



Osprey Class Association

2020 AGM Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday 6th August 2020; time: 19:30hrs; Venue: Zoom.

Attendees: Peter Frith, Kevin Francis, Ros Downs, David Downs, Roger Blake, Jamie Blake, Alex Willis, Nick Willis, Stuart Maunder, Sandy Bremner, Phil Angrave, Paul Roberts, Stewart Murdoch, Alec Mamwell, Willy Crichton, Jonathan Osgood, Terry Curtis, Martin Cooney, Richard Marshall, Mike Greig, Ian Little, Paul Heather, Mick Greenland, Cliff Sager, Oscar Chess, Simon Hawkes, Ben Hawkes, Russell Wheeler.

1. Apologies for Absence

John Shenton, Janet Shenton, Alan Henderson, Arthur Butler.

2. Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM Notes

2019 Notes were approved – Proposed by Willy Crichton & seconded by Jonathan Osgood.

3. Matters Arising

The association was saddened to hear of the death of Hilary Jones who made a huge contribution over many years to the class. Condolences have been passed on to the family. Hilary and Nick were a huge part of the Osprey family and will both be greatly missed.

Question from the floor to be noted in the minutes: if nationals don't go ahead this year, could be run in 2021 March/ April time? Discussed later in the meeting and noted at the end of the minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman would like to thank Richard and Mark Hartley, who have put a great deal of effort into the class over the past year, improving the deck mould and producing a full set of structural moulding tooling to ensure consistent joining and integrity of the new Mk VI. Richard although still suffering from his illness was determined to go for a sail in their Mk VI above all other boats that they build. The chairman can tell you he has achieved this ambition although he said his tacking was a bit rusty. His reaction was just brilliant, he likes the simpler layout.

This year we had sad news of Hilary Jones. Firstly, being told she had incurable cancer whilst we were at the boat show and then that she had succumbed to the illness a few weeks later. She was always a great supporter of the Osprey Class it seems unfair that both she and Nick should've been taken from us in their early 60's.

Notes from the dinghy show, this year the Association was on the Hartley stand. We were given a corner position which gave us presence on the main thoroughfare and was an ideal spot. Mick Greenland organised us as usual, ably supported by Dave and Ros Downs, Kevin Francis, Alex Willis, Janet & John Shenton, Peter Frith and others. The chairman would like to say many thanks to all of them. Ros organised a banner for the mainsail which helped us stand out from an association point of view. Helped by the generous sponsorship of Richard for the Nationals we were able to smash through the target of 50 entries for the nationals before the end of the show. We were all chuffed at the prospect of a great Nationals ahead. Little did we know...



During the past few months (the chairman) has kept in contact with Richard, keeping him up to speed with the state of the class. Both he and I have been of the opinion that if it was at all possible, we should try to hold the Nationals this year to keep the Osprey family together ready to push forward next year. To that end your committee has worked hard to come up with an offer to see how many of the 50 boats have the desire to compete this year, so that we can go back to the club with a mandate to see if they are willing to put the event on.

Because we (the committee) didn't want to over promise we have currently pitched at a low level of expectation hoping if easing happens that we can deliver more.

Prior to AGM the chairman went down to Castle Cove SC to meet up with Kevin Francis. As it happened, David & Ros were down on holiday and because it was a club sailing night, Rob Smith, a club member, joined to discuss ideas for running the nationals. A number of areas were seen that needed addressing:

1. Boat dispersion in compound
2. Courses
3. Weather
4. Changing Facilities
5. Food
6. Drinks/Bar
7. Numbers

1: Boat dispersion in compound

Their compound as many of you know has 2 separate slipways and 2 beach exits. This makes it ideal for splitting launching up into 4 separate groups. Each group designated by its tally number. The compound is crowded with additional cruisers in the compound, but these can act as a natural division for each group. Designated locations in the compound could be made with numbered slots tied to your tally number.

2: Courses in or out

Minimum would be holding the nationals in the harbour, but if conditions allow then racing out in the sea.

2 races a day was proposed this year for a 4 day nationals. It was suggested that the minimum would be a 3 day nationals which would mean reducing to an event with 6 races instead of 8. Depending on the light, 3 races could be run on the middle day of a 3 day event. It would be a struggle to do more than 2 races for the 1st and last day due to the light restrictions of the time of year.

