



St Aubin's Boat Owners' Association

Minutes of AGM~ 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 19.00hrs @ RCIYC

All non-members of RCIYC were signed in. There were 25 members in attendance.

Chairman: Bob Thompson

Committee Present: André Le Rossignol, Bob Thompson, Gill Cotter, Jim Baxter, Ian Macdonald, Mickey Ryall, Steve May, Alan Le Rossignol.

Committee Apologies: Nick Clarke, Dave Le Mottee, Robin Bougourd, John Blampied,

Harbours Representatives: Rob Larbalestier

Apologies: Myra Shacklady, Michelle Harris, Charlie Harris, Robin Bougourd, Phil Smart, Will Simpson, Robin Pallot, John Crill, John Blampied, Andre Le Rossignol, Nick Clarke, Peter Farrell, Katy Farrell, Dave Le Mottee, Chris Averty, Vanessa Averty, Robin Faulkner, David Perchard, Simon Crowcroft.

Respects: Bob drew attention to the death of Life Member Peter King, who had been the sole Hon Treasurer of the earlier SABOA which existed in the 1960s and 1970s. s greatly supported SABOA and until recently had audited our accounts.

President's Introduction:

Bob welcomed everyone for attending our eleventh AGM. He asked non members of the RCIYC to sign the Visitor's Book in the foyer and also asked all members to sign the attendance sheet being circulated. Bob welcomed guest speaker Pierre Ché. He also thanked Rob Larbalestier for his work over the last year and wished him a swift recovery after his recent illness. Bob had enjoyed his first year as President and thanked all members of the committee for their support. Bob thanked the RCIYC for allowing us to use the premises for our meetings and Olive and Steve were thanked for their assistance during the evening and for the sandwiches which would be served during the break.

Subscriptions were due and Jim was in attendance for this. Our SABOA pennants and windscreen stickers are available. Bob thanked Gill Cotter for her work as Hon. Treasurer and Caroline Baxter for auditing the SABOA accounts. He thanked Jim Baxter for his work as Membership Secretary. Alan was thanked for his work over the last year as Hon Sec. The vacancy of Social Secretary had still not been filled. The Boat Jumble Sale would be held again this year outside the Parish Hall on Saturday 18th April.

Previous Minutes : Minutes had been circulated to all members and were proposed as read by Ian Macdonald and seconded by Robb Averty which was carried unanimously.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Hon Treasurer's Report:

Gill C had circulated the Balance Sheet showing a current balance of £2,330.09 at 31st December 2019. Public liability insurance was £282.76. Parish rates were £22.11 and had been reduced after negotiations. Other expenses were also shown. Myra Shacklady had again arranged for P of J to pay our annual ground rent for the Shack. Gill thanked Caroline Baxter for auditing the accounts and Gill was thanked for her work as Treasurer and for producing the Balance Sheet.

Membership Sec Report:

Jim B reported that memberships were stable and the majority of subscriptions are now paid. There were fewer members which reflected the smaller number of moorings inside the harbour. Subscriptions remain at £10 single and £15 joint. Jim was thanked for his work as Membership Secretary. Jim was encouraging members to set up a Standing Order to pay subscriptions. If members want the bank details they should ask the Hon Sec for details.

Social Sec Report: There was no separate report but this was included in the Hon Sec statement. Events had been the Christmas meal, the harbour clean up and a barbecue. Carols on the Quay and a Beach Party had been cancelled due to poor weather.

Hon Sec Report:

Sadly Life Member Peter King passed away last year. Peter had been the sole Hon Treasurer of the original SABOA in the 1960s and 1970s and had supported our newly formed SABOA since the beginning and had audited our accounts until recently.

SABOA have had another active year with nine committee meetings, not meeting in July, August and December. Our determination to improve things over the last eleven years is now repaying us! In 2019 there were far fewer trailers and boats from around the island being left on the south quay. The Regulations which we had drawn up are showing success. Frequent visits by Rob Larbalestier, the Historic Harbours Manager, have made a huge difference. The response for getting things done has been rapid and more often than not Rob had things already in hand when we have brought items for his attention. Our meetings have been shorter, always purposeful and with little repetition of items requiring attention. We must also thank Bjorn Risebrow for covering Rob during his recent illness. The Harbours department are indeed very easy to work with.

The Shack was moved by heavy waves in January and Rob soon arranged for it to be re-positioned. Later in the year Bob and a few others re-installed the wave defence with newer scaffold boards.

