

National Sonata Association

Minutes of the AGM: Wednesday, 21st July 2012

1. Members present
: (Boats represented)

BFG, Watersong, Figaro, Presto, White Magic, Munchkin, Cry Havoc, Dog Tired, BlueTack, Selene, Hyde Kent, Bear Cub, Fortune, Mimrod, Frank, Echo, Sarabande.

2. Apologies for absence:

Mike Harrison (Musical Express), Paul Hopper (Watersong) Catherine Hartley, Martin Hartley, Steve Tribe, Tom White, Andy Laurie, Owain Peters,

3. Minutes of the last AGM. July 2011, Brixham Yacht Club: These were accepted as correct.

4. Matters arising:

Website access: at last years AGM it was agreed that part of the website should be available to members only. It was agreed that it was no longer necessary. To encourage new membership it was agreed that an open website will help this. The webmaster has been asked to resolve this. (This has now been done. CB)

5.

Chairperson's report: C

B: Last August Bank holiday the Easterns were at Burnham on Crouch. The Northerns were at Windermere in the autumn, The Southern took place at Poole Yacht Club June 2nd-4th. Numbers have been slightly down.

6. Treasurers Report:

(see attached) CB: After a frugal year the finances are looking very healthy. There is still the question of the money owed by the former treasurer, (£3000 which is explained in the accounts as "Deposit"). CB explained that the difficulty, despite County Court Judgement in favour of the Association, was actually getting hold of the money and/or goods in lieu. The aforesaid treasurer owns a Sonata worth approximately £3000. This could be a way of closing the debt if we can find an effective way of collecting it. The Association is persuing means to recover the debt in whole or part.

Current account:

£9505 (Cash at bank)

Deposit account:

£3000 (as above)

Association mast

: £2000 (stock value)

7. Membership Secretary's report:

Membership numbers are similar to last year. Annual subs have increased from £15 to £20 per annum.

8. Election of Officers:

Those willing to stand again,

Chairperson: Chris Bentley,

Secretary: Catherine Hartley,

Technical Officer: Martin Hartley,

Boats for Sale: Steve Tribe

Committee member: Sharon Brokenshire

The meeting was asked if any members present would be willing to become officers.

Jo Cross was voted in as a new committee member. welcome!

9. Technical:

a. Peter Cyriax raised the issue of use of Mobile phones during racing. Presently this is not allowed in the rules.

b. Wind instruments presently not accepted. CB said that this will be raised with the technical officer.

c. Peter pointed out that the makeup of the anchor warp and chain was not specified He suggested an overall weight should be in the rules.

10. AOB:

a. Crew numbers.

Class Rules presently only state that the Sonata shall be sailed with 3-5 crew, with no substitutions. At an NSA event and other major competitions, the Sailing Instructions state that the same number will be on board during the event. There was some discussion as to whether these should be named crew to prevent replacing the crew to suit the conditions. SR proposed that it was often very difficult to get crew and that it will have a negative effect on attendance if crew names stipulated. This was agreed by the members, and voted that the Rule C21b to be removed.

b. Saloon Cushions and correctors:

There was a discussion about saloon berth cushions.

Vote:

That there could be a reasonable corrector weight allowed in place of the saloon berth cushions. Proposed by Simon Farrar, vote carried 17-7. Actual weight to be agreed after further discussion with Technical officer.

c. Storm jib measurement:

There was a typo in the Rules. This has now been corrected.

d. Travelling:

Vote: that Travel bursary should be increased to £100. Proposed CB, seconded SB

Accepted unanimously.

c. Ideas to protect and improve the future of the Association and increase junior membership.

Class trailers.

This is a difficult one as they will never be in the right pace and could get into disrepair. Agreed not to persue.

Club Sonata (i.e. a boat owned by the Association and lent to a club for a set period. This would need to be carefully monitored. The committee will do research and come up with a set of rules and a business plan to ensure the success of this project if considered feasible. It was a very popular idea.

Olly from Frank offered help as GP14s already have a similar scheme.

Date of next AGM:
during the Nationals at Strangford Lough: August 1st-4th
2013.

Meeting closed at 20.45.

Peter Cyriax

Posted July 13, 2014

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This is not quite what I said...

Might I suggest:

c. Peter pointed out that the material of the anchor chain was not specified, permitting plastic chain. He suggested it might be simpler to specify a minimum overall weight for anchor, chain and warp.

Peter