



Annual General Meeting 2017

18:30 Saturday 18th November 2017, at the Royal Western Yacht Club
(Plymouth)

Minutes

1 Welcome by the Commodore

Phil Cotton welcomed members and guest to the AGM.

Members present were: Phil Cotton, Matthew West, Tim Wilson, Rupert Kidd, Brice Sutherland, Matt Baker, Mike Butterfield, Simon Forbes, Simon Baker, William Lee, Neil Boughton, Alison Busfield.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from: Brian Pickersgill, Nick Roberts, Gordon Baird, Robert Wingate, Mark Jarvis, Brian Thompson, Chris Cooper, Lindsey Knight, Daryl Morgan, John Truswell, Jonathan Hill, Harvey Bowden.

The Hon Secretary noted that six proxy votes had been received. These gave their proxy to one of the Chairman, Matthew West, or Simon Baker. The proxy instructions either left the vote in the hands of the proxy, or instructed votes to be cast to approve all the motions.

3 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Hon Treasurer to instruct the accountant to separate cost and income items for next year's accounts

The Treasurer reported he has notified accountant of our requirements.

4.2 To request the Racing Committee to prepare and publish a methodology to be used for future changes to the rating formula for approval by the Executive Committee

The Racing Secretary reported that a methodology had been presented at last year's AGM and has been published on the MOCRA website.

Action: Simon Baker to present the Rating Change Methodology for approval by the Executive Committee

4.3 Use of Yahoo Groups as a MOCRA Members forum

Phil Wheeler had offered to help set up Yahoo Groups for use as a member's forum including a private space where minutes could be posted. Matthew West reported that he had spoken to Phil Wheeler after the meeting about this, but that there had been no further action.

Action: Phil Cotton to contact Phil Wheeler about whether he is able to support setting up Yahoo Groups.

5 To receive the Commodores Report

Proposed: William Lee, Rupert Kidd

Approved by acclamation

6 To receive the Treasurer's Report

(Note: there are no formal accounts this year because of the change in the accounting year agreed at the last AGM).

Proposed: Phil Cotton, Simon Forbes

Approved by acclamation

7 To reappoint the auditors (Mr Barry Lomas)

Proposed: Tim Wilson, Matthew West

Approved by acclamation

8 To receive the Membership Secretary's Report

Proposed: Simon B, Neil Boughton

Approved by acclamation

9 To receive the Cruising Secretary's Report

(Presented by Matthew West in the absence of Mark Jarvis)

Proposed: Phil Cotton, Matt Baker

Approved by acclamation

10 To receive the Racing Secretary's Report

Proposed: Matthew West, Matt Baker

Approved by acclamation

11 To receive the Rating Officer's Report

Proposed: Phil Cotton, Rupert Kidd

Approved by acclamation

In discussion of the report it was requested whether MOCRA might acquire a larger load cell (more than 5 tonnes)? Simon Forbes said that this would be investigated to see if it would be economically viable (posting a larger load cell vs hiring a load cell locally to weighing requirements).

12 Executive Committee Resolutions

During last year's AGM we updated the constitution to change the notice times for general meetings and resolutions to better support proxy/postal voting. However, we missed the nominations for officers for which the deadline is still 14 days. This resolution brings that into line with the deadline for resolutions which is now at 21 days.

The following change to the constitution is proposed to Clause 5, d) that:

"Nominations for officers and committee members shall be made in writing at least **fourteen** days before any Annual General Meeting except that additional nominations may be made at any Annual General Meeting to fill any vacancy remaining."

Is changed to:

"Nominations for officers and committee members shall be made in writing at least **twenty-one** days before any Annual General Meeting except that additional nominations may be made at any Annual General Meeting to fill any vacancy remaining."

Proposed: Bruce Sutherland, Phil Cotton

Approved by acclamation

Vote of thanks for Matthew for his work

13 Members Resolutions

The constitution states: "Any member wishing to propose a motion shall give notice of the same to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the meeting."

There are none.

14 Election of Commodore and Executive Committee

The constitution states: "Nominations for officers and committee members shall be made in writing at least fourteen days before any Annual General Meeting except that additional nominations may be made at any Annual General Meeting to fill any vacancy remaining."

No nominations for the Executive Committee had been received two weeks before the AGM. The following nominations were made from the floor.

President	Mike Butterfield
Commodore	Phil Cotton
Vice-Commodore	Simon Baker

Rear Commodore	Rupert Kidd
Honorary Secretary	Matthew West
Honorary Treasurer	Tim Wilson
Hon. Membership Sec.	Bruce Sutherland
Racing Secretary	Simon Baker
Cruising Secretary	Mark Jarvis
Rating Secretary	Simon Forbes
RYA Liaison Officer	Simon Forbes
Social Secretary	Phil & Miranda Cotton
Affiliated Groups Rep.	Vacancy
Safety Officer	Matt Baker
Publications/Editorial	Vacancy
Trophy Secretary	Mike Butterfield
Scottish Area Representative	Gordon Baird

Proposer: Neil Boughton, William Lee

Approved by acclamation

15 Any Other Business

Any matters raised under Any Other Business cannot form part of the official business of the meeting and thus may not be proposed as formal motions. This item is included to afford members an opportunity for informal discussion.

There was none.