Alan apologised for sending out only one Newsletter during 2019 when he had intended one at the beginning and end of the season.

We now need to operate with Jersey's Data Protection Laws which means that a member must have paid the subscription to belong to SABOA and renewals must be prompt. We are not allowed to keep data for those who are not paid up members.

The working berths at the bottom of the OCH slipway have been well used since access to them was improved in 2018. Some boats are being left there without work being carried out and also longer than the two weeks allowed for this work. We regret the lack of electricity and water at the site and hope that this can be made available at some future date. We do have several electric cables and a very long hose pipe for members to use. The berths are in a very convenient position for bringing things to the boat with a vehicle.

There is a list of boats and owners on Bulwark moorings and boats with another mooring in the harbour are discouraged from having a second mooring here. Several unseaworthy boats were removed during 2019, and the scrappage scheme created by Pof J has been successful. Servicable parts from dismantled boats are available for recycling. Wooden boats are frequently bought by an artist. Fibre glass or GRP is welcome at the incinerator as it burns giving off lots of energy. Some larger boats are now shipped to France for disposal as this is more economic.

In January several dinghies were removed from the pontoons due to their condition or for not having a name. We still need to insist that dinghies moored at pontoons have at least three metres of painter. Oversized dinghies were checked on some pontoons and some needed specific moorings. Seven day notices were placed on some dilapidated dinghies in the racks and several were removed.

Ropes linking buoys were replaced where required last year.

The crane had a more substantial chain block fitted after the smaller one failed whilst lifting a boat, and the crane has generally been more reliable.

The sand bank across the harbour mouth was removed at Eastertime between 16th and 19th April and this of course needs to be done annually.

We removed some crab pots, which had been dumped by some anti-social individual, amongst the drying fort moorings.

Recently new electricity card readers have been installed in the electric bollards but these are not yet operational. The credit in future will remain on the card which can only be purchased from the MLC.

In March of 2016 we were informed following the Incorporation of Ports of Jersey, that three new signs would be installed. We are still awaiting these signs! Redundant signs, some blank, some unsightly are still cluttering the quays and have not yet been removed. The unbelievable red tape and absurdity of regulations relating to such a petty matter within the planning department is something Jersey should be ashamed of!

Dog mess on the quays continues to be a real nuisance. Selfish dog walkers spoil the situation and it has been proposed that there could be a trial period banning dogs from quays although this would be unfair to sensible dog owners. But it does remain as a problem and needs to be solved.

Several ladders alongside the Bulwarks quay have been removed as they were rotten and very costly to replace. The outside ladder by the lighthouse was also been removed. The association have asked Harbours to consider putting a row of pontoons alongside the south quay to improve access to smaller craft. This would mean that ladders are no longer required and outhauls would not be necessary.

As there are currently many unused moorings between the harbour and the fort it is probable that outside moorings will be made available to those who have an inside mooring at a reduced rate of 50% of the actual cost. Presently about 20% are used.

Some fuel thefts occurred again and it still remains our intention to have fairy lights re-installed on the north and south quays to improve security.

The proposed increase for mooring fees was previously not approved by CICRA but we are expecting increases in future.

There has been no further news about the proposed seaplane service between St Peter Port and St Helier. Having planes entering and leaving St Helier with all the boat traffic seems ridiculous, so we will continue to monitor this situation.

The Marine Jumble Sale was not held in the last two years but is due to take place again on 18th April this year outside the Parish Hall.

Pof J were concerned about the cost of water being used around the harbour and installed coded taps at a few locations to prevent use by non-harbour uses such as for car washing. Boot washing troughs have now been installed at the Old Court House and Tenby slipways and a brush is attached nearby to help clean off mud from boots.

The cleaning of existing ladders sometimes seems quite neglected. Please report anything which you regard as hazardous. Cleaning of different areas is undertaken by different businesses. JYS clean the blocks and drying areas, the pontoons and the granite steps on the south quay. Sonic cleans the slip and steps at the end of the south quay. TTS clean the Fort slipway and causeway.

The Monday morning coffee meetings are popular with several members and provides an opportunity to discuss harbour concerns. The Shack is an excellent amenity for members and was aptly named at the 2014 AGM after Myra Shacklady. Last year an up to date First Aid kit was provided by a local business and also the Fire Service provided us with currently up-to-date extinguishers.

