

OGA

Minutes of the Association Committee Meeting held at the Novotel Bristol on Saturday 11th January 2020

Present:

GMC and Officers: Alistair Randall (President), Colin Stroud (Secretary), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer), Mary Gibbs (Membership Sec), Alison & Julian Cable (Boat Register Editors), Beverley Daley-Yates (Editor Log and online), Pete Thomas (Sailing Chair), Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson (Youth Fund)

From Areas:

David Botterill (BC Sec), Keith McIlwain (BC Pres), Mark Sweetnam (DB Sec), Johnny Wedick (DB Pres), Lorna Hill (EC Sec), Robert Hill (EC Pres), Steve Fullerton (NE Sec), Des O'Meara (NE Pres), Sue Farrer (NWa Sec), Tom Middlebrook (NW Sec), Kevin Goulding (NW Pres), Gerry Brennan (NI Sec), Pat Conway (NI Pres), John Reid (Scot Sec), Jon Hammond (Scot Tres), Jeremy Retford (Sol Sec), Sue Pennison (Sol Pres), David Bewick (SW Sec), Paul Jolley (SW President),

Meeting started at 10:00.

1. **President's welcome:**

Alistair welcomed everyone and announced he was standing down as Association President and as co-opted IT Consultant. He said he enjoyed reading all the Areas' reports which illustrate the breadth of wonderful OGA events going on all around the country and showing the OGA is thriving with lots of sailing and lots of fun. Well done to all.

2. **Secretary's report:**

Apologies received from Keith Mosley (Trailer Section), Gordon Garman (Scot Pres) and Scott Metcalfe (NWa Pres)

Colin thanked the BC and SW areas, in particular Paul and Keith for their help in organising this OGA weekend of events and highlighted that this had resulted in 100 members booked to attend the AGM after this meeting and 80 booked for the Sunday events.

All assignments as a result of the 2019 ACM are shown on Attachment 1 of today's agenda, which shows the ones now closed. All open assignments are address in today's agenda.

Colin thanked Beverley and Bob Aylott for their tremendous work with the photo competition having a record 96 submissions and thanked Mike Forwood for volunteering to be the Association Awards and Trophies Officer, details on the website.

3. **Membership Secretary's report:**

There were no comments on Mary's pre-published membership report. Regarding the Yearbook, 650 members have so far consented, 12 refusals, and an email will be sent out to everyone who has not responded. A yearbook will be published in 2020.

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4. **Systems and Administration report:**

Alistair Randall: Due to concerns about whether there were copyright issues, or not, with the current content in the Sailing By website it was agree that the OGA content will be moved to the main OGA website (Beverley's proposed option 3) as an archive of previous events and cruises and all OGA branding to be removed from the SB website which Beverley will continue to manage, edit and host on a non-OGA website all at no cost to the OGA.

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Regarding one issue with a copyrighted photograph, Paul Jolley offered to pursue this outside of the ACM as it involved a SW Area member.

PJ

Alistair outlined the issue of continuing to use our Drupal based website and an indicative bill of £12600 to maintain it. He stressed this was not what he was recommending, just that we needed to find a more cost effective solution for the coming years. Julian raised the issue of the 5000 photographs in the database and it was agreed they would be retained within the solution.

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Alistair recommended we use the services of a Drupal consultant, David Thorne, to maintain the security of the current system in the short term now our contract with Xited has come to an end.

