

## **DHEKELIA SERVICES SAILING CLUB**

### **Minutes of the AGM 2019**

**19 May 2019**

Present [EC:] Capt.Emily Schlesinger	Commodore	Com
Peter Toumazi	Rear Commodore, Sailing	RCS
Robert Higham	Rear Commodore House	RCH
Jenny Toumazi	Treasurer	TR
Sue Cherry	Training Coordinator	TC
Steve Kimberley	Secretary & Membership Secretary	MS

With 18 members present, including the above executive members, a quorum was deemed present and the meeting was declared open at 16.05.

#### **1. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous AGM [2018] were approved.

#### **2. Introduction & Report by the Commodore**

The commodore welcomed members and outlined the main events and achievements of the club in the year.

Full report attached [Attachment 1]

#### **3. Report of the Rear Commodore Sailing (RCS) – Peter Toumazi**

Peter outlined the club's regatta successes, and thanked various members for their contributions in relation to maintenance of the boats. He also thanked the Emily for her hard work and support during her tenure as vice commodore, and commodore. Full report attached: [Attachment 2].

#### **4. Report of the Rear Commodore House (RCH) – Robert Higham**

Robert described the workings of the self-help bar, and reminded members to be sure to book & pay for all items. He went on to thank those members who turned up after winter storms to clear up, and those members who have given up their time on various house maintenance issues.

Full report attached: [Attachment 3].

#### **5. Financial Statement and Report.**

Financial statement attached [Attachment 4]

From a financial viewpoint, the club has had a very successful year. The club bank balance has improved over the year by almost €10,000, of which €3500 is due to a grant received at the end of the year towards the purchase of 4 new Hartley 15 dinghies to replace the ageing Bosuns.

The club bank balance now stands at €22000, of which €11000 has been designated as a replacement fund, for a the new Hartley dinghies, and a new power boat engine.

Gross income for the year (excluding the grant) was €15600, some 20% down on last year, however this is misleading as last year's income was well above average. This year's total income is above still above the 5-year average.

Expenditure on boat maintenance and fuel amounted to €5400, with a further €4200 on house maintenance, insurance and other expenses. We were fortunate that, unusually, there were no major maintenance issues last year, and overall expenditure was well below the previous year and below the 5 year average.

## **6. Honorary Members**

Fred Ayris was confirmed unopposed as an honorary member.

## **7. Election of Officers**

7.1 Commodore Emily Schlesinger will be leaving Cyprus in late July and it is expected that she will be succeeded by Capt. Chris Griffiths, Adjutant of the incoming Infantry Battalion.

7.2 The post of Vice Commodore is currently vacant, and will be filled in due course by the new Commodore.

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

7.4 Emily Schlesinger will continue as Principal, pending a new appointment in due course.

Jenny Toumazi has agreed to continue as Treasurer,  
Steve Kimberley has agreed to continue as Secretary.

7.5 The following officers were unanimously re-elected, unopposed:

Rear Commodore House [EC], Robert Higham

Rear Commodore Sailing [EC], Peter Toumazi

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
Property Officer [HC],	Les Higgins

7.6 The post of House Officer remains vacant following the resignation of Helen Hows. There were no nominations or volunteers for this post.

## **8. Any Other Business**

RCS, Peter Toumazi reported that a grant of €26000 has been approved by the Army to purchase 4 Hartley 15 dinghies, for a gross cost of €30000 inc. shipping. We have received a small part of that grant in April, but await the balance, and once received, the order will be placed. Once placed, the new dinghies should be with us within a few weeks. The new Dinghies will replace the Bosuns as the primary training dinghies and will also be available for general sailing. At least 2 of the Bosuns will be retained, and 3 sold in due course.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.45.

Steve Kimberley,  
Secretary

Attachments:

1. Commodore's Report
2. Report of the Rear Commodore Sailing
3. Report of the Rear Commodore House
4. Financial Statement

**Report of the Commodore**

Thank you for all coming today and for the sailing we've had this year thus far. The hard work put in by you all is appreciated.

The year has been a busy one for the club, with several key things in the pipeline to come.

- Successful Regatta Oct 2018 - my excuse for missing it due to my wedding falling on the same weekend was met with little sympathy from Robert and the Cherries! Apologies for not being there to support.
- Infrastructure repairs to the jetties
- Success at the Episkopi Regatta in the L2K race - dead heat with Andy & Sue and Rod & Alex with an overall win by Rod & Alex. Brilliant form from Anthony and Mark and the Christie children putting in an excellent race with Sean winning a Junior Sportsman award. Epi put on a spoof Ladies race involving 6 transvestite Epi sailors - hilarious to watch, the photos are on our Facebook page and the gauntlet is down for us to match it at our regatta later this year. Much to look forward to!
- We recently ran a mid week course for Army Reservists - which was a great success. Thank you to All involved with this
- We have been successful in our bid for the funding of 4 brand new Hartley 15 boats (used by the Royal Navy to train up sailors). These will be to begin to replace the Bosun Fleet - we are just waiting on the funds arriving in the accounts before placing the order.
- Successful in putting 2 candidates towards the Army Sailing Association courses - Senior Instructor and Dinghy instructor to allow us to increase the training we can provide.
- The review of membership fees has been completed over the last year - though we have seen an increase, this was to be expected as the former structure was outdated. It has also highlighted to us the fragility of the relationship the club has with our hosts, the SBA. Their position on use of the club is clear and they have influence over us in more ways than just our membership numbers. For us to continue to exist, their regulations must be adhered to and we must engage with them in order to conform with the Treaty of Establishment.

