

**BEWL SAILING ASSOCIATION
DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM
SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2018, 14:30 HRS**

Present

Vice-President Mark Munday (MM)

A further 21 full voting members were present in person, and 2 full voting members were present by proxy.

Welcome and introduction from the Chair

MM welcomed all attendees to the second AGM, stating that 2017 had been a successful year for BSA with good numbers sailing (until the water level dropped in the autumn). A small handicap fleet had been formed, and MM said he would like to see more asymmetric dinghies on the water. Several members have volunteered to run Open meetings in the year ahead.

Apologies for absence

The President Martin Brooking (MB) now lives in Cambridgeshire and had sent his apologies. Apologies were also received from Roger Barton, Peter Ponsford, Dan Kingston, Colin Nutt and Robert Hogben.

President's report

MB's report was circulated at the beginning of the meeting and was taken as read.

Presentation of accounts for approval

The draft accounts had been circulated to all members by email. Jo Mayes proposed that the accounts be accepted and this proposal was seconded by Keith Bromhead. There were no objections so the proposal was carried.

Appointment of accountant to prepare next year's accounts

Neil Cunliffe of Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP kindly prepared the 2017 accounts and had indicated that he is happy to do so again in 2018. There were no objections so the appointment was approved.

Election of officers

MB is standing down as President, and was given a vote of thanks for his hard work in establishing BSA.

The Vice-President had received valid notices proposing and seconding Mark Munday for election as President and Peter Ponsford as Vice-President.

As there were no objections, both candidates were duly elected.

MM thanked the committee for their support over the year and mentioned that Hannah Evans would now be assisting with communications. He said that he would like to see more representation from other fleets.

Any other business

- All present agreed that the titles of President and Vice President should be changed to Commodore & Vice Commodore respectively.
- A vote was held to ascertain whether we should rename Bewl Sailing Association as Bewl Sailing Club. 23 in favour, one abstention, none against
- It was decided to run a trial with flag boards (say 70cm x 70cm) rather than traditional cloth flags for race box starts.
- BSA will be allowed to use MSL's red water taxi as a committee boat for club racing and open meetings. Richard Baker made an alternative suggestion, but it was decided to accept MSL's offer.
- Richard Baker and Will Gatehouse are running professional coaching for a fleet of Optimist sailors known as the Bewl Barbarians Sailing Club. They cater for beginners, intermediates and a racing squad, and intend to run an Open event at Bewl Water this year.
- BSA aims to have a patrol boat on the water on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons from June to September. Volunteers are required to man this. The Optimist instructors have offered assistance.
- Jim Wood has kindly obtained samples of club regalia and will take orders in due course.
- Matt Cox is the winner of MSL's award of free boat storage for the most frequent racer.
- Keith Bromhead expressed appreciation to MSL for the help they have given us over the past year.
- A vote of thanks was extended to Martin Dennant for providing the race results.
- We hope to hold a Flying Fifteen Open Meeting in May or later in the year.
- The first slipway is now in the water, and the pontoon will be replaced once it has been repaired. Parking may become an issue as the water level rises. Optimists will continue to launch from the slipway by the race box.

Meeting close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 15:20 hrs.