

National Sonata Association Annual General Meeting

16th August 2021

Minutes

Present	John Putt	(Chairman)
	Mark Taylor	(Treasurer)
	Steve Goacher	(Technical)
	Mark Angell	(Communications)
	Clive Brooke	(Membership)
	Tom White	(resigned ...)

Previous Meetings

Mark Taylor reviewed the minutes of the Owners Meetings of 2019 at Medway

These were accepted by the meeting This was the first AGM for 4 years because of procedural issues and cancelled events due to Covid 19

The Association Implemented the purchase of the second mast from the meeting and now holds one at Windermere and one in Southampton. A third one is on order also to be held in Southampton.

Finance

Mark Taylor then went through the accounts for the previous 2 years (attached) these were approved by the meeting

Election of officers

The Election of the current Committee Members listed above was approved by the meeting

Tom White tendered his resignation from the committee which was accepted

National Championships

Several clubs had been approached including Colne, Poole & Parkstone Yacht Clubs in Poole

Colne has now been chosen for 2022 with dates to be finalised

It is proposed that Poole YC or Parkstone YC could host 2023 and Scarborough in 2024

Publicity and events

Technical

1) Pumps

Portable pump or hand pump. Clarification of the definitions in the class rules to remove ambiguity around if 1 or 2 hand pumps are required

2) Electric Outboards

Change to wording From Engine to Motor. Weight to be no less than 13Kg or (18Kg including fuel / Battery?)

3) Dyneema Backstay Bridle

It was agreed to allow 5mm or greater Dynema to be used for the backstay bridle

4) Crew Numbers

3-5 for championship events

5) 125% Genoa

The Prototype was available to try during the week. After a lively discussion a vote was taken WITH 17 to 11 in favour of adoption of as an additional sail. A second vote agreed (20 to 8) to allow the sail to be purchased from 2022 but not to be used in championships until 2023. The sail to be added to the class rules as follows (final spec hereSC)
Specification to be given to sailmakers to allow them to offer and price the sail.

Membership

Subscriptions continue to be allowed by cheque but hopefully phased out as online payments by BACS transfers now being accepted. Details are now on the web site and many payments are coming in via this method.

The 2021 electronically distributed Membership Certificate was well received and will continue

It was agreed that subscriptions will henceforth run from 1st January to 31st December rather than the existing rolling anniversaries based on date of joining. Membership subscriptions received after 1st Oct / 1st Nov (tba) will be for the following year

Any Other Business

Review of the constitution is in progress and will be discussed at the next AGM

Should electronic AGMs be considered?

GDPR needs to be considered and wording added to the class rules / Constitution regarding the data we hold.