



Roach Sailing Association Annual General Meeting 19th March 2023

Minutes (draft)

1. Welcome - President - Mike Green opened the meeting by welcoming all the attending members. He thanked the committee for their continued hard work and expressed his desire to step down in his current role when a suitable candidate could be found.
2. Apologies were received from David Ryelands, Peter Yerbury, Steve Noble & Ken Wickham
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM were circulated and agreed – Proposed by John Martin & Seconded by John Walters
4. Financials report was made by Treasurer Simon Joel. Simon reported that the Association held funds of £2,685 in the bank. Simon also confirmed that the cost of running Dally was very modest at around £150 per annum. Mick Robinson proposed a motion to accept the accounts and Brian Brown seconded this.
5. Election of the Committee for the ensuing year was confirmed as:
 - President Mike Green
 - Chairman /Bosun/Membership Sec John Langrick
 - Treasurer Simon Joel
 - Newsletter Editor Richard Bessey
 - Secretary Shaun Hetherington
 - Race Officer See Below
 - Member Graham Pelling
 - Member Mick Robinson
 - Member Nick Turner
 - Member Jonathan Walmsley
 - Member Brian Browne

A discussion was held over the position of Race Officer as Brian Browne wished to step down for sole responsibility. Steve Noble had expressed an interest in organising some of the races

and also made an offer to arrange a pursuit race & a winter series. Other members including Steve Smith, Brian Browne, Jonathan Walmsley offered to also take responsibility for some of the existing scheduled races. Steve Smith agreed to take responsibility for co-ordinating the races. Richard Bessey has produced a series of race courses which can be used as a guide for race officers to use. An action for these to be laminated and put in the Mushroom shed for future reference. Agreement was reached to move forward on this basis with further discussion between those noted above to allocate races and future additions. Graham Pelling offered to assist with the safety boat as necessary.

Richard Bessy outlined a list of tasks to be undertaken in preparation and execution of a race which he agreed would be made available for the race officers to follow.

6. RSA 50th Anniversary Year Events

The following events will be co-ordinated as follows

- Fitting Out Supper - 22/04 – Simon Joel to co-ordinate numbers. Jonathan Walmsley will assist with provision of cakes.
- Sail Parade & Burnham Lunch – 08/07 – An additional event to mark the 50th Year of the RSA. John L will co-ordinate numbers. A sail parade in Paglesham will be followed by a lunch at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club – RBYC arrangements to be made in by John L
- East Coast Cruise 22/07 – John L to co-ordinate
- Fambridge Rally - 12/08 – Nick Turner offered to Co-ordinate
- Pyefleet/Kent Weekends 26/08 – John L to Co-ordinate
- Laying Up Supper 18/11 – Simon J to liaise with Garon Park Golf Club. A suggestion about having entertainment at the event. Steve Smith suggested he may be able to arrange a band and would report back.

7. Future of RSA (including engagement with other organisations)

It was agreed that we would look at work with other clubs & organisations to offer joint events & courses. Brain Brown agreed he would circulate details of The Little Ships Club trip to Calais which is held in late May. We have a number of members who are also members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club & Leigh Sailing Club both of which have expressed interest in joint events. Further work on these and those who are members will look to further discussions.

8. Paglesham yard and Waterside update.

Repairs to damage to the slipway looks to be underway. Planning permission has also been submitted to upgrade the Black Shed.

A work party took place on the morning of 19th March which cleared some rubbish and provided a general tidy. Also a sailing dinghy was recovered from Gordon's patch.

John L reminded the meeting that members who use the Mushroom shed should limit storage to 1 x outboard motor, 1 x set of oars and 1 x fuel can – also a dinghy kept in the storage area should have the vessels name on it and store by those who have a boat at Paglesham.

John L advised that plans to rebuild the PVT jetty had been helped by a donation of £600 by the operators of the yard at Paglesham. Barry Lewis has agreed to order the materials required and work with his team one weekend to carry out the necessary work. John Walters has a dinghy which is being broken up and can be used to form a seating shelter.

9. Dally update

A question has been asked about the viability of retaining Dally – it was unanimously agreed at the cost spend, Dally offers a vital service in poor weather for checking the moorings and as a safety boat for races.

John L to circulate the date of a Dally work party at Carter & Ward, Rochford

10. Racing Update

The schedule of races have been formulated and circulated. These have been carefully calculated to scheduled Dinghy races around the top of the tide and cruiser races to start on the Ebb with the flood to follow.

All races scheduled to start at 10am to be consistent.

The race officer for the following season can look at the times & dates and amend as they look to develop the series.

11. AOB

Richard Bessy discussed the website. He had put significant work in to a 'word press' version of the website with a view to make it easier to use and update. It was agreed that the new committee would look to develop this.

RYA – the question has been raised about the benefit of the RSA being a member of the RYA. It was agreed that the RYA provide small clubs with legal support and a voice within the larger industry / government this safety blanket was a good use of our funds. The continued

membership was proposed by John Martin and seconded by Alec Poole and unanimously accepted.

RSA branded clothing – A suggestion about additional items to be made available. Simon Joel confirmed that he would look at include Polo shirts which would also be included on the website.

CHA & Roach Area Fairway Committee – Matt Nichols & Mick Robinson expressed an interest to represent the RSA on either or both of these committees – John L agreed to write to Clem in his capacity as secretary of this RAFC to put them forward.