

## Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

of Newport Boat Club Ltd Coy No. 14590433

held at the Clubhouse at 18. 30 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

Present:

Nica Prichard (President)  
Charles Searle (Commodore)  
Pete Smith (Vice-Commodore)  
Jay Williamson (Rear Commodore - Sailing & Boating)  
Peter Morris (Secretary - Sailing & Boating)  
Simon Reeves (Treasurer & Company Secretary)  
Mike Mathias (Director)  
John Clive Lewis (Director)

40 Members present. A further 13 members had provided proxy votes.

In Attendance:

Ema Commons  
Clare Evans

The Commodore welcomed members to the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Newport Boat Club Ltd

### Apologies for Absence

These were received from:

Wendy Baxter	Michael Benson	Brenda Carney
Sharon Carter	Lucy Chadlington	Liz Docwra
Gavin Hall	Ray Jones	Michael King
Marc Mordey	John Huw Pateman	Daniel Prichard
Jonathan Prichard	Simon Prichard	Jane & Peter Thomas
Tony Williams		

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

It was proposed by the Commodore that the minutes of the 2023 AGM of Newport Boat Club Limited were to be taken as read and should accordingly form part of the Club's official documentation.

Proposer;	John Clive Lewis
Seconded	Peter Morris

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### Matters not to be considered at the Meeting

The meeting was advised that:-

Item 4 Approval of the Annual Accounts would not be possible as it had not been achievable to circulate these with the required 14-day notice to members. One matter remained outstanding in regard to the accounts in relation to the value of the building; once this had been agreed with the auditors, accounts will be circulated with a detailed note to all members, with a minimum of 14-days, notice and considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting

Item 6 The Board had been made aware prior to the meeting that the final version of the revised Articles and Rules had not been issued with 14-days notice. Accordingly, the Board agreed to withdraw the motion to be considered at the meeting, but would discuss any queries raised by members. The motion, together with the Articles and Rules, will be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

#### **Management Information to 31 March 2024**

The Board had circulated management information prepared by the auditors ahead of the meeting for members' consideration.

The information circulated highlighted that the club was in a financial healthy position evidencing a surplus of £20k and a cash position of £125k as at March 2024.

The Treasurer ran through with members the possible impacts of different building valuations on the club's balance sheet. Members noted the work being undertaken by the Board with the auditors to achieve an early resolution.

The Board reiterated the intention to circulate the accounts, once received, to all members.

#### **Commodore's Report**

The Commodore's Report is included as an attachment to the minutes.

Key messages highlighted by the Commodore in summary were:-

- Club in a healthy financial position
- Works continue to maintain the club building
- Increased activity across sailing and rowing, with early interest in paddle boarding
- The need for more volunteers to help the club in all facets of its activities
- Willingness to invest in all activities of the club, in particular rowing against a clear plan to grow the sport
- Working with a number of local organisations in the town and Fishguard
- Supportive of the Town Council and its engagement with the Barony to acquire the car park and green. Members were advised that this support may also mean supporting matters financially, although members will be consulted before making any decisions
- The Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026 and is looking to set up a committee to arrange celebrations
- Commodore reminded members that he is always willing to engage and listen on matters of concern. However, inappropriate letters and emails are most unwelcome and are unacceptable.

In summary, the Commodore is seeking a club which is harmonious, hospitable and happy.

There were no questions or matters arising from the Commodore's report

#### **Discussion re the revised Articles of Association and Rules for Newport Boat Club Limited**

As the meeting was unable to consider the resolution, the opportunity for members present to ask questions and clarify any issues arising from the proposed revisions

A question was asked as to why partners and spouses on joint memberships were not allowed to attend the meeting. The Commodore supported the spirit of the question as it did not evidence an

inclusive club. He went on to advise that this was being considered and will be reflected in revised rules on membership.

Another member sought the inclusion of paddle boarding in the club's objectives which will be considered, offering to assist in connecting the club to Paddle UK to obtain best practice.

In response to another question on which club had we used for input the answer was Hayling Island Sailing Club, the largest in the UK with a long history of good governance.

### **Proposal to Increase Membership Subscriptions for 2024/2025**

A motion was proposed that the following subscription rates apply to the following classes of membership for the year 2024/2025 and that collection of membership subscriptions is delayed from September to October for the current year and all future years: -

Joint	£68	(+£3)
Over 65	£58	(+£3) (closed category for new members post 2015)
Under 25	£35	(+£3)

Proposer Chris Morgan  
Seconder Michael Brake

Motion passed	For	51
	Against	2

### **Election of President, Officers and Directors**

As there were no contested seats the Commodore proposed that there was no need for elections and the following appointments were ratified and except for the President are duly appointed directors of Newport Boat Club Ltd

President	Nica Prichard
Commodore	Charles Searle
Rear Commodore	Jay Williamson
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
S&B Secretary	Peter Morris
Director	Michael Brake

Noting also that Mike Mathias would be continuing the third of his three year-term and John Clive Lewis will be continuing on the second of his three-year term on the general committee

### **Election of Honorary Vice President**

Following his decision not to seek re-election and to recognise the years of support to the club and to the wider Newport community in many capacities, not least as commodore, the Board proposed that Pete Smith be made an honorary vice president which was accepted unanimously by the meeting

### **Any Other Business**

No matters raised

The meeting closed at 19.38.

### **Commodore's Report**



2024 Commodore's  
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**Management Information as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



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