

DHEKELIA SERVICES SAILING CLUB

Minutes of the AGM 2018

14 May 2018

Present [EC:] Maj. Sarah Raitt	Commodore	Com
Robert Higham	Rear Commodore House	RCH
Jenny Toumazi	Treasurer	TR
Sue Cherry	Training Coordinator	TC
Apologies: Nigel White	Vice Commodore	VC
Chris Dodds	Rear Commodore Sailing	RCS
Steve Kimberley	Secretary & Membership Secretary	MS

With requisite numbers of members present to form a quorum, the meeting was declared open at 16.00 [twenty attendees].

1. Introduction by the Commodore

The Commodore welcomed members to the meeting and voiced her appreciation for all the work that had been put into the club over the past year by members.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM [2017] were approved.

3. Commodore's Report

Full report attached: [Attachment 1].

Her gratitude for all of Chris Dodds' efforts was spoken about and that in recognition of his hard work he has been awarded a Station Commanders commendation which will be presented to him personally.

4. Report of the Rear Commodore Sailing – Chris Dodds

Full report attached: [Attachment 2].

Robert Higham read this report to the meeting as Chris Dodds was not present due to ongoing health issues.

5. Report of the Rear Commodore House – Robert Higham

Full report attached: [attachment 3].

Robert thanked the members who had helped in the various jobs that had been completed around the club and mentioned that there was still work to be done. He requested that he would appreciate any members who could carry out jobs that still have to be done should make themselves known to him.

6. Financial Statement and Report.

Financial statement attached (attachment 4)

From a financial perspective the club has had a reasonably successful year. The club bank balance has improved over the year by over €3000, and this compares very favourably to the previous 3 years where deficits totalling over €9000 were recorded.

The bank balance now stands at €12000, of which €5500 has been set aside as a replacement fund, for a possible new engine.

With increasing members, total income this year was up 30% on last year, while expenditure was down by 3%.

The bar is now operating profitably, without the burden of wage costs, and contributed a surplus of €1700 over the full year.

Expenditure on boat maintenance and fuel amounted to €7500, with a further €4500 on house maintenance, and improvements (new hot water system).

Insurance and other expenses came to €3000.

7. Membership Report

Membership currently stands at 120 which is 30% up on last year.

8. Honorary Members

Fred Ayris was confirmed unopposed as an honorary member.

9. Election of Officers

9.1 The following posts are appointed by the Commodore and not subject to selection: Vice- Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and Principal.

9.2 Commodore Sarah Raitt will resign for operational reasons effective as from an undetermined date in July. Maj. Tom Jacobus will be her successor in September and in the interim Capt. Emily Summers will stand in.

9.3 Nigel White has resigned from his post as Vice Commodore and this position will be taken on by Capt. Emily Summers.

9.4 Jenny Toumazi will continue as Treasurer,
Steve Kimberley will continue as Secretary.

9.5 The following incumbent officers were unanimously elected, unopposed:

Rear Commodore House [EC], Robert Higham
Membership Secretary [EC], Steve Kimberley
Training Coordinator [EC], Sue Cherry
Chief Instructor Power [SC], Robert Higham
Chief Instructor Sail [SC], Iris Burt
Sailing Secretary [SC], Andy Cherry
Bosun [SC], Rod Kershaw
Safety Boat Officer [SC], Jeff Owen
Bar Officer [HC], Robert Higham
Publicity Officer [HC], Andy Cherry
House Officer [HC], Helen Howes
Property Officer [HC], Nigel White assisted by Les Higgins

9.6 The following members were elected unopposed to vacant posts:

Rear Commodore Sailing [EC], on an interim basis - Peter Toumazi

Assistant Bosun [SC], Ivan McKeown

10. Any Other Business

With ongoing repairs and related costs to the bosuns, which are forty years old, the possibility of purchasing new training boats [RS Quest as a suggestion] is to be investigated.

A unanimous vote of appreciation was given to the Commodore for all of the help that she has given to the club. All members will be sorry to see her leave.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.45.

