



The Queens Award for
Voluntary Service

SAILING FOR THE DISABLED



Manx Registered Charity
No. 325

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT
ST JOHN AMBULANCE, GLENCRUTCHERY ROAD, DOUGLAS, IM2 6BG

PRESENT:

Personal Members: Paul Atkinson (Chairman), Carole Quayle (Vice chairman), Gerry Morley (Secretary), Peter Crebbin (Committee Member), Adrienne Sanderson (Committee Member), Margaret Brierley (Committee Member), Marion Bolam, Stuart Brierley, Steven Michael Burrows, Lesley Callister, Ian Clark, Monica Clark, Alan Cope, Arne Dahn, Richard Downing-Green, Andrew Evans, Neil Johnson, Nicola Kelly, Karen Leiserach, Joyce Parker, Martyn Perkins MHK, Fiona Powley, Moira Quane, Georgie Revill, Michael Riddell, Oliver Riddell, Sarah Spenser, Donald Wilson, Graham Wilson

Corporate Members: RL360 – Richard Downing-Green, Manxmove – Graham Wilson

Patron: Sir Miles Walker, Lady Mary Walker

Non-Members: Chris Hattersley, Ann Wilson, Christopher Wood, David Jenkinson

The Chairman Paul Atkinson welcomes all present.

1. Apologies for absence

Committee Members: Charlotte Lewis (Treasurer)

Personal Members: Eljo Baltazar, Anthony Charnley, Rodger Clague, Graham Duffy, Catriona Livingston, William Paterson, James Penn, Frank Sanderson, Martin Sewell, Richard Wild

2. Minutes of the AGM of 3rd October 2019 to be approved and signed

Minutes of the AGM of 3 October 2019 were **not agreed** as a true record. A correction will be made in section 7 Treasurers report: *The board consists of Rodger Clague as Chairman of Sailing for the Disabled, Paul Atkinson as Treasurer, Monica Clark, Alan Cope and Neil Richmond as Director.*

3. Matters arising

There are no matters arising.

4. Proposed change to the Constitution

Paul A explains that no approval has been given by the Charities Registry office to the suggested change in the Constitution. Therefore the age of able-bodied members will remain 18 years & over. The suggested change will be reconsidered at a later stage which will require a General Meeting.

5. Chairman's Report

Mr President, Committee members, ladies & gentlemen . . . what a year!

My Chairman's statement will be relatively short as much of what we have gone through as a community is documented elsewhere.

I would like to start by extending my thanks to all the Committee who have worked so hard during the year. I have been privileged to have such fantastic support throughout the year, and to have worked with people who are so passionate about the sailing and the charity! As they are so shy, I won't single anyone out, except for Gerry. The glue that keeps us all together, and moving forward. Thank you for your tireless efforts during the year.

Review of the year

During the last year we have had relatively few opportunities to provide the service that the charity was created for, and for that I would say to the members that I am sorry. Each year starts in October with the knowledge that the months ahead will be dark, and the sailing restricted. A time to carry out essential work on Pride of Mann, with the key focus on getting her ready for the sailing season starting (usually) in March. This early work was undertaken, and Pride of Mann was despatched to Whitehaven to undertake a major service. The news wasn't especially good, with a new folding propellor being needed. We managed to find a generous sponsor to support this replacement, and PoM III came back to us, fixed and refreshed.

Word then reached us of the passing of 2 great servants of the charity. Ivor Mellor (one of the co-founders of the charity), and David Killey, a past Chairman, and someone that I worked closely with during the last 12 years. Both have contributed significantly to where we are today. A sad end to the year.

Moving past Christmas, we entered a period of poor weather, with few opportunities to get on to the water. Notwithstanding, a number of bag packs and training courses were organised and delivered.

As we approached March, and what should have been the start of good weather, and equally good sailing, we found ourselves in the middle of the Corona Virus pandemic, and by extension, the lock-down. As noted, the impact of this situation is recorded extensively elsewhere. Suffice to say that all sailing – stopped. This situation continued for over 3 months with beautiful weather providing the distraction to the situation we all found ourselves in.

During the lockdown the work of the committee seemed to increase as we responded to the need to put in place various risk assessments and statements of practice ahead of any potential return to sailing, and also deal with the opportunity afforded by the donation of a second vessel to the charity from the Solway Adventure Sailing Club. The committee has taken all this in its stride. We used the available technology to ensure that we could continue to address the business of the charity, and as you all know, sailing eventually resumed under restricted conditions, although this quickly improved as the community's confidence returned, and now it is only off-island cruises which remain restricted, AND we have now taken possession of a second vessel (Solway Adventurer), which it is our intention to sell and use the funds for the charity. It would be remiss of me not to mention the fact that during the year there has been a change to the legislation that governs charities. The charges have placed an additional burden on the charity and whilst we are adapting to the new regime, we will need to be aware and react to any further regulations that may arise from this area.

