***STRAND-ON-THE-GREEN SAILING CLUB***

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19th FEBRUARY 2019

AT

THE CITY BARGE

# MINUTES

IN THE CHAIR: Alex Pape (Commodore)

PRESENT: 15 members including the committee.

APOLOGIES: Marian Armitage, Mary Brown, Chris Greenwood, Rob Collingwood, Sam Shemtob and others

1. Minutes of the previous AGM were read by the Hon Secretary and accepted.
2. In his report the Commodore noted that there had been 29 races during the season including points races, prize races and hosting our neighbouring clubs. He thanked Marian and James for hosting the summer party and Marian in particular for organizing the winter dance. He thanked Heather and Rob Adams for organizing a joint enterprise with SKB of Berlin – this year a Whitsun weekend in Salcombe. Steve Newell had provided beer for various Club events and the Commodore thanked all those who had helped the smooth running of the Club over the year. Dave Jones and others had successfully found a replacement safety boat for our old Dory. It would be in working order before the start of the season. It had been funded by a generous gift from the Berger family and will be named Kurt Berger in honour of our late treasurer.
3. The Hon. Secretary reported that membership was down on the previous year. The racing results had been reported in the Newsletter. Network Rail were still considering more permanent repair works to the external structures of the arch. He also noted that our premises had been sold by Network Rail and that The Arch Company was our new landlord. Only time would tell how much this would cost us.
4. The Hon Treasurer presented the accounts for the year up to 31st December 2018, which had been audited by Sam Shemtob. They showed a substantial increase in the final balance over the year caused by the £2,000 donation on behalf of Kurt Berger, before the cost of the new safety boat was taken into account. It was unfortunately the case that our income from subs and boat parking had dropped by around £800 due to a falling membership rather than non-payment of subs. The Club was nevertheless in a good financial state and had a reserve equivalent to a year’s expenditure. The accounts were approved by the meeting.
5. The Hon. Sec. introduced two changes to the Club Rules, which had been outlined in the newsletter and published on the website. The first change (paragraphs 21, 22 and 23) dealt with the problem of abandoned boats on the site and the procedures for getting rid of them. The second change (paragraph 32) states how the Club responds to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and our data privacy policy. The changes were approved by the meeting without dissent.
6. In accordance with Club conventions, Alex Pape changed places with Lev Kolobov as Vice Commodore and Commodore respectively. The rest of the Committee was willing to serve for another year. The meeting approved these arrangements by a show of hands.
7. The meeting continued to other business without a break. Jo Broadhurst reported that we now had 63 bookings for the Dinner Dance and encouraged those present to drum up as much support as possible for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.
8. TY reported on the joint cruise on the north German lakes with SKB – there were still places available. He also noted that Chris Greenwood was ever-willing to welcome new crew onto Sea Candy in the Caribbean, a position he could strongly recommend after 5 weeks before the mast.
9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:30.