Osprey Class Association

AGM 2022

Notes of Meeting (Approved at 2023 AGM 04/09/2023)

Date and time: 10 November 2022 at 1930hrs**.**

Venue: by Zoom**.**

Members in attendance:

Peter Frith, Mike Jakeways, Mike Scott, Nick Willis, Paul Roberts Jamie Blake, Roger Blake, Kevin Francis, Oscar Chess, Alastair Raynard, Ian Little, Alex Willis, Nigel Wilson, Mick Greenland, Richard Marshall, Ros Downs, David Downs, Viola Scott, Paul Roberts, David Griffiths, Peter Greig, Andy Edmonds, Matt Burge, Ian Hart, Martin Cooney, Alan Henderson (post formal proceedings).

1. Apologises for absence:
Jonathan Osgood, Jo Mahy, Terry Curtis, Phil Angrave, Paul Heather (had technical issues), Alec Mamwell, Bill Crichton (had technical issues), Colin Anderson, Rob Shaw, Maurice Clarke & Arthur Butler

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM:
The Minutes were approved. Proposer: Richard Marshall, Seconded: Nick Willis, and a majority accepted.

3. Matters Arising:
There was one Matter Arising concerning publicity. It was suggested that the Association tries doing more publicity through the RYA.

4. Chairman's Report:

- Life after COVID. The Osprey Class has survived and has grown stronger which is no mean feat. Your hard-working committee has been at it again and will continue for 2023 in its present form but will change with hand over to a new committee at next year's AGM. So please think about who would be prepared to put their name in the hat to drive the class forward at this exciting juncture in our development.
- The year started with the Farnborough Dinghy Show, a new venue for all of us. Many of the Committee members helped to man the Osprey section of the Hartley Boats stand. Richard and Mark's Mk 6 in all its splendour admirably showed off the Osprey class attracting many admirers. As usual the show was supported by many members of the Class Association who were very welcome on the stand. In 2023, to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Osprey class, we intend to have an association stand with a wooden mark 3 on it. This stand will be close to the Hartley stand and the intention is to showcase all marks of the Osprey class from Mark 1 through to the latest Mark 6.
- Blithfield came up to its usual standard with local duo Richard and Mark putting in an excellent series to achieve a very popular win. We would also like to thank Blithfield for stepping in to host the Final Fling after Carsington had run out of water.

- The opening event is always so important to ensure we all have our boats out of storage, ready and raring to go. Next year we are going back to Tata Sailing Club who traditionally used to host the season opener. So put April 15th & 16th on your calendar. Tata are looking forward to welcoming you, camping and motorhomes will be welcomed on site and the intention is for a good evening at a nearby pub.
- 2023 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Osprey class and we are looking to celebrate with the Dinghy Exhibition, a special National Championships and a Round the Isle of Wight race.
- Thanks to the very generous sponsorship of Hartley Boats we already have a bumper entry list for the National Championships at Hayling Island. This promises to be an epic event including a Class dinner to which we hope to invite many ex Osprey sailors to reminisce about the old days while also looking forward to the future of the class. September 2nd to 5th are the dates to go into your diary.
- Seventy years after Osprey no 1 won the Coronation Round the Isle of Wight dinghy race, the Ospreys will once again be racing round the island. September 23rd or 24th, depending on the weather, is the race day and your opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Ian Proctor, John Oakley and Cliff Norbury. Thanks to Oscar Chess and Lymington Town Sailing Club for their efforts in getting this going.
- Alex Willis has put together an exciting calendar of events well spread throughout the year. It includes a number of old favourites together with some new ideas and venues. A Northern Tour is planned around the Spring Bank Holiday comprising two days of racing at Kielder, including the Dam to Dam, two days racing at Lochaber Sailing Club at Fort William and two days of racing at Royal Tay Yacht Club. Get your vans and motorhomes prepared for the tour.
- May 20th and 21st will be the Poole Yacht Club event, this year shared with the Fireballs and the Contenders. This promises to be an unmissable event with some great sailing and inter class socialising. Thanks to Chris Playfair for arranging this event.
- The 2023 season looks like being an exciting and momentous one for the Osprey Class and we look forward to seeing many of our members out and about at the various events throughout the year.

There were no questions from the Members

5. Treasurer's Report:

Overview

- I would like to start by thanking all those Members who pay their Membership Fees & Entry Fees promptly particularly during these difficult times. 2021 was still a year struggling with COVID so it was really great that members felt confident in using bank transfers for paying for Open Meetings and the Nationals etc, this is definitely the way forward and certainly makes it easier for the Treasurer. The Association still has a sound platform to take the Class into the near future and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our older Members who are not sailing Ospreys anymore but still join the Association & keep in touch, this certainly helps our financial position.

