

Whitehaven Sailing and Boating Association

AGM Minutes 2017

January 28, 2017

Ten members had sent apologies due to holidays or other commitments but there was a good turnout of other members.

Commodores address

Derek welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly new members, of whom there were many this year. He thanked the committee for their work during the year and Alan Graham and Paul Hillon, who were standing down, for their help over the years they had been on the committee.

It had been a busy year with the good weather allowing all the races to take place, including three across the Solway. There had been several cruises in company, to Maryport, Harrington, St Bees and Kirkudbright. Plus our first winter meeting at Harrington sailing club.

The RYA open day had been well supported and led to some new members who have become active sailors with us. Unfortunately the wet and windy weather didn't allow much opportunity for taking people out to try sailing on the day

Derek encouraged skippers to seek out new crew from those members who don't have boats.

Treasurer's report

Hugh reported a healthy bank balance mostly due to an increase in entries to races and the higher membership fee. We had cash assets of £5043 and had already presented £625 to the RNLI which had been raised at the presentation night in November. Laurie Clark proposed that the meeting accept these accounts with which all agreed

Sailing secretary's report

David presented the programme for the year including races, cruises, barbecues and dinners. The RYA push the boat out weekend is 13th and 14th May when he proposed an open day on the Saturday and day sailing on the Sunday.

The Irish Sea challenge will start with an overnight race on Friday 18th August, returning Sunday to avoid the congestion in Douglas marina at August bank holiday.

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Various members of the committee have agreed to be OD for different races to take the pressure off David.

The short afternoon cruises on last year's programme had not proved of interest to many so he asked for suggestions from the membership. It does need to be very good weather for many to go out for short cruises whereas races are supported in much rougher conditions.

He requested a budget for purchase of 3 inflatable buoys which would allow more varied courses but need to be brought in after each race. Some help to do so has been offered and Jed will put out and bring in a Harrington buoy for any race where it is needed. £1000 was agreed as a budget for these though it may not all be needed.

Committee

- **Commodore** **Derek O 'Reilly**
- **Vice commodore** **Margaret Trotter**
- **Secretary** **Tanya Moxon**
- **Sailing secretary** **David Fletcher**
- **Treasurer** **Hugh Price**
- **Press reports** **Ian Banton**
- **Cruising secretary** **Andy Sugden**
- **Handicaps** **Graham Exley**
- **Race officer** **Laurie Clark**
- **Advisors** **Bill Hurst**
 - **Steve Benn**

With Tom Beck, helped by Eddie Dawson as bosun.

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Any other business

Tim Chittenden thanked the club for the money they had raised for the Shannon lifeboat appeal for Workington RNL. £1435 was presented in 2016 from 2 presentation nights and a collection for refreshments at the winter meeting. Although the full target hasn't yet been reached the new lifeboat should arrive in April

It was suggested that there should be photos of the committee on the website and/or on the notice board so members could identify them and make contact more easily. This was agreed

There was some discussion about a clubhouse and though this isn't a viable proposition for the club we agreed to continue to suggest a berthholders lounge for the marina at some point.

We have been offered the use of a large room not far from the harbour by the sea cadets who also use it. It has the facilities for a bar and could be useful for evening and weekend meetings. Bill Hurst will get the key and show the committee around.

Bill presented a very nice clock to Margaret on behalf of the members for her 10 years as secretary.

After the meeting closed, most stayed on at the Waverly for supper and a convivial evening's chat.