

Arrow Trophy Yacht Racing Association

31st Annual General Meeting

held at 1830 on Monday 3rd March at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7LF.

Management Committee Members Present:

David Aisher (Trustee), Gwynne Lawrence (Trustee), Peter Kewish (Secretary/Pangbourne), Emily Dresser (Bryanston), Thomas Holtby (Harrow), Roderick Walker (Winchester).

Other Members present:

Jim Miller (Charterhouse), Douglas Maxwell (Harrow), Bob Clitherow, Stephen Casters, Rob Hammond, Charlie Thompson, Sophie Roberts (Malvern) and Jo Chugg.

On Zoom call:

Andrew Gossage (Cheltenham), Reg Kheraj (Dulwich), Andrew Dean (Kings Canterbury), Julian Facer (Radley) and Nick Vigors (Wellington).

Peter Kewish opened the meeting and thanked delegates for attending.

1. Apologies for Absence

Charles Kendrick (Marlborough), Kate Robinson (Oundle), Will Eaton (Sherborne) and Henry Arnold (Uppingham).

2. **Minutes of the last AGM held on 26th November 2024** were taken as read and adopted. There were no matters arising.

3. Adoption of the Accounts

Draft copies of the accounts which are still with the independent examiner while he does his check and a call is scheduled for next week to finalise the accounts along with changing signatures following the change of Officers. Nick Vigors from Wellington asked if the loss for the 2023 was expected and the chairman advised that the event in 2024 was the start of rebuilding the situation.

4. Election of members of the Management Committee.

It was noted that it was the end of Pangbourne College's term in the various officers and it was Malvern's turn to take over as officers of the Association. The meeting agreed that the following were taking over:

Chairman	Bob Clitherow
Secretary	Rob Hammond
Treasurer	Francis Tolcher

Along with other members from Malvern College who were all going to help with the organisation of the event. This was agreed by the meeting. Bob Clitherow took over the chairmanship of the meeting. Bob went on to thank Peter Kewish for all the work he has done mainly single handedly for the Association along with Jo Chugg.

The meeting agreed that David Aisher and Gwynne Lawrence should continue as the Trustees along with the management committee members of Emily Dresser, Tom Holtby, Charles Kendrick and Roderick Walker. The ex-Officio members are Peter Kewish immediate Past Secretary and Simon Brown the Independent Examiner. This was all agreed.

5. Approval of the Annual Subscription due each January - £30 (unchanged)

It was agreed that the Annual Subscription rate will not change and was proposed by Bob Clitherow and seconded by Roderick Walker and agreed by the meeting.

6. Approval of the Joining Fee - £25 (unchanged)

It was agreed that the Joining Fee rate will not change and was proposed by Bob Clitherow and seconded by Emily Dresser and agreed by the meeting. It was noted that the Associate members are unlikely to pay a joining fee until they become full members and the numbers of full members are limited to 22.

7. Proposals for the 2025 Arrow Trophy

The proposals as noted in the Agenda were agreed with the event taking place on the 4 & 5 October, berthing at Shepards Wharf Marina, deposit of £500 to be paid by 1st May and the balance due by the 1st July. The dinner will be held again at RORC, Cowes and it was noted that dinner applications non-competitors would need to be accepted at the

last minute as the number are thought to be tight. The cost of the 'Dark & Stormy' drinks or the cost of the bacon butties at CCYC have not been finalised and will be advised to the committee in due course.

8. Racing Format for the weekend

The racing format for this year's Arrow Trophy will follow previous years with us having 10 Sunsail boats and 8 Fairview boats reserved for the weekend. We do have a further 2 other Fairviews available to us if required. It was noted that the racing will be in two fleets doing a maximum of 4 races with the top 4 in the Sunsail boats going through to the match racing on the Sunday.

It was noted that last year the damage excess on the Sunsail boats was £5,500 and on Fairview boat £4,000 but the figure for this year is not currently known. Members of the Malvern team have found an insurance to protect the damage deposit by to companies Topsail and a German company and the cost would be in the region of £748 or 700 euros. It was up to each school and Malvern agreed to do some more work on the situation but we would need to speak to the charter companies to confirm that they are happy with the situation to protect the damage deposit.

Tom Holtby mention that we do not want any damage to the boats as we have a poor track record. On the water judging was considered but it has recently been dropped because of the extra costs.

9. Any other Business

Roderick Walker mentioned the Belvidere Cup which is being held on Queen Mary Reservoir in Sonars on the 16th March and if schools are interested, they should contact Jack Fenwick at the Royal Thames YC as soon as possible.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 1915.

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