3: Weather

More likely to be able to sail from CCSC as the harbour is available if it is not possible to sail in the bay due to light wind and heavy wind racing.

4: Changing Facilities

A lot of sailing is now taking place in various clubs but changing and showers are still closed. At present the showers would be off limits but toilets would be available. The showers could be used in an emergency to warm specific people at discretion of the club.



5: Food

Either food provided by the club or bring in outside fish and chips van and others.

6: Drinks/Bar

This at present would be outside in tent/marquee

7: Numbers

It is anticipated that not all 50 boats would enter so we are looking for a minimum of ½ registered fleet to enter.

Some good news! Clubs are opening up to mixed crews, among them Castle Cove, Parkstone, Poole YC, Hayling Island SC. RYA is still organising championships in late September, and other classes are also likely to be looking to reschedule their nationals.

Class boat (1360) named by Martin and the Chairman for initial events as Blood and Thunder due to her black hull and red underwater line.

She went under sea trials over the winter to ensure that everything worked on her regarding layout, lengths of string etc. After an initial 2 light wind sails at Poole YC, she was entered into the Bloody Mary and the St George's Gallop. The former tested the boats integrity to its limits in very windy conditions with huge gusts. She was very fast and performed well despite 2 silly capsizes one on starboard and one on port. One due to helm error and one crew both during tacking. The final capsize was whilst performing a screaming 2 sail reach when struck by an enormous gust. On retrieval after the race the boat was dry with no leaks. The St George's went better, although again very windy. This time no capsizes and finished 12th overall. Following these events we felt confident that 1360 was ready to be used by the class for promotion. Initially it was agreed that she was go to Blithfield event sailed by Alex Willis and Nicola George, then on to HISC, but Covid 19 got in the way.

Finally, Alex did collect and take Blood and Thunder to HISC recently as sailing with family was allowed. She will be able to give her comments later on how things have gone on.

There is a form available for members and prospective members to apply to borrow her. Applications will initially go to Alex (the secretary) for the committee to consider and approve.

Thank you to Kev for doing an amazing job these last few years and thank you to Ros for stepping up as treasurer from me.

Note from the floor on this years nationals: Difficult position for those in Scotland, as there is no sailing at the moment, so no chance for racing preparation. Worried about not having a chance to sail before the nationals so it would be unfair. Is it a nationals if 2 out of 3 parts of the UK can't join?

Nationals as it stands each competitor will undertake their own risk assessment. Ideally the bar would be open with tables outside.

The membership was informed that a follow-up questionnaire regarding the 2020 nationals would be presented to the class.

Nationals decision to be made 23rd August.



5. Treasurer's Report (Financial period 2019)

- **Overview**

The treasurer acknowledged that this year has been strange, with events being cancelled and nothing going ahead. The main news was covered by the chairman as there is some overlap on topics.

Accounts are available on the website. Number of members are still up: 122 members in 2019, consistently between 110 and 130 the last few years.

- **2019 Nationals**

The 2019 Nationals were hosted by Mounts Bay. The accounts show a very small loss, first loss in 7 years. It was only tipped over into the negative by hiring a photographer, and additional extra prizes.

- **Promotion and Advertising**

The membership made the decision and the committee made the commitment to purchasing the class boat, paying £8000 for everything involved. The purchase includes everything with the boat. Not being used as widely as hoped but next year it can be shared around a little bit more!

Class boat has been treated as a fixed asset: If someone wants to buy boat, we can sell it, with a rolling fund rather than a depreciating fund. Richard Hartley has been putting a lot into the Osprey fleet.

- **Training**

It was reported that there was 1 training day in 2019, this being at Carsington. There is no intention to reduce the amount of training, but with the budget the committee will maybe look into a different/more inclusive training for class.

- **Dinghy Exhibition**

2019 saw the class represented at Alexandra Palace with the class association hosted by the Hartleys. This gave the class better exposure than being in the other Hall. £230 was spent to go to the dinghy show, which usually costs the class around £700.

- **Fees**

Insurance premium has increased slightly.

