

Norfolk Punt Owners Association Annual General Meeting

Minutes

7.30pm 10th November 2023

Present:

Rupert Redington, Dick Roe, Simon Clayton, Rachel Clayton, Mark Elson, Alistair Drew, Neville and Val Khambatta, Bill Glover, Charles Hare-Winton, Noel Bradshaw, Terry Vincent, Richard Whitefoot, David Long, Max Dixey and Edward Clifford (via Zoom).

Apologies:

Richard Parker, Caroline Dixey, David Lennard Jones, Robert Snelling, Jane Pye, John Parker, Kate De Lulieu, David Baulcombe.

Minutes of the AGM held 10th November 2023.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Proposal :

That the minutes be adopted.

Proposed, Rupert Reddington.

Seconded : Bill Glover.

Agreed unanimously.

Report on 2023 :

Rupert gave a report on the year. Handicap changes not too disruptive. Discussion on how handicaps have worked out. Alastair to look into.

No significant rule changes proposed. Good attendances for most events.

Terry Vincent reported weed problems at Hickling. Current high water levels help a bit.

Racing in the channel is good and competitive, treated like river racing. The Pleasure Boat pub has been sold to Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Dick reported 28 punts around the broad at various times during the Punt Club Regatta w/e.

Wahoo and Razorbill, hull measured.

Razorbill, Comet and Snark, sails measured.

Travellers series - Flight Trophy.

A proposal to expand the eligible events and races for the Travellers Series was proposed by RR.

Rupert outlined proposals for open events at diverse locations. Must be possible to verify results. Normal Point scoring system. Minimum 2 punts/event. A briefing document will be provided to show how ties will be resolved. World racing have ways to resolve ties. Eligible events and further details can be found on the NPOA website.

Proposal approved.

Dick to investigate with Sailjuice organisers on Ed Clifford's behalf.

Sail Insignia

Rupert mentioned Ed's design and Dick outlined the proposals.

Discussion re concerns 'B' might be seen as a 8, other letters that may read as numbers.

Measurers report

Wahoo and Razorbill were hull measurement

Razorbill, Comet, Snark sail measurement

The proposal passed for the sail insignia was that an optional handicap suffix letter to the current sail insignia be adopted for use at open events such as the Sailjuice Series. With the suffix letter for each handicap band to be published on the class website.

Dick Proposed. Ed Seconded.

Approved with 3 abstentions.

Election of Officers:- Chairperson, Hon Secretary, Measurers

Current standing for re-election :

Chairman: Rupert Reddington.

Hon Secretary: Bill Glover.

Measurer: Dick Roe.

Measurer: Simon Clayton.

Proposal: Election of officers as current.

Proposed: Neville Khambatta.

Seconded : Noel Bradshaw.

Agreed unanimously.

Election of the Handicap & Technical Committee

Current standing for re-election :

Ruth Owen (Traditional).

Mark Elson (Hardchine).

Alastair Drew (One-off).

Proposed : Dick Roe.

Seconded : Richard Parker.

Agreed unanimously.

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A.O.B

Centenary 2026:

Norwich to Barton ?

Beccles to Barton?

Meeting closed at 20.30 pm