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	There were no comments on Tony's pre-published "Statement of Requirements".	
	Tony gave a demonstration of the new Gold membership database, which is now live. Areas should send the names and email addresses of those who need access to treasurer@oga.org.uk and an account will be set up.	All
	Mailchimp will be updated.	GMC
5.	Treasurer's report: There were no comments on Tony's pre-published accounts. At Tom's request it was agreed that in future the total balance of Areas' accounts be shown on Tony's account, rather than on a separate document. Tony stressed that management of Areas' accounts was the responsibility of the Areas and that their balance would only be transferred to central account if the area folded. Tony's proposal for a 2.5% membership subscription increase for 2021 was agreed.	TK
6.	Youth Fund report: Patrick highlighted the circa£4300 in the youth fund, plus that raised at this Bristol weekend, and encouraged all areas to seek applications.	All
7.	Sailing Committee report: Pete recommended we keep the existing handicap system but continue to ensure all members submit their foresail areas into the boat register database which will enable Areas/race officers to use either or both of the two resulting handicaps for their events. Patrick presented the draft itinerary for the 2023 Round Britain Challenge (RBC60) event which will finish at the OGA60 celebration event on the EC River Orwell in August 2023. He asked Areas to review the itinerary, start planning for events in the ports to be visited and encourage their members to get involved. Alison volunteered to be the coordinator of RBC60. The EC Area is organising the start and OGA60 events on the River Orwell.	All AC EC
8.	Boat Register Editors' report: Alison & Julian recommended the boat register and image library be joined up. Julian gave a demonstration of a possible system and volunteered to write a needs and goals document, including options, for review. He suggested he may have a solution that would not cost to set up although there may be future costs if it had to cope with a high level of usage by members.	JC GMC
9.	Gaffers Log and Online report: There was a round of applause thanking Beverley for her time in office and work on the Log, website and facebook and also for the work done by Steve D-Y. Everyone was asked to review Beverley's pre-published report and provide comments to Colin before the next GMC meeting on January 28 for review. Tony said he will be working with Beverley and Steve on the transfer of all Gaffers Log data and would provide details of the three quotes for ongoing pre-press, printing and fulfilment contract to John O'Donnell (assuming he gets elected as the new editor at the AGM to follow)	All GMC TK BDY
10.	Small Boat Events report: Patrick summarised the good progress by area in providing more facilities for small boats at their events and highlighted some of the new initiatives for 2020. He asked for volunteers to be on the OGA stand at the RYA Dinghy Show Feb 29 & March 1 and also for the OGA stand/boat at the Southampton Boat Show (not specifically a SB event!).	All
11.	OGA Dinghy report: Tony mentioned the 3 new boats in build in the NE Area and that two kits had been ordered by the EC Area. The Dinghy will be on show at the RYA Dinghy Show Feb 29 & March 1.	

12.	Area reports (all pre-published): Trailer Section As Keith was not able to attend, Patrick commented that Keith would continue to organise the inland events which are in addition to the small boat events organised by Areas. The Trailer Section will assist Areas where required. Patrick asked for volunteers to assist Keith with the coordination. Tony said the Trailer Section can ask for additional funding to organise events if needed, just as the Areas can. Bristol Channel: no matters arising Dublin Bay: will continue to push for “Irish Sea” events. East Coast: highlighted that they are funding the build of two OGA Dinghies North East: highlighted their programme of OGA Dinghy building North Wales: corrected their published date for the Peel Festival North West: highlighted the Crossfield of Arnside second conference March 21, 2020 Northern Ireland: no matters arising Scotland: highlighted they are “starting afresh” and have the challenge of members spread over a very large geographic area. GMC to investigate better coordination of events, both sailing and social, with adjoining Areas. Solent: highlighted they have four new committee members and are working with the Beaulieu River Management on some additional events. South West: No matters arising Tom stressed that the OGA insurance policies do not cover damage to boats and only cover claims for negligence.	All	
13	Document and Photograph Retention Policy/Archive: The pre-published proposed policy was reviewed and a few minor amendments recommended. The document will be updated and distributed. GMC to review implementation process.	CS GMC	
14	Any other business: It was agreed that the photo competition should continue in 2020 and volunteers should be found to organise and to judge it.	GMC	
15	Date and location of next meeting: All agreed to Des’s proposal for the NE Area to host the 2021 weekend of ACM/AGM and events in Newcastle and that the event should be in January, ideally a week later than this one for a longer separation from the Christmas/new year holidays.	NE	
16	President’s closing remarks: Alistair: Thanks and farewell! Meeting closed at 15:05 Colin Stroud, Association Secretary, Jan 19, 2020		