, 2nd & 3rd to gold, silver and bronze. Max and Fran said they would take the comments away and amend the blue print accordingly for the Nationals in Dun Laoghaire.

Website

Gerard thanked Sean Clarkson for all his hard work with the website - to unanimous applause.

Jury Boats

Malcolm Blackburn asked what the general opinion was on having a jury boat. It had been agreed to start with a boat observing and writing up a report after the Weymouth Nationals to see if this could be adopted in future. It was agreed a full report to the Committee would be prepared and published on the website ready for further discussion.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 19.30 hours.

Lou Bibby

Hon. Secretary 22nd September 2009