

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting
of Clwb Cychod Trefdraeth / Newport Boat Club
held at the Clubhouse at 18.30h on Thursday 22nd August 2019

Present:-

Nica Prichard (President)

Tony Williams (Commodore)

Douglas Williams (Rear-commodore and Membership Secretary)

Charles Searle (Treasurer)

Roger Howell (Secretary)

Andrew Kenyon (Secretary, Sailing and Boating)

Management Committee Members and 42 Members.

In Attendance:-

Ema Commons (Club Administration Manager)

Islwyn Evans (Pritchard & Co., Accountants) until 18.45

The Commodore welcomed members to the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Newport Boat Club. and asked for a minute's silence to remember Geoff Lewis (Founder member) and Jackie Thomas (past Club Secretary and Membership Secretary) who had also recently died.

No tellers were appointed as there was to be no vote.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from:

Emma Buchanan

Brenda Carney

James Chapel

Bea Crossley

Peter Farrow

Michael King

Nigel Knocker

Jonathan Prichard
Charles Richards
David Richards
John Richards
Alex Warren
Stewart Warren

2. MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

It was proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Niki South that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM were a true record of proceedings. The motion was carried *nem con*.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. TO RECEIVE AND, IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, TO ACCEPT THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

Islwyn Evans of the club's Accountants/Auditors, Pritchard and Co., guided members through the club's accounts for the financial year ending 28th February 2019. Trading Income was up from £127,232 to £132,759. Management Expenses had increased from £56,757 to £68,381, primarily due to the creation of the new post of Bar Manager. There was a deficit for the year after depreciation of £5,890. Cash Reserves were down from £84,415 to £58,141, due to capital expenditure and investment in the club's facilities. In summary, Mr Evans said he felt the club was still in a very healthy position.

The Commodore asked if there were any questions from the floor regarding the accounts. There were none. It was proposed by Ian Ward and seconded by Mike Prager that the accounts should be accepted, which was agreed *nem con*.

The Commodore thanked Mr Evans for his presentation, who then left the meeting to applause.

5. COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore reported that it had been a very busy year. The winter months had been particularly busy, with the completion of a substantial program of maintenance and improvements throughout the club, including new front doors, commercial flooring and redecoration of the kitchen, repainting the Commodore's Lounge after repairing the ceiling, and refurbishment and remodeling of both bars to improve efficiency. Other highlights included a very successful club Open Day on June 29th, with 25 new members joining on the day; and the substantial growth in interest in rowing.

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, OFFICERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SAILING & BOATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Commodore outlined a re-organisation of duties within the Committee for the coming year. Doug Williams relinquished Membership Secretary's duties to Charles Searle who in turn had passed the Treasurer's role to Mike Prager. Julian Barge had resigned from Management Committee and Jeremy Evans, having finished his tour of duty as Commodore, stepped down from the Vice-commodores' position. The Commodore thanked all those leaving the Committee for their contributions over many years. Gaynor Martin & Laura Rees were co-opted onto ManCom last year and are seeking re-election and he welcomed Matthew Lewis as a new member.

Those listed below, being club members in good standing, having been properly nominated and seconded unopposed, had agreed to serve. No election was required.

Officers

President.....	Nica Prichard	Commodore.....	Tony Williams
Vice-commodore.....	No nomination made		
Rear-commodore.....	Doug Williams		
Treasurer.....	Mike Prager		
Secretary.....	Roger Howell		
Membership Secretary.....	Charles Searle		
Sailing & Boating Secretary.....	Andrew Kenyon		

Management Committee Members

Liz Docwra
 Amanda Elmes
 Ray Jones
 Matthew Lewis
 Laura Rees
 Gaynor Williams

Sailing & Boating Committee Members

Richard Barlow
 Jonny Bingham
 Pete Fletcher
 Mike Hann
 Robert Mercer

The Commodore welcomed the new committee members and old faces with new duties and looked forward to working with them all.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS/ACCOUNTANTS

It was proposed by Mike Prager and seconded by David Prichard that Pritchard & Co. be appointed as the club's Auditors/Accountants for the financial year ending 29th February 2020. This was carried *nem con*.

8. ADOPTION OF NEW BYELAW REGARDING JUNIOR MEMBERS

The Rear-commodore introduced a paper which had been circulated to members regarding a new Byelaw to allow children under 12 to become members, in addition to those aged between 12 and 18, which was already permitted. The purposes of this change were first, to allow children of any age under 18 years to join the club (with the permission of parents or guardians), thereby being covered by the club's insurance policy when participating in sailing, boating, rowing and other activities organised by the club; and second, to formalise the requirement that children under 18 required the permission of parents or guardians to join the club.

The proposed Byelaw, which deleted and substituted the existing Rule 15(f) regarding junior members, reads as follows:

"15(f) Junior Members. Children under 18 years on the first day of September in the relevant year, who have been elected according to the Rules of the Club then in force and whose subscription is maintained. Applications for Junior Membership require the permission of parents or guardians. The Limitation of Entitlements remains unchanged."

Having been posted on the club website and notice board for five days and no objections having been received, the new byelaw became part of the 2018 Constitution and Rules on 3rd July 2019, and were adopted by the meeting.

9. ANY FURTHER MOTIONS

No further motions had been presented.

10. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Commodore introduced the club's President, Nica Prichard. The President said she was very pleased to see the continued development of the club and the improvements and refurbishment that had taken place. She was particularly pleased to see more local residents and their children becoming involved in the club's activities. She congratulated the rowers on their excellent achievements during the season, and she was delighted to have seen many youngsters receiving sailing tuition over the summer. She thanked the Management Committee, the Club Administration Manager and all members who played an active part in the continued growth and development of the club.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

Andrew Richards commended the Management Committee on the refurbishment work done, and suggested that the Ladies Showers and Changing Rooms should be a priority for redecoration/refurbishment during the coming winter. The Commodore agreed with this view.

There being no further business, the Commodore closed the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Clwb Cychod Trefdraeth / Newport Boat Club at 19.05h.