Moving on from this, thank you to those who are involved with the on going management, up keep and running of the club. This involves, but is not limited to:

- Boat maintenance. Power boat repairs. Training courses. Membership and secretary. Treasury. Instructors. Everyone and anyone who volunteers to be OOD. Bar staff. Safety Boat Crews. Rock and sand shifters! It does not happen by magic and I appreciate your actions.

Sadly, a member, who at several stages or other will have been involved in ALL of these tasks, Chris Dodds, died late last year after a battle with cancer. Chris, an RAF veteran, joined the sailing club in 2004. As an RYA qualified senior dinghy instructor and an experienced dinghy sailor he quickly became involved in the management of the club and held various executive committee posts, including Club Principal, Chief Instructor, Rear Commodore. He was an accomplished sailor himself and won many sailing trophies and awards during his membership. His loss will be greatly missed and our thoughts remain with his dear wife Jocelyn.

Later this year, the battalion change over will occur and in previous years this has affected membership numbers greatly. Expect to have a push towards the summer season for try sails and courses to get the new battalion interested and signing up. The good news that their Adjutant, Christopher Griffiths is intending to come aboard as the replacement Commodore thus giving us a higher profile within their camp.

You may not know but this is my first and my final sailing club AGM (I was in Kenya for last year's - tough times!) as my husband, Edward, and I are moving to Tidworth in July. I would like you all to know that my varying roles on the committee and the involvement in the club has taught me a huge amount. Not just about sailing but also about how the club fits within the military system and the SBA. Edward and I have enjoyed many days sailing as well as time on the safety boats and realise only too well that the club would not stand without the help and support of the volunteers involved.

Chris Griffiths, my proposed successor will arrive in August so there will be very little break between positions. In the interim period, Wayne Christie - another member of the forces community (with keen sailing kids) will be on hand to help liaise with the station as I take him through a handover.

Emily Schlesinger

### **Report of the Rear Commodore Sailing**

Once again, our regatta proved to be a success, thanks to all for their efforts in making it so. We can all look forward to another success with everybody's help this September. Profit from this event was approximately 1800 euros which certainly helps our bank balance.

During the work months this year a lot of maintenance work was done by a few ensuring the club looks good and functions well. We all need to pull together at the start of the year, when there is no sailing, and not leave it to the few. My thanks go to them.

Thanks to Jeff for his hard work on the engines and trailers, to Rod for his battle with the Bosuns and to Andy and Sue for their achievements in encouraging new sailors to the club by the training courses and try sails they organise. Income from these courses has been excellent. A thank you to all who have assisted them.

I am sure you will all agree with me that the Club house has not looked so good for a long time. It is a pleasure to be here to use the facilities knowing that everything works well. I know this is nothing to do with RCS but on behalf of all the members I want to thank Robert as RCH for giving us such an amazing facility.

This year a good number of members went to Episkopi regatta and were warmly welcomed. A special mention to Liam who, having only just completed a sailing course won their best junior sportsman award. Well done!

A massive thank you to Emily for all her hard work and support and for the wonderful news that she gave us that four new boats are shortly coming our way. She works tirelessly on our behalf behind the scenes. We shall miss her sorely when she leaves later in the year.

I stood for Rear Commodore Sailing last year as a temporary measure (much to my wife's surprise) and with the help of all have just about managed to survive. If anybody wants to take this role on..... now is the time to speak. Otherwise I will carry on with everybody's help..... please.

Peter Toumazi

### Report of the Rear Commodore House

The bar continues to work reasonably well on its voluntary basis but the Gross Profit is a few % down. This, I think, is mainly due to some members forgetting to book or pay for the odd packet of crisps, bottle of water or a bar of chocolate. I would remind you that if a bag of crisps, a bottle of water or a bar of chocolate is not paid for it takes another two paid sales of each item to cover the actual cost of the unpaid item which in turn means we have lost three lots of profit due to one non payment.

Please be a little more diligent.

I have had one request to stock hot chocolate, especially for the children on sailing courses in the winter months. This will continue. If anyone would like any other type of drink to be stocked please let me know. There is no restriction on what we stock, provided it sells.

The winter proved to be long and wet and stormy. In the early part of the year we had a violent storm which covered the boat park in sand and stones. Thanks to the seventeen members who answered my plea and helped to clear up the stones and debris. We are still awaiting the QM to clear the rest of the sand as promised.

I think you will agree your clubhouse probably looks the best it has ever looked. This is down to those few members who gave up their time and on occasions were down here carrying out work even on their own. I would like to extend my thanks to all who helped.

To bastardise a well known saying from many years ago "never have so many members owed so much to so few members for their hard work."

Robert Higham RCH

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

(Preliminary)

2018-19

For the Year ending 30 April 2019

	Current Year '18-19	Prev. Year 2017-18	% Inc.
<b>Opening Bank Balance 1 May (€)</b>	12,568	8,683	
<b>Income</b>			
Membership Income	6,821	8,671	-21%
Training Income (net)	6,015	6,820	-12%
Grant Income	3,486		
(2) Other Income (net)	1,714	1,906	-10%
Bar Surplus/(Deficit)	1,076	1,776	-39%
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>19,112</b>	<b>19,173</b>	0%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>			
Boat Maintenance & Fuel	5,389	7,454	-28%
House Maintenance & Cleaning	2,805	2,404	17%
Insurance & Other	1,468	3,250	-55%
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>9,662</b>	<b>13,108</b>	-26%
<b>Capital &amp; other once-off Expenditure</b>	-	2,180	
<b>Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>9,450</b>	<b>3,885</b>	
<b>End of Year Bank Balance (€)</b>	<b>22,018</b>	<b>12,568</b>	

## Notes

- 1 2018-19 preliminary data extracted from April TB listing issued by Regimental Accounts (unaudited and subject to adjustment)..
- 2 Other Income includes receipts from the regatta, social functions, donations, egg 'n bacon rolls.