

CONTESSA 26 CLASS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

held on

Saturday 25 November 2017

at

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club

Minutes

Present

Class Captain - David Pugh (DP)

Joint Secretary – Mike and Barbara Harrison (MH & BH)

Treasurer - Ben Pugh (BP)

Members - 23

1. Welcome

Mike Harrison welcomed those present particularly those who had travelled some distance. Geoff Weyman, Mike Brett and Ed Hounsell from the South West and Diana and Mike Lindsey from Northumberland. Apologies for absence had been received from Sarah Appleby, Richard Sydenham and Chris Stephens.

2. Approval of Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the AGM 2016 were circulated; MH amended adding “the Seamanship Trophy was presented to Diana and Mike Lindsey”

The minutes were approved by the members proposed by Craig Cossar and seconded by Bob Coates. There were no matters arising.

3. Secretaries Report on the year

MH reported that it had been an enjoyable and active year. Notably in the order of things happening the following were notable:

- A successful and well produced winter Newsletter, thanks to Deborah for all her work.
- A splendid South West regional dinner, thanks to Geoff Weyman and Mike Brett.
- Some great class racing events including the Race Training day, and our nationals. Thanks to racing Captain Tom Olden and Natalie Cossar for all their work.
- A new event the North Sea Rally, 2 UK boats attended in North Holland. Rob Kolster did a splendid job with detailed organization thank you. In view of its success it will be held again in 2019, venue N.Essex and Suffolk Rivers.
- BH thanked for a lot of work reviewing and updating the membership records, and members email details. It had been a time consuming exercise.
- Sincere thanks to BP for all his behind the scenes work as Treasurer and a presentation was made to signify our thanks.
- Thanks for their efforts and support also to all of our other committee members, Richard Pickance, Mark Arnold, Janice Pugh, Fiona Rogers and DP.
- Another significant exercise carried out this year is that we have taken out some liability insurance for the Association. It is through the RYA recommended brokers and group scheme. A requirement for access to become affiliated to the RYA and we have taken this on. The combined cost of the premium and affiliation is below the cost of a one off policy premium. Also to protect the Association and members, a further step is incorporation to a company limited by guarantee. We are working on this, it will need the members' approval and will be preceded by written details circulated, like all good things there are cost implications and these are on the agenda shortly.
- This coming year we have aspirations to a) continue to try and encourage Regional activities, b) Making more use of website and social media, and c) Encourage another

cruising event, a Southern area Rally, a likely date for diaries is 26/27 May and Simon Jollands will be helping to organize, thank you Simon.

4. Report on and approval of Accounts & Review of Annual Subscriptions

BP circulated copies of the accounts, and then gave a brief explanation of them. There is £8,289.23 in the bank. BP explained about the insurance taken out, RYA Affiliation and the incorporation which is being researched re costs so this lead up to the fact that the subscription will need to go up but it has been decided that we will wait until next year when final figure of the total extra expenditure will be known. The subscriptions have been the same for at least 7 years. Also with reference to our reserves if any members have Regional events we can help with financially or there are other events we can assist with then please ask.

Review of Annual Subscriptions. To utilize for the benefit of the membership as a whole there will be a subscription increase holiday for 2018, so using some of our reserves.

5. Membership.

BH reported that she had carried out a review of the membership records over the year and with the help of snail mail and the telephone now had all useable email addresses with no bounce backs. The membership stands at 115. BH thanked Richard Pickance who had agreed to take on the membership following the AGM.

6. Brokerage and Website Report.

Paul Wells had submitted a written report which was circulated to the meeting. Paul's Report is attached to the minutes. Mike thanked Paul for his continued support and for all his work over the year.

7. Racing round up and programme for 2018.

Tom's wrote a report which was circulated to the members present and is attached to the minutes. Tom gave a round up of the sailing events and results of the Contess 26's that sailed in various events through the year. He also listed the diary dates of sailing events in 2018 including Round the Island Race and Contessa 26 Nationals. Other event recommended for support or which had previously been supported by the class are Taittinger Regatta, Cowes Classic Week, Hamble Classic Weekend and Royal Southampton Double Handed Series events. MH mentioned we will be seeking members support or help with Event sponsorship.

8. Newsletter 2017/8.

Deborah reported on the preparation and dispatch of the successful 2017 Winter Newsletter. She also asked for contributions and photos for the Next edition. Last year's feature on Association member's weddings was very good, and she would like for this year photos of the canine version of Sea dogs, and also to hear from new members. She asked members if they are aware of other boats local to them and to see if they are they are members and or encourage joining up if not.

9. Election of Officers.

- a. Class Captain David Pugh.
- b. Class Secretary Mike and Barbara Harrison –joint.
- c. Class Treasurer Ben Pugh.

The membership was all in favour of the above to continue.

10. Announcement of Committee members

Racing Captain – Tom Olden
Membership – Richard Pickance
Newsletter – Deborah Arnold
Fiona Rogers, Janice Pugh and Mark Arnold.

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11. AOB

Mike Brett offered and announced a 2018 South Western regional dinner again. Yes please, and details to be announced, circulated.

Deborah mentioned the possibility of a gin and tonic social class addition to the Nationals. MH mentioned the Race Committee had considered and decided to concentrate and take up her earlier offer of direct marketing.

12. Date time and place of next meeting

24th November 2018 at 18.00 hours at Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

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31 members enjoyed Dinner

During dinner BH read out a small piece about Kenn Vir who was owner of Contessa 26 Queen Esther he was a great supporter of the Contessa 26 Class. On his death his widow Angela very generously donated a significant sum to the Association. BH asked the members to raise their glasses to toast Angela.

After dinner the meeting resumed.

Presentation of Association Trophies.

Fiona Rogers kindly presented the trophies.

Round the Island race:

IRC class - High Potential - Sarah Appleby

ISCRS – Jiminy Cricket – Mike and Barbara Harrison

Racing Trophy – Elinor – Justine Houlton

Seamanship Trophy – Trinco - Caroline and Peter Hooper

Nationals: Class 1 Meow Chris Charlesworth (First of previous champions to win the Nationals twice)

Class 2 - Genesee – Tom Olden (Jess Olden and Euan Kerr)

Class 3 - Rosina Of Beaulieu – Chris Stephens (collected by Craig Cossar on his behalf)

Peter Poland was introduced who spoke about his history, and Hunter Boats and admiration of our class and all Jeremy had created with class longevity.

Conclusion of dinner and meeting by Class Captain David Pugh.

David thanked Mike and Barbara for their work as joint secretary on behalf of the members and thanked Peter for his amusing talk.

Meeting Closed