Jenny Toumazi

Attachment 1.

Report of the Commodore

Thank you all for making the effort to come today, and for all the good sailing and hard work you have put into the club over the last year.

I'm sure you will all agree we have accomplished so much in the last 12 months.

- Successful Regatta 2017
- Passed the ASA inspection remaining an accredited RYA Training centre
- Major infrastructure repairs:
 - o water tank and hot water system replacement
 - o two boat shed repairs
 - o patio bar roof replacement
- 3 new RYA Dinghy instructors trained at the club

With the changeover of the Resident Infantry Battalion (RIB) from PWRR to Anglians

- initially lost >90 entitled members
- lots of hard work with try sails and several courses, publicity on BFBS, and at unit Sports Fairs, the membership has improved with 120 members, up 30% on last year.
- Re-invigorated Wednesday afternoon sailing with the RIB
- RIB Adventurous Training has brought in >60 new sailors and a large cash injection

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the many things that go on behind the scenes to keep the club afloat:

- boat maintenance – Rod,
(Laser spares being shipped from the UK)
- power boat engine repairs - Jeff
- house maintenance - Rob
- training co-ordination of courses - Sue
- membership & Secretary - Steve
- treasury – Jenny & Emily
- The instructors that give up their weekends to bring new sailors into the club – James, Andy, Iris, Chris,
- the bar staff that keep us in victuals
- safety boats crews
- each and everyone who volunteers as OOD

It is important that as well as celebrating the achievements of the past year we also look to the future and we have so much to be excited about with the future:

- ASA inspection, will deliver 2xSI and 5x DI plus first aid.
- Proposal to Host the Laser Masters Series
- 2018 Regatta

As many of you know this will be my last sailing club AGM before moving to my next job in Sandhurst, Surrey in July (at least an hour and a half drive from the nearest beach) I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made my time being involved with the sailing club so memorable, as Commodore, as a candidate on a sailing course, as a competitor, as a parent taking my daughter sailing for the first time and as a member of the forces community I would like to thank you all.

My successor Maj Tom Jacobus is currently in Estonia, so will be arriving in September, in the interim I propose Capt Emily Summers as the Vice Commodore and to leave the club in her safe hands of (as soon as she is back from Kenya).

Finally there is one person here to whom we are all extremely grateful and without whom the sailing club could not have functioned.

Chris Dodds is stepping down as Rear Commodore Sailing, a post he has held since 2007. Chris joined the club in 2004, he was appointed Training Master (Power) in 2005, Principal in 2006, and Rear Commodore in 2007. At various times he also held the post of Chief Instructor, Sailing. As RCS, Chris has been essentially responsible for all matters "on the water", e.g. sailing, sail & power boat training, club racing and regattas, and for over 10 years has done an excellent job becoming an oracle on all matters sailing. He is an accomplished dinghy sailor himself and RYA Senior Instructor. In addition to his sail and training responsibilities, Chris has extensive expertise, in metal work and in boat maintenance generally, and often goes above and beyond his role in taking on dinghy repairs. Chris' overall contribution to the club has been immeasurable, and he will be difficult to replace

I am delighted to say that in recognition of all his hard work for over a decade Chris has been awarded a Station Commanders commendation for his outstanding service to the sailing club.

Attachment 2.

Rear Commodore (sailing) AGM report

Since our Regatta in October last year, it has been rather quiet sailing wise. Firstly, we had to close the club due to water issues, and then we struggled to get enough members sailing.

There were a few members that were away during the work months of January and February, which meant that a lot of maintenance was left for the few. Due to this, we nearly ended up having a third work month, it was only due to the work carried out behind the scenes by the likes of Rod, Robert and Ivan that this was averted and we were able to get back on the water in March. As you will hear from Robert, there is still work to be done.

My thanks go out to those that put so much effort into the working days, and also to our Commodore, who has helped us immensely behind the scenes. It is a great pity that Sarah is leaving us in the next month or so.