I will therefore conclude my report on the year, once again acknowledging the support and efforts of all those on the committee, and thanking them for their patience. Those members of the skippers, mates and crew who give their time to provide sailing opportunities for our members, to those who make sure that Pride of Mann remains in tip-top condition and ready to sail, and to those that work behind, and in front of the scenes to ensure that everything from the bag packs, to the open days to the website all happen. Also, and not least, all our generous sponsors and supporters who make all of what we do possible with a special call out to Dohle and ARC Learning. Dohle for their generous sponsorship of berthing fees and insurance, and ARC for their support in delivering our awareness training program and practical support throughout the pandemic. We are also thankful to Kinrade's Pharmacy for their help during the pandemic and who are always generous with the supplies for our first aid stock.

Thank you all.

6. Treasurer's Report

Paul Atkinson apologises for the absence of Charlotte, who was unable to be present for personal reasons. He states it is with pleasure he presents us this cut down version of the accounts on the year ended 31st March 2020 and takes us through the report. As the pandemic swept through the financial market it is no surprise the funds of Pride of Mann Ltd are currently on a lower level but is improving and will hopefully continue to grow as previously. Also, expenditure has been higher than usual due to purchase of vessel equipment such as a sail, 2 life rafts, evac chair, servicing existing life jackets and a number of new ones. Other major costs were boat maintenance including a new propellor. The total assets will very likely increase after the sale of Solway Adventurer.

Paul would like to express his thanks to Charlotte for her work and time given to the charity.

Paul asks if there are any questions. No questions.

It was proposed by Gerry Morley, seconded by Adrienne Sanderson and agreed by 29 members the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner/Accountant

Paul Atkinson reported that he asked Grant Thornton again and they are willing to continue.

It was proposed by Gerry Morley, seconded by Carole Quayle and agreed by 29 members that Grant Thornton be appointed independent Examiner/Accountant of the Charity's accounts for the coming year.

8. Election of Executive Officers

The Hon Chairman Paul Atkinson requests Sir Miles Walker to take over the election by taking the Chair. Details of those nominated had been advertised on the website as well as being detailed on the postal voting form sent to all members.

There was only one nomination for **Chairman: Paul Atkinson - Monica Clark proposed, Marion Bolam seconded and agreed by 33 members** (Including 4 postal votes) Paul Atkinson was voted in as Chairman. **Sir Miles Walker declared Paul Atkinson to be elected as chairman.**

Nominations were received for:

Vice Chairman: Carole Quayle – Sarah Spencer proposed, Neil Johnson seconded and agreed by 33 members (Including 4 postal votes)

Treasurer: Andrew Evans – Paul Atkinson proposed, Alan Cope seconded and agreed by 33 members (Including 4 postal votes)

Secretary: Gerry Morley – Carole Quayle proposed, Stewart Brierley seconded and agreed by 33 members (Including 4 postal votes)

Sir Miles Walker declared the above duly elected.

9. Election of Committee Members

Votes cast for Committee Members were:

Adrienne Sanderson, Peter Crebbin, Margaret Brierley, Richard Wild and Anthony Charnley, William Paterson

All members were as a group **proposed by Stewart Brierley, seconded by Monica Clark and voted in unanimously. Sir Miles Walker declared the above duly elected to the Executive Committee.**

10. Any other business

Margaret Brierley would like to propose Neil Johnson to be added to the Committee. There are no objections. Monica Clark second the proposal and it is agreed unanimously Neil Johnson is elected to the Executive Committee.

Paul calls attention for the presentation of the Endeavour Award. Choosing a worthy successor for the award was not very difficult. Monica has been, though a non-sailing member, one of our most active members for decades. Amongst the group of dedicated members, Monica is definitely one that deserves this award. Georgie Revill made a lovely cake to complement the award as did the flowers sponsored by Robinsons.

11. Close of Meeting

Paul thanks everyone for attending and invites all to join for coffee, tea and cakes.
The meeting closed at 21:00.

Signed by: Mr. Neil Johnson

Date:

NEIL JOHNSON

13.10.2020

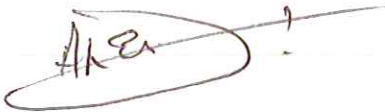


.....

.....

Signed by: Mr. Arne Dahn

Date:



.....

14.10.2020

.....