



Minutes of the 71st AGM of the Junior Offshore Group held on Saturday 20th November 2021 at the Macdonald Botley Park Hotel & Spa, Winchester Rd, Boorley Green, Southampton, SO32 2UA.

In attendance: Andy Hill (President), Dougie Leacy (outgoing Captain), Richard Palmer (Treasurer), Martin Banfield (Secretary), Stuart Lawrence, Peter Rutter, Tim Lester, Ruth Banfield, Ruth Coll, Peter Cover, Chris Choules, Brian Skeet, John Donnelly, Alison Donnelly, Chris Barker, Robert Hillman, Mark Robinson, Peter Chartres, Sandie Chartres, Kathy Claydon, Anthony Tahourdin, Olly Love, Will McGough, David McGough, Richard van der Hoff, Colin Woodruff, Richard Ash, Will Prest, Ross Perchard, Lulu Wallis, Bryn Phillips, Nora Kurittu, James Claxton, Deb Fish, Rob Craigie, Jonathan Bevan, Alexis Eyre, Chris Burleigh, Jonathan Wallis and Pippa Wallis.

The Chairman, Andy Hill warmly welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 18.05. He thanked all the Committee members for their considerable input and time through the year and especially Tim Octon, retiring by rotation as Vice Captain after 6 years of service as both Committee member and VC. He also thanked Kate Cope, who was standing as a VC, but also retiring by rotation.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Martin Holland, Joe Simmons, David Cooper, Mark Wynter, Chris Flewitt, Brian & Maggie Yeomans, Paul Jackson, Mark Brown, Ed Broadway, Jonathan Rolls, David Youngman, Paul Aisher, Mary McGough, Lesley Brooman, Margaret Joy, Peter & Jo Chugg, Tim & Nicky Octon and Frances Lester.
- 2. Minutes of the 70th AGM held on Saturday 21st November 2020:** The minutes of that meeting, having been available to members online with no comments or amendments received, were adopted by a show of hands. The minutes were duly signed as a suitable record of the virtual meeting.
- 3. Matters Arising:** no matters were reported.
- 4. Accounts for 2021:** The Treasurer, Richard Palmer, having previously posted the draft Accounts online, made some further commentary, explaining that the Examiner, Peter Chugg, whilst presenting his apologies for non-attendance, had had an opportunity for a first look and could see no significant discrepancies. He would complete his examination on his return to the UK. Briefly, the surplus was enhanced with increased membership subscriptions and a satisfactory racing income but racing costs were lower than normal due to the inability to hold most of the scheduled cross Channel events due to both Brexit requirements and Covid Pandemic restrictions. The true commercial costs of our website were not reflected due to the generosity of Serversys.

Richard reported that there is likely to be a small, inflationary, increase in subscriptions but it was intended to hold the current level of race entry fees. He also commented that the Committee were considering changing the format of entry

fees to reflect length, rather than class of entry though any change would be subject to some consultation and not effective, in any event, until 2023.

The club was also aware of the possibility of some liability for Corporation Tax. HMRC have been contacted (though no response to date Ed!). Any liability would be small (£500 max) and amply covered by our reserve.

On a question from Anthony Tahourdin regarding the size of the reserve fund, the Secretary explained that the club needed to be positioned for the true commercial cost of running its affairs in the future, without need for a sharp increase in fees, as well as the need to protect the club from financial crisis from unplanned events like Covid or even HMRC.

The Chairman and Captain added their thanks on behalf of all the members to both the Treasurer and Examiner. The Accounts were adopted by a show of hands.

A copy of the accounts are attached to the formal minutes and can be seen in the member's area online.

- 5. Captain's report:** In his preamble, the Captain stated that he was pleased to be in attendance "in the flesh". His 3 years in post had passed by quickly and it had been a great honour to serve. He then presented his annual report, with specific thanks to a number of people for their input, and this is attached to these minutes. The report was adopted by a show of hands.

- 6. Election of Captain, Vice Captains and Committee members:**

There being rotational vacancies for the above posts, the Chairman read the nominations individually. Each nominee was elected by a show of hands as follows: Captain: Stuart Lawrence, Vice Captains: Peter Rutter and Kate Cope, Ordinary Committee members: Will Prest and Lulu Wallis.

The outgoing Captain, Dougie Leacy, welcomed Stuart and presented him with the model of Sopranino, handed to each Captain, as a reminder of the small beginnings of JOG and originally donated by our founder, Patrick Ellam. The appropriate burgees were also presented.

Stuart thanked Dougie with some, well chosen, words for his management of the club through a couple of turbulent years. He also expressed his excitement in his own appointment.

- 7.** Peter Chugg, AMCT, ACIB, having been proposed by Andy Hill and seconded by Dougie Leacy, was re-elected as the Independent Accounts Examiner. He was warmly thanked, in absentia, by the Chairman.

- 8. Any Other Business:**

There was no previously notified business

David McGough rose to thank and congratulate the Committee, Flag Officers and Secretary for their considerable efforts on behalf of the club through another testing year. He commented that, despite the setbacks, the club was thriving and well positioned. The Chairman thanked David for his kind words and sentiments

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 18.57

Martin Banfield JOG Secretary 23rd November 2021

