

# WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 19:30**

### **Present**

Sue Harold – Chairman, John Clack -Commodore of the RVYC, the Committee and 38 members.

### **Welcome to RVYC**

John Clack welcomed those present to the meeting in the Royal Victoria Yacht Club

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Commander Steve Hopper (QHM Portsmouth), David Parkinson, Chris Turner, John Garth, Wes Allan, Mike Doherty, Brian Ballard, Rob Ashley

### **2. Minutes of the last AGM meeting**

The AGM Minutes from March 11th 2009 were proposed for adoption by Ben Hopkins and seconded by Paul Wavell. The members agreed this unanimously by a show of hands.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4. To receive the report of the QHM.**

The Chairman read a letter from the QHM which mentioned a debate on his position in relation to Wootton Creek, consequently he was unable to attend and asking that Item 4 be removed from the agenda.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed members once more to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and thanked their management for having the meeting on their premises. She also mentioned the relationship with the RVYC and their celebration of 50years in 2011.

A letter had been received from the Queens Harbour Master stating that recent events have prompted the opening of a debate on the position of the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth in relation to Wootton Creek which is ongoing therefore he will be unable to attend the AGM and will not be giving a report.

She told of the pleasure of working with everyone who has the love of the Creek at heart. No one wants to allow any commercial interest to get their hands on OUR CREEK. Well it all revolves around abiding by the rules. The only thing was that some people insist on breaking the rules. We have now we hope pulled back the reigns and I can say that if you break the rules you will loose your mooring.

The Dinghy Park has had new fence, gate, and picnic table and is to have a combination lock and everyone will have the combination number. (The number was announced to those present at this time) Also she asked that those non members wanting to use the slipway should contact the Secretary.

Much work has been done on identifying moorings and there are proposals to amend a few rules to keep moorings for those in the catchment area.

She mentioned fees and confirmed that the Committee would work very hard to keep all the expenses as low as possible.

The Chairman thanked all the Committee and gave individual thanks to the Treasurer and Secretary.

To end she explained that a she was moving and hoped that the Committee would find a new Chairman who loved the Creek as much as she had done..

**6. Honorary Treasurers Report**

The Chairman presented the Annual Accounts. There were no questions on the accounts

Jill Traill proposed and Mike Tredwell seconded that the Annual Accounts be accepted. This was unanimously agreed..

**7. To approve the fees for 2010/2011**

Dave Moore proposed and Patrick de Peyer seconded that the fees as shown in the agenda be approved. This was unanimously agreed.

**8. Election of Chairman and all Committee Members**

The Chairman and Treasurer had advised that they would not be able to complete the whole year in their positions, but would carry on if no nominations were received until replacements could be found.

As no nominations were received by the closing date, although a volunteer as Treasurer had come forward on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, the members were asked to vote in the committee as listed in the agenda, and the committee would co-opt when the Chairman and Treasurer stepped down.

Howard Lower proposed and Mike Tredwell seconded that the Chairman and Committee be elected as listed. This was unanimously agreed.

**9. To confirm Annette Mortlock as a Trustee of the Association.**

Proposed by Ivan Macaulay and Seconded by Hubert Smyth, this was unanimously agreed.

**10. Appoint the Audit Committee**

The meeting agreed to keep the Audit Committee as it is, chaired by Graham Lascelles and containing at least one other member. Proposed by Susan Harold and Seconded by Ivan Macaulay.

**11. To Consider the Following Rule Changes**

- a **MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY (6) Any member who lives outside the catchment area would be a 'Country Member' (defined by being on the electoral roll) and not entitled to vote at AGM**

After discussion it was agreed to remove the expression (defined by being on the electoral roll) from this rule change.

The amended rule proposed by Peter Traill and Seconded by Graham Lascelles. Voted 33 for, 3 against.

- b **SUBSCRIPTION (2) The annual subscriptions, due for payment on or before 31st March of the subscription year will be set a year in advance and approved at each Annual General Meeting. But the year of rent review with the Crown Commissioners the fees could be amended at the AGM.**

Dave Moore proposed and Adrian Chilver seconded that this rule be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

**NOTE If this rule change is agreed then the fees for 2011/2012 will remain the same as for this year.**

As the above rule SUBSCRIPTION (2) was agreed, Paul Lewis proposed and Ben Hopkins seconded that the fees for 2011/2012 remain the same as for this year. This was unanimously agreed

- c **MANAGEMENT 6(a) Appoint a Berthing Master and Assistant also Web Master from the Membership of the Association**

As the Association now has a Web Site to amend this rule to include a Web Master.

Proposed by Jill Traill and Seconded by Ivan Macaulay this change was agreed unanimously.

- d **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (1c) That at times when there is a waiting list of valid residents, anyone who lives or moves their main residence out of the catchment area may not be issued with a new**

**licence. This will apply at the next licence renewal date if moving to the mainland, or at the discretion of the Committee if moving elsewhere on the Island.**

After discussion it was agreed to remove the words 'to the mainland' and replace with 'off the Island'  
With this amendment it was proposed by Ivan Macaulay and seconded by Mike Tredwell that this rule be accepted. This was voted 37 for, with 1 abstention.

- e **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (1d)The Committee may consider not reallocating a Mooring Licence when it considers that the Licensee has not had a suitable vessel owned by them on the mooring for at least one year.**

It was proposed by Ben Hopkins and seconded by Patrick de Peyer that this rule be accepted. Voted 26 for, 3 against

- f **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (1e) Member giving up a mooring who subsequently obtains a suitable vessel would be given preferential treatment on the waiting list.**

After discussion it was agreed that the wording be changed to **Member voluntarily** giving up a mooring.....  
With this amendment Dave Moore proposed and Paul Wavell seconded that this rule be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

- g **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (4b) The mooring fee will be halved for moorings allocated after 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

In view of the low fees and the high demand it was thought unnecessary to reduce the fees. Unanimous NO vote.

- h **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (7a) No licence may be transferred on the sale of a boat. When ownership of the boat is shared the continuation of the Licence shall ultimately be at the discretion of the committee. Any attempt to abuse this rule will mean immediate revoking of Licence as per rule TERMINATION OF LICENCE 1**

Jill Traill proposed and Mike Tredwell seconded that this rule be accepted. Voted 36 for, 1 abstention.

- i **CONDITIONS OF SITE LICENCE (17) DINGHY PARK SPACE. This is restricted to those who have reserved and paid for a space. Boats will be removed without notice if this rule is contravened. The Management Committee will treat any contravention as an abandoned boat**

After discussion it was agreed to replace 'Boats will be removed without notice' with 'Boats will be removed after due notice'

With this amendment it was proposed by Dave Moore and seconded by Peter Traill that this rule be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

There was no other business raised prior to the meeting within the rules.

The meeting was closed at 20:50.