The Christmas Meal at the RCIYC in December was well attended again. Unfortunately the Carols on the Quay had to be cancelled due to the weather. The beach party to be held at La Haule on 14th July (Bastille Day) was also cancelled due to the weather. But there was a successful barbecue at the Shack in August, enjoyed by several members.

The Harbour Clean Up in April was a good social event with a surprising amount of rubbish collected. The event was extended to include members of the harbour team and the beach to

La Haule and behind the yacht club with the support of Leanne Bass, the PoJ Beach Clean Organiser.

We have burgees available at £12.50 each. We also have SABOA adhesive windscreen stickers which are available again tonight. There are two types. One is for application inside a windscreen and another is for application outside on the superstructure. The first one is free but extra ones are £1 each. They are also available in The Shack. We encourage members parking on the south quay to display their boat name and mobile telephone number. If you would like one of these special stickers please ask the Hon Sec.

Our membership numbers are healthy although this is still lower than previously due to fewer boats in the harbour. We must thank Jim Baxter for handling membership and collecting the subscriptions. Our finances are being well looked after thanks to Gill Cotter and to our auditor, Caroline Baxter. Dan Downey continues to maintain and update our website and Facebook page.

It has been a huge pleasure again to work with all the committee over 2019. Thanks must go to Dave Le Mottee and John Bailey who are leaving the committee after a number of years. We welcome new members to the committee, Robin Medder, Bob Staddon and Janet Scott Dennis.

Alan stated that 2019 had been another a successful year for SABOA.

RCIYC Rep.

Bob thanked Kevin Newman for his attendance at some committee meetings and wondered if having a RCIYC Rep was necessary. However several members felt that a link with the yacht club was wise.

Website:

Bob thanked Dan Downey for his excellent work as webmaster keeping our website sabo.co.uk and our Facebook page always up to date.

Election of Officers:

Most members of the 2019 committee were willing to continue and were thanked for their support. John Bailey and Dave Le Mottee were leaving the committee and were thanked for their support over many years. New members proposed were Robin Medder and Bob Staddon who were welcomed to the committee. This was approved by all present.

SABOA Committee for 2020

Post	Proposed	Proposer	Seconded
President	Bob Thompson	Gill Cotter	Alan Le Rossignol
Vice President	John Blampied	Andre Le Rossignol	Steve May
Honorary Secretary	Alan Le Rossignol	Gill Cotter	James Baxter
Honorary Treasurer	Gill Cotter	Dave Le Mottee	James Baxter

Membership Secretary	James Baxter	Andre Le Rossignol	Steve May
Social Secretary	Not filled		
	Mickey Ryall	Robin Bougourd	John Bailey
	Andre Le Rossignol	Mick Ryall	Alan Le Rossignol
	Robin Medder	Alan Le Rossignol	John Bailey
	Robin Bougourd	John Blampied	Gill Cotter
	Nick Clarke	Mick Ryall	Dave Le Mottee
	Ian Macdonald	Steve May	Mick Ryall
	Steve May	Gill Cotter	Ian Macdonald
	Bob Staddon	Alan Le Rossignol	Gill cotter
RCIYC Rep.	Kevin Newman		

Webmaster: Dan Downey

Auditor: Caroline Baxter

Life Members: Mike Jackson, Myra Shacklady

Honorary Members: Roy Bullen, Rob Larbalestier,

Election of New Life Member

Alan proposed that Myra be elected as a Life Member following her retirement. She had been an Honorary Member previously. Myra had done so many positive things to help SABOA since she had been appointed and The Shack had been acquired for SABOA by her and had been named after her at the 2014 AGM. Bob seconded this proposition which was carried unanimously.

Matters Arising.

Bob felt that we should consider Item 18 (c) of our Constitution which states:- "In the event of the Association being wound up, any surplus funds are to be donated to the R.N.L.I. and the Air Sea" Rescue." Support was shown for supporting local and smaller charities. However this would require giving notice of the proposed change before the membership considers this change at another AGM.

The Boat Jumble would be advertised on Radio Jersey and Channel 103. The proceeds of a dinghy which has been donated for auction have been requested to be donated to Hospice. The charities to be supported by the Jumble Sale was questioned and Bob stated that it had traditionally been Air Search and RNLi but SABOA had taken a third from the last two events. We may need to pay ground rent for the Shack in future as this had been paid by Harbours until 2022. Myra Shacklady has now retired and she had previously arranged for our rent to