

BRIDLINGTON MODEL BOAT SOCIETY MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT.

I would like to welcome you all this evening and to thank Bridlington RUFC for the use of this room.

- This meeting is the second AGM since Covid.
- After last year's AGM our club Meetings were held on the first Wednesday of alternate months.
- These were held here at the rugby club and were often poorly attended with only 2 or 3 members who were outnumbered by the committee (who meet only 2 days before and meet every month via Zoom)
- The committee question whether the members require a night meeting either monthly or bi-monthly?
- Membership grew last year. The club has continued to diversify with a model SM32 (16mm) railway where live steam is in use. The lake continues to be used by yachters, fast electrics and I/c power enthusiasts but sadly there seems to be diminished scale boats at our Club Sundays, all be it at those events some fun fast electric (SR65) racing has been enjoyed.
- Your committee meet regularly using Zoom which has proved to be a convenient means to hold meetings saving time, room hire and transport costs.
- Should anyone be nominated to serve as an officer at item 9 they must be willing and able to use Zoom via PC, laptop or smart phone.
- *All the present committee were independently introduced in it's use. Any nominees can be similarly introduced.*
- The original lakeside race podium was demolished and replaced by a modified container and is in use by many as a shelter. A proposed replacement race podium proved to be cost prohibitive. the committee will consider an upper stage to the race podium id presented with a safe and financially viable option. The committee will require plans/quotations of any proposal.
- The committee apologise for any inconvenience during the clubhouse refurbishment.
- My thanks go to all committee members and members who maintain the club site which is without doubt one of the best modelling venues in the country.
- Special thanks to the ladies who make it look more like a park and the Galley staff who keep us fed and watered on event days.

An e-mail was received from a member who was aware that Andrew and Elaine Fuller have put a lot of work into the kitchen refurbishment and apart from the cost of travelling back and forth from West Yorkshire, have spent a week in B&B accommodation as well as weekends in Premier Inns/Travel Lodges. The member felt that some recompense for this should be given consideration. Andrew and Elaine thanked us for the offer but declined this.

2. APOLOGIES: Steve Barker, Jim Beskow, Peter Hoban, George Roberts, Trevor Kersey, Luke Burton, Mike Dawes, Jo Bryer, Elaine and Andrew Fuller.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM: The Chairman passed typed copies of the minutes to members and these were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Simon Bryer Seconded by John Jenkinson agreed unanimously.

4. TO RECEIVE THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Sarah Randall (Treasurer) read out a full report and as there were no questions it was agreed as a true record.
Proposed by David Burlingham Seconded by Michael Alliston and agreed unanimously. A copy is available on request.

5. SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2024/5: The committee, after discussion, had agreed not to increase the subscription rates and these will remain at £60 with a once only joining fee of £10 which will include partners and children under 18 years.
Temporary members £10 to include children under 18 years.
Proposed by Sarah Randall Seconded by Michael Alliston, agreed unanimously.

6. TO RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON ALL INCIDENTS: The Chairman said that no incidents had been reported.

7. TO RECEIVE ALL CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS:
No submissions had been received.

8. TO CONSIDER HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS FOR 24/25:
The committee had discussed this at their meeting on 5/2/24 and awarded the following a 100% reduction for all the hard work these members had done during 2023/24 in pursuit of developing the club facilities.

Paul Smith
Rhona Gaffney
Alec Ward
Geoff Figgett
Mike Brandi
Sheila and John Davis
Steve Barker
Peter Hoban
George Roberts
Alan and Linda Spicer
Geoff Cundill
Martin Ranson
Val and Dave Burlingham

Lifetime members
Past President Alf Lee
Joan Markham
Mavis and Philip Gilson
Ann and past President John Foster

Proposed by Michael Pares Seconded by Martin Payne agreed unanimously.

AT THIS POINT ALL SERVING OFFICERS STAND DOWN BEFORE TAKING ITEM 9

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024/25 (To be conducted by the Trustees)

| POSITION | NAME | PROPOSED BY | SECONDED BY | For | Against |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Chairman | Ken Thorpe | John Jenkinson | Martin Ranson | Unanimous | |
| Secretary | Jo Bryer | Ken Thorpe | Mike Brandi | Unanimous | |
| Treasurer/Membership Secretary | Sarah Randall | Paul Davis | John Jenkinson | Unanimous | |
| Events Officer | Ian Phillips | Robert Daniel | Mike Brandi | Unanimous | |
| Committee Member | Simon Bryer | Ken Thorpe | Michael Pares | 9 votes | |
| Committee Member | Val Burlingham | David Burlingham | Sarah Randall | 10 votes | |
| Accounts Overseer | John Foster | David Harkins | Martin Ranson | Unanimous | |

10. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

I am at the end of my first year of tenure as your President and certainly 2023/24 has been an interesting year. Firstly we have ended up with 299 full members which is the highest ever membership level. Next we have had yet another discipline added, a model SM32 scale railway which now consists of a long basic layout built by members and I know this will be further developed during the forthcoming year with landscaping and buildings. A replacement purpose built container has replaced the old lakeside race podium. The buggy track has had a new and much larger purpose built race podium also built by members making racing much more exciting than with the previous smaller one. The truck track has developed further with shelters for the digger area and also the farm is now fully functional. The scale harbour sides have just been renewed which has certainly smartened it up, so much development is a real achievement.

Just recently a lot of money has been spent on a new kitchen, making catering by our volunteer ladies that much easier with the added fact that the clubhouse now looks so much smarter and clean. Some of you will have noticed the widened gate and entrance to the crawler/truck and buggy areas, another improvement. These have all been made possible by an increased membership although we have spent a lot of money this year.

Looking ahead the only remaining large project is the lower car park which resembles a ploughed field when it rains but hopefully this will be resolved in the forthcoming year.

Finally I would like to thank all those members who have freely given of their own time to work on many of these projects, without them I fear they would never get done and of course not forgetting our Galley staff who keep us all fed and watered during the busy season.

Don't forget, it's your club and all money raised goes towards the further

development of the site to improve facilities and your enjoyment of our hobby.

Ian Phillips.
(President)