

OGA - GMC Meeting Minutes
Waterbeach, Cambridge, 27th February 2019

	Present: Alistair Randall (President), Colin Stroud (Secretary), Tony Kiddle (Treasurer), Mary Gibbs (Membership Secretary), Pete Thomas (Sailing Secretary), Patrick Vyvyan-Robinson (Youth Fund)	
1.	President's introduction: Alistair welcomed all to the meeting, reflected on the success of the January ACM and AGM and expressed his satisfaction in the future planning by the areas with the 2020 AGM being hosted in Bristol by the SW & BC and the OGA60 event being hosted by the EC. He also hoped the OGA60 event would be a stimulus for a Round Britain event, like the OGA50 one, involving events in all Areas. Pete recommended the OGARGB visit all Areas, who will hopefully each plan a suitable event, and end at the OGA60 event. Pete to get the OGA60 dates agreed by the end of 2019.	PT
2.	Apologies: None	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting held in October: Minutes agreed.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes: No matters arising not already covered by the agenda	
5.	Treasurer's report: Tony circulated the first quarter profit & loss account which, of course, showed a loss as subscription renewals did not fall in that period. Regarding how DBOGA pay their area subscriptions (ACM assignment from Jan 2019), Tony reported that the aim is for payment to be paid in GBP. He also stated that after the 2019 subscriptions renewals, funds in the OGA Euro account with Barclays will be transferred to the main account and a decision will be made in 2020 whether the Euro account should be closed. Tony requested costings for the OGA60 event for the budget	TK PT
6.	Secretary's report: OGA insurance has been renewed. Invitation to attend the Classic Boat Awards 2019 ceremony in London on April 2 passed to AR who will attend. Request from crewing website "tendr.co" to subscribe for £35PA was reviewed and rejected. Area handbook and OGA letterhead in document store have been updated with new secretary contact details.	
7.	Membership Update: Currently at 1117 members. Tony to organise more OGA stickers that get sent in new member's joining pack. Colin to check all 2019 new members' emails have been put into MailChimp, including partner's emails.	TK CS
8.	OGA Class Dinghy Update: NE area planning to build 4 in 2019. A sail in Grimsby is being planned for the Water Craft magazine. Pete to establish storage location for the mould/building-jig. It was decided to have a stand at the RYA Dinghy Show in 2020 to promote both the OGA and with a smack's boat on display. Tony to book a stand.	PT TK
9.	Youth Fund Update: The NE area have had their grant towards building their dinghies. Giving a free OGA subscription with every grant was discussed. It was agreed that a decision will be made on a case by case basis rather than with every grant. If the grant should be for a team event, then the subscription could be given to just one outstanding member chosen by that team. Any free membership given will be for one year only.	
10.	Trailer Section / small boat inclusion: (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) GMC very pleased that Keith Mosley will continue to run the Trailer Section. Tony to put a marker on Mail Chimp to indicate members in other areas that have trailerable boats. Patrick to lead on encouraging areas to make provision for trailerable boats at their events and in conjunction with	TK

	Keith Mosley will write a piece for the summer edition of the Log. Pete to recommend a simple guidance checklist that includes such information as local knowledge/launching ramp slope/trailer parking, etc. to be put in the Area Handbook. Colin to discuss with Beverley how to indicate on the events spreadsheet what events are suitable for small boats and/or trailerable boats and how the latter can appear on the Trailer Section events page online.	PVR PT CS
11	Yearbook Update: (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) The task of getting more members to give consent to their details being printed in the yearbook will continue. Both Alistair and Mary will cover in the Log and Mary will contact relevant members. Opportunities for a lower cost format will be considered for the 2020 edition. An online members list is being looked at and could be part of the boat register enabling members to search by boat name then having the ability to send a private message to the owner requesting a reply. This will be considered in the "statement of requirements" (see below)	AR MG
12	Systems and Admin update: The New Gold membership system will be run in addition to existing Gold to testing and analysis until August 2019. A "Statement of Requirements" (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) will be produced that includes all aspects of our systems and communication requirements, for approval, before deciding on solutions. Tony to lead.	TK
13	Gaffers Log and Website forward planning for 2020 (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) Beverley is working with a potential successor for Editor of Log, Online and Sailing-By and has provided two quotes for the paid-for service of "pre-press" currently provided by Steve Daley-Yates. GMC will obtain a third quote and Tony will review all quotes, after ensuring all three are like-for-like, for review at next meeting.	TK
14	Copy for Log Both Alistair and Mary to provide copy for the Log (deadline Feb 28). Colin to provide requests for help with association trophies and obtaining more advertisers in the Log	AR MG CS
15	AOB Alistair will pursue a successor for the sailing secretary co-opted position for 2020 Colin will pursue a new photo competition judge/judges for 2019 (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) Booking for the 2020 ACM and AGM in Bristol is ongoing with the help of BC and SW areas (ACM assignment from Jan 2019) Areas' questionnaire on sharing best practice is ongoing (ACM assignment from Jan 2019), Colin to chase Thanks to Alistair for hosting the meeting at his house. The meeting closed at 15:10	AR CS CS

Colin Stroud - OGA Secretary
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