- The membership increased in 2021 to 129 fully paid-up members from 79 in 2020 (No Nationals) & 122 Members in 2019. (The 2021 breakdown is 76 Full Members, 32 Members & 21 Associates. There are also 5 Honorary Members)

Beanies

- Hopefully you all received a Osprey Beanie Hat & thank you to Richard Marshall organising it. It was good to see Members modelling them & posting their pictures.

Training

- There was no training this year partly due to COVID. The Committee regularly reviews how training can be conducted.

2021 Nationals

- The 2021National Championships were to be held at Tenby at the beginning of August and was a great success despite COVID. There was a good turnout with 44 Boats on the water. It was good to see a number of Members transferred their entry from 2020 to 2021 so benefiting from a discounted entry fee. I would also like to thank our key sponsor, HB, who provided significant sponsorship to cover the discounted entry, some of the food costs & prizes ensuring that the event broke even.

Virtual Dinghy Show & the RYA Subscription

- The one of the few Classes represented at the Virtual Dinghy show. which we believe kept us on the map and, thanks to Oscar Chess, provided a quiz & karaoke. The RYA also delayed their request for Subscription by 3 months for 2021 so was paid in March 2021 & there was no request for a 2022fee in 2021.

Fixed Assets

- No new Assets have been purchased.

Membership fees

- It is proposed that the current agreed fees remain in place for 2023 for our 70th Year & noting the current difficult financial situation. It is very much appreciated that an increased number of Members are using standing orders or bank transfers and it is hoped this will continue. Particularly during COVID the banks have not liked cheques or cash and have made it clear that Online banking is to be used wherever possible and this has not changed. Thanks once again to all those who do this in a timely manner.

WEB fees & Newsletter

- Web fees this year are back to the Annual Fee. The Class Association is still looking for a Newsletter Editor/Publicity Officer as this is currently being done by the Webmaster & Secretary hence the reduced number of Newsletters for 2021. The Committee have been criticised for not providing enough Publicity on key sites, there is money available, but we do need a willing person – they do not have to be on the Committee.

Transfer of Funds

- £2500 was transferred to the Savings Account from the Current Account

Examiner of Accounts

- My thanks for the auditing of the 2021 accounts go to Ted Lewis who audited the Accounts and has found them worthy of approval.

- Happily, he has not been put off and has agreed to carry on for another year.

New Treasurer

- I would like to welcome Nigel Wilson, who took over the Treasurer Role in 2022, & wish him every success in this role.

There were no questions from the Members.

The Treasurer's report was proposed by Nigel Wilson and seconded by Andy Edmond

It was proposed that the current subscriptions stay at the same level for 2023 as 2022. This was proposed by Nigel Wilson and seconded by Andy Edmond and was agreed.

It was proposed that Ted Lewis should remain the auditor. This was proposed by David Downs and seconded by Ros Downs and agreed.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members:

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Election of Officers and Committee Members 2022

Position	Nominee	Signature	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Peter Frith	WhatsApp Message 10/10/2022	Robert Shaw	
Treasurer	Nigel Wilson	Going into 2nd year of 3 year term		
Secretary	Ros Downs	Going into 2nd year of 3 year term	Robert Shaw	
Committee Member	David Downs	Email 22/09/2022	Robert Shaw	
Committee Member	Mick Greenland	WhatsApp Message 10/10/2022	Robert Shaw	
Committee Member	Alex Willis	Email 20/09/2022	Robert Shaw	
Committee Member	Jonathan Osgood			
Committee Member	Jamie Blake	Email 20/09/2022	Robert Shaw	
Committee Member	Richard Marshall	WhatsApp Message 10/10/2022		
Committee Member	Kevin Francis	Email 21/09/2022		
Committee Member				

With their being no objections, all Officers and Committee members were elected unanimously.

7. Class Rules:

There was 1 resolution to consider:

Resolution 1: Advertising

There was only one proposal to amend the Class Rules that being to replace the current rule C.4.1 on Advertising to delete reference to Category C which no longer exists and to refer only to World Sailing Regulation 20.

This proposal was carried. (19 for)

The formal meeting closed at 19:53.

However, after the meeting, discussions on attendance at open meetings particularly Sheppey, the announcement of the Round the Island Race (23rd&24th Sept) was made & ideas for our 70th Anniversary were asked for.

Attachments:

The signed 2021 Audited accounts