

OGA - GMC Meeting Notes and Assignments
Videoconference, July 6 2021 at 20:00

	Participants: Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson (President), Colin Stroud (Secretary), Mary Gibbs (Membership Secretary), Alison Cable & Julian Cable (co-opted Boat Register), Elly Howlett (co-opted Online Editor), David Bewick (co-opted Small Boats Secretary), Rob Jarman (co-opted Gaffers Log Editor) Unable to attend: Tony Kiddle (Treasurer)	
1	Southampton Boat Show: <u>ACM Assignment:</u> - Exhibit a gaffer and a Gaffling 4.1 at the 2021 Southampton Boat Show if it goes ahead. (scheduled for September 10 to 19).	
2	David to liaise with Martin Haigh regarding him exhibiting a Gaffling 4.1 on the WBTA stand and also liaise with Sue Pennison who is coordinating the big boat exhibit (Garry and Vicki Flashman's Freda).	DB
3	Promotional Material: Colin to coordinate production of new promotional leaflet for Southampton and subsequent usage. Patrick to draft the text and Elly to select the photographs by July 19.	CS
4	Colin to ask Pete & Clare Thomas for a complete list of promotional items in stock with a view to maintaining an inventory so any Area may borrow items.	CS
5	Website/Online: <u>ACM Assignment:</u> - Introduce a Website Member-Login facility in order to see names of boat owners in the Boat Register. The plan is for log-in to be within the Boat Register. Function to be agreed by GMC on August 4 in time for a demo at the AC Zoom meeting on September 9.	JC
6	<u>ACM Assignment:</u> - Investigate if the Lloyds Register could be put online for logged-in Members. Answer I needed prior to the AC meeting on September 9.	AC
7	Elly to resend an explanation of how Areas should include non-OGA events into their Area calendars for Colin to include in the Handbook for OGA Officers.	EH, CS
8	Gaffers Log: All to look out for opportunities to get a photograph of a Gaffling 4.1 in the foreground with a larger Gaffer in the background to be used as the front cover picture on the Winter issue of the Gaffers Log.	All
9	Rob and Patrick to compose/commission an article about the benefits to the OGA of our RYA Affiliation in the Winter issue of the Log.	RJ, PVR
10	OGA Governance, Officers' Handbook, etc.: <u>ACM Assignment:</u> - There should be two ACMs per year with the additional one, approximately mid-year to September, to provide additional input to the GMC on future direction. They should be virtual meetings where appropriate.	

11	Zoom ACM planned for September 9 at 18:00. Invitation e-mail sent May 6. Proposed agenda items: (1) Future Direction and Recruiting Members by, for example, working with appropriate boat builders and brokers to offer one-year free membership when a boat is purchased. (2) Status of assignments from the January 16, 2021 ACM. (3) New Elder Gaffer nomination. (4) Review of criteria for Honorary Members and Elder Gaffers. (Colin to draft proposal for August 4 meeting) (5) Format of the January 15, 2022, AGM. All GMC members to attend.	CS
12	All to review draft Handbook for the GMC document sent May 16 and provide comments October 1 in time to complete on November 1.	All
13	RBC2023: Alison to coordinate the itinerary and ensure all Areas know they are responsible for planning their individual party-port events. Alison and Patrick will coordinate any changes that may be needed during the event. Itinerary to be reviewed at January 2022 ACM and presented to the AGM.	AC, PVR
14	Elly to add an RBC2023 sub-tab under OGA60 tab on the Website.	EH
15	Alison and Patrick to discuss how to come up with an event logo and flag, possibly asking Claudia, Steve D-Y & Ben C for some initial sketches, or maybe a members' competition, and the final sketch being professionally produced as a high-definition PDF.	AC, PVR
16	Small Boats: David to monitor plans for the BC Area's Cross-England cruise and liaise with the Dinghy Cruising Association.	DB
17	David to keep GMC updated with significant points from the Gaffling 4.1 Steering Committee.	DB
18	Membership: Objective is to ensure Direct Debit or Recurring payment system (eg. PayPay, Go Cardless) are used wherever possible for subscriptions. Mary to investigate how DDs can be set up without using the existing paper form. Tony and Mary to present final recommendation at the next GMC on August 4.	MG, TK
19	Tony to implement a system allowing members to receive communications from selected Area(s), in addition to the one they are a member of.	TK
20	OGA Emails: Colin to issue all AC Officers with OGA email addresses and Area Secretaries, in particular, to be strongly encouraged to use for both send and receive. So far 20 Officers have dedicated e-mail accounts, three have asked for a postponement, four Area Presidents still to be contacted.	CS
21	Reducing Environmental Impact: Draft Environmental Policy is on hold. Rob to put a piece in the next Log on good practice.	RJ

22	Patrick to encourage Areas to continue to make good use of Zoom for meetings.	PVR
23	Proposal to have environmental awards to be discussed at a future meeting.	All
24	Photo Competition: Colin to recruit a judge.	CS
----- the following items are on hold -----		
25	Awards: Patrick to hand deliver trophies to winners during the first half of 2021.	
26	RBC2023: Alison to compile a "RBC2023 Handbook" for all participants	
27	OGA60: EC Area have agreed to set up a subcommittee for this event with selected other members, e.g., Solent Area representative and Online Editor, and to produce an "OGA60 Handbook" for participants to the event.	
28	Crew Exchange: Investigate options for a website-based Crew Exchange facility as requested by David Bewick after a member logon facility has been implemented.	
29	<u>ACM Assignment:</u> - A future update of the OGA Rules should include an explanation of the legal status of the OGA.	
30	Gaffers Log: Rob to conduct a cost comparison for the Log: Current size versus A4. If there is a significant difference the choice will be presented to the January 2022 ACM/AGM.	
31	Membership: Investigate an alternative membership system that combines the functions of both GOLD and MailChimp.	

	Completed ACM Assignments from January 16, 2021 meeting:	
	The updated Rules should be printed in the Spring 2021 edition of the Gaffers Log and members be given the opportunity to vote for approval online or at a Zoom meeting. <i>Completed.</i>	
	Review whether the Gaffling 4.1s built by the Areas should be insured for damage as part of the OGA's insurance or just public liability. – <i>Completed, see email to AC dated March 5, 2021</i>	
	The "Trailer Section" should be disbanded and a new GMC co-opted position of Small Boats Secretary be formed with the objective to encourage more small boat owners into the OGA and to encourage all Areas to, where possible, organise events suitable for small boats. - <i>Completed January 2021</i>	
	Organise a stand at the virtual RYA Dinghy Show on February 27 and 28, 2021 to promote the Gaffling 4.1 . <i>Completed: feedback: - two new members joined, cost for virtual show was only 1/10th of the 2020 show.</i>	
	The Handbook for OGA Officers should be updated with advice regarding virtual meetings. <i>Completed:- E-mail sent to AC March 23, 2021 to confirm</i>	

Provide more user interaction, e.g. Forums, in the Website.

Completed: Action: - Significant expansion of social media involvement plus Zoom Technical Sessions introduced. Forums not being pursued due to the proliferation of existing online forums and the expense and time involved in setting up and administering. E-mail dated May 22, 2021 sent to Areas by Elly Howlett with feedback from Kevin Goulding and Keith McIlwain.

The meeting closed at 21:37

The next GMC videoconference will be on August 4, 2021 from 15:00 to 16:30

Join Zoom Meeting: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85422225371?pwd=WTVEZXN1b05Mc1ptckhBdHFUbzltZz09>

Passcode, if asked, is: - GMC

Colin Stroud - Association Secretary
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