- **Membership fees**

In line with previous years the Treasurer proposed that the current agreed fees remain in place and encouraged members to set up Standing orders with their bank to ensure continued membership and also to make the Treasurer's life easier each January. Good value on a normal year, this year not seen much use, depending on where year goes talk as a committee where we go with funding next year. Quite keen not to say next year is a free year, rather say we will use the moneys accumulated this year next year in a way that promotes the class.

Backing of membership fees to remain the same: Proposer Jonathan Osgood, Secunder Mick Greenland.

- **Examiner of Accounts**

The Treasurer thanked Viola Scott and Ted Lewis for helping and for examining the 2019 accounts and found them worthy of approval.



Ted Lewis has agreed to carry on for another year. There were no objections.

6. Election of Officers & Committee Members



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Position	Nominee	Signature	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Peter Frith	Agreed to stand 05/08/20	Richard Marshall	Alec <u>Mamwell</u>
Treasurer	Ros Downs	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	Phil <u>Angrave</u>	Terry Curtis
Secretary	Alex Willis	-	-	-
Committee Member	David Downs	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	Jonathan Osgood	Alex Willis
Committee Member	Jamie Blake	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	David Downs	Terry Curtis
Committee Member	Terry Curtis	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	Jonathan Osgood	Alex Willis
Committee Member	Mick Greenland	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	David Downs	Terry Curtis
Committee Member	Alastair <u>Raynard</u>	See Email Sat 01/08/20 13:02	David Downs	Terry Curtis
Committee Member	Jonathan Osgood	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	David Downs	Terry Curtis
Committee Member	Kevin Francis	Agreed to stand see MoM 30/07/20	David Downs	Terry Curtis
Committee Member	Richard Marshall	Agreed to stand at AGM 06/08/20	Nick Willis	Stuart Maunder
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The Members were reminded that Officers who were elected within the last 3 years did not need to be re-elected. Officers who had already stood for their full term of 3 years so now had to be re-elected annually and Committee Members must be re-elected every year. The Members were told that the Chairman would be prepared to stand down if somebody wanted to take on the Role. All proposed & seconded Officers & Committee Members were accepted.

7. Changes to class rules

Nothing requiring approval. Mick Greenland to report on trial of small jib. Query raised regarding legality of reefing points in sails, ruled allowed by David Downs.

Paignton SC still want to go ahead with their event later in the year.

8. Future Nationals venues & timings of the Nationals

- 2021 Nationals are to be held at Tenby on Sunday 1st August to Wednesday 4th August 2021, just the Osprey fleet.
- 2022 Nationals in 2022 class in discussion with Porthpean. Possible alternative Highcliffe.
- 2023 Weymouth Town SC confirmed.



- 2023 special year for the ospreys, any ideas, feed them to the committee.
- Venues for future nationals, suggestions from Facebook are still to be analysed.
- It has been noted that other classes hold their Nationals later in the year. A number of members were in agreement with event to be scheduled beyond middle of September. The demographic of the class used to be focused on families travelling during the holidays. Accommodation is also cheaper outside of peak season and clubs can accommodate events. Late Aug – Late sept gives a feeling that the season is elongated.

Back to this years nationals: If nationals don't happen this year then realistically the event won't be run, due to the lack of space available in the dinghy park when boats are laid up during the winter. Also, the event does not want to detract from the planned 2021 events.

Note that when/if the 2020 Nationals event goes ahead, other fleets need to be informed to avoid clashes.

Class members were encouraged if possible to go and support the winter events.

Alex and Nick Willis reported that there has been an interest in the Class Boat at Hayling Island Sailing Club.

Dinghy show next year at Farnborough. Mick Greenland tried to speak to Mark Hartley, but no reply so far. RYA have sent invitation. Questions outstanding: are Hartleys booking a stand? Are we going to be on their stand? Mick Greenland to update.

The view from the membership was that it worked well this year, but the decision is to be made as a class.

Richard Hartley wants more sailing to happen in the Mark VI, to thoroughly prove the boat before making more. Hartleys are taking the lead from class, in order to have confidence in the boat.

Thank you to everybody for attending.

AGM closed at 20:50hrs.