



**Minutes of an Annual General Meeting [AGM] held at Ardleigh Sailing Club on Saturday,  
11th December 2010 at 7.00 p.m.**

**AGM Minutes**

**Members present**

There were 32 Members present, of whom 24 were eligible to vote.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mick Balaam, Mike Rolfe, Graham Lewis, Clive Pougher, Alec Mumford and Andy Spurling.

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The Minutes were approved.

**2. Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Commodore's Report**

Andy Mumford delivered his report. He recalled that, at this time last year, he could remember thinking "I'll be glad to see the back of 2009". Recession had made for a tough time throughout the U.K.

In January this year, however, some of the worst weather conditions for many years badly affected sailing and, potentially, the appetite for joining the Club. With this in mind, the Committee took a cautious approach for the year; arranging activities that it was confident could be delivered but not over extending its resources.

Open Day

The Club was blessed with good weather, wind and an incredible turn out. Andy also had a live interview on BBC Radio Essex! The response was excellent in terms of attracting new members but, with a predominance of novice sailors signing up, the need for a special sail training day emerged.

Training

Fergus O'Sullivan and his team followed day with two eight- week training courses, developing both the skills of the trainers and the trainees. This was offered free to our members by volunteers from the Club and, as such, represented a very high standard of support from the Club to those able to participate in the training.

## Events

During the summer, the Club arranged

- “All On The Water Day”,
- A training day, coordinated by Olympic sailor, Cathy Foster,
- An RYA-recognised first aid course,
- Powerboat training and ,
- Increased safety support on most Saturdays during the spring and summer.

## Scouts at the Club

The Club has a growing relationship with 9<sup>th</sup> Colchester Scouts.

They have helped boost our numbers, assisted in training and thoroughly enjoyed their sailing here at Ardleigh. The Club, in return, has made them feel welcome and has made them part of our Club. Graham Lewis has regularly attended our General Committee meetings and is seeking election as a full member for next year.

## Investment

Richard Clayton has headed a team who have organised the repair of workshop and storage shed roofs, built a new fuel bunker [and what a structure that is!]

The slipway has been extended and a new jetty and pontoon system is under construction. This will give improved access to the rescue craft and help prevent damage to propellers.

## The Club's Financial Performance

As shown in the Accounts, the Deposit Account has sufficient funds for a rainy day, should we need to draw on it, and the Current Account has a good working balance too.

We have ended the year with a £279 loss. This is about one percent of turnover and consistent with our desire to break even, taking one year with another. In addition, the Club has continued to improve its asset base and made provision for depreciation. All this has been against a difficult background for leisure and other businesses.

Someone who takes credit for this performance is Steve Ede who has been Treasurer for nine years. [The meeting showed its appreciation to Steve for his hard work and commitment to the Club].

## Going forward

Andy Mumford noted that he had recently decided not to stand for Commodore in 2011. His work commitments had become too great to give the post the time and energy it deserved.

He was pleased that Richard Clayton had been nominated to succeed him. However, the Club still lack nominations to replace the Committee's Secretary, who had served for four years, and the Sailing Secretary.

## Opportunities for 2011

The new Committee would be looking at some interesting opportunities. Some of these were only just emerging. They included,

- A plan-based bid for funds encouraged and advised by the RYA.
- Establishing a relationship with the Scouts which better represented shared goals.
- A possible relationship with Essex University.

Andy underlined his desire to remain an active member of the Club and looked forward to an exciting 2011

### **4. The Treasurer's Report**

Steve Ede noted that the year had been relatively uneventful from a financial perspective. A small loss had been recorded but that was in line with the Committee's objectives. Physical assets were generally in a good state and the level of financial assets was sufficient to cushion the Club from unexpected expenditures. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Steve Ede, seconded by Fergus O'Sullivan, and passed unanimously.

### **5. Reappointment of Auditors**

It was proposed by Steve Ede that RDP should be reappointed the Club's Auditors. This was seconded by Richard Clayton and passed unanimously.

### **6. Election of Officers**

The Secretary drew Members' attention to the nominations circulated to the meeting. He proposed that the meeting should elect Club Officers and General Committee Members as a bloc, there being fewer nominations than vacancies. This was seconded by Steve Stowe and passed unanimously.

The election of nominated Officers and Committee Members was proposed by Bob Stannard and seconded by Gary Pilgrim. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary asked the meeting to note that the Subscriptions and Fees for 2011 would be increased by approximately five percent. Entrance Fees would remain unchanged. The increase was necessary to offset increases affecting major items of cost, for example rent, insurance and electricity.

### **7. Any other business**

No business had been received prior to the meeting and there were no questions from those present. The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

*On behalf of the Club, Fergus O'Sullivan thanked Andy Mumford for the enthusiasm and commitment he had brought to the task of Commodore and for his earlier contributions to the Committee. In particular, Andy had played a significant part in steering the Club through a couple of years when the external environment had been difficult. He had initiated new events and provided a focus which had helped keep membership numbers buoyant and encouraged participation in the Club's activities. Andy was presented with a gift on behalf of the Membership in thanks for his work.*