I would also like to thank Jeff Owen for all his hard work on the engines etc and Andy and Sue Cherry for all the effort that they have put in both encouraging children any training them, also for organising the try-sails and courses.

We, as a club, survive thanks to training, membership and other events that make us money. One of these is our annual Regatta. To entice as many people as possible to this event, we need to show ourselves at their events.

The reason I mention this is that next weekend, Episkopi are holding their annual Regatta and to my knowledge, no one from DSSC is attending. I appreciate that there is a good reason for some, but the point is that we can't expect them to attend our events if we don't attend theirs.

I know PAFOS (PISC) sailing club is a long way to travel, but generally they make a large effort to come to us. What I'm asking is that next season, let us make every effort to attend their events so that we can encourage them to ours. Last year we made a profit of €1600 from our regatta.

To all members I ask that you take your turn at helping to run the club, there is a lot more to it than turning up for a sail. A great deal of work is involved in organising everything before you can sail. The obvious being a safety boat, looking after the bar and OOD, but there is much more besides. Please do your bit.

To all of you that have supported me over the last 13 years, thank you.

I intend standing down, but will if necessary stand as a figure head until such time that I am able to continue or another member comes forward.

Chris Dodds

Rear Commodore Sailing 2018

Attachment 3

Report of Rear Commodore House 2018

This has been quite an eventful year from the point of view of House activities.

Many thanks go to the Garrison for re roofing the rear shed and to Ian for repairing the roof over the power boats.

Around midyear the Garrison inspected the pipe work of our water system, condemned it and without warning turned it completely off, leaving us with no water. Thanks to the intervention of our Commodore cold water was restored within a couple of days. The first quotation for re piping the whole water system came to nearly €10,000 including vat. Again thanks to our Commodore and her hard work behind the scenes the club eventually paid around €1650. It did take until November for the work to be carried out but I think you will all agree they did a good job including giving us new showers and wash basins for free.

At last we have managed to tile the ladies changing room floor which was well overdue.

During the work months there were a small handful of loyal members who worked very hard every weekend and thanks must go to them. However there are still a large amount of jobs to be done around the club house. Just because the work months have officially finished there is nothing stopping members carrying out this work, even during the week. Please see me for a list of jobs. The RIB stated they could carry out some work around the club but so far nothing has been done leaving us with this work still to do.

This is your club and I would point out that currently there is a very small number of members who are carrying out various duties around the club. I give a warning to those members who just come down to sail and use the facilities of the club that if these few members decide they no longer wish to carry out these duties you may find that things like fresh towels, tea, coffee, toilet rolls, soap, petrol to name but a few items may not be there when you want them. Please do not leave these duties to the few but volunteer, otherwise you may one day be disappointed, after all it is your club.

Robert Higham

Rear Commodore House 2018

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

2017-18

For the Year ending 30 April 2018

	Current Year '17-18	Prev. Year 2016-17	% Inc.
Opening Bank Balance 1 May (€)	8,683	9,876	
Income			
Membership Income	8,606	4,939	74%
Training Income (net)	6,394	7,086	-10%
(2) Other Income (net)	1,906	1,426	34%
Bar Surplus/(Deficit)	1,686	874	
Gross Income	18,592	14,325	30%
Operating Expenditure			
Boat Maintenance & Fuel	7,454	7,703	-3%
House Maintenance & Cleaning	2,293	3,371	-32%
Insurance & Other	3,284	4,444	-26%
Total Operating Expenditure	13,031	15,518	-16%
Capital & One-off Expenditure			
Capital Expenditure	-	-	
Other Equipment & Improvements	2,180	-	
Total Capital & One-off Spend	2,180	-	
Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,381	(1,193)	
End of Year Bank Balance (€)	12,064	8,683	

Notes

- 1 2017-18 data extracted from April TB listing issued by Regimental Accounts.
- 2 Other Income includes receipts from the regatta, social functions, donations, room hire, egg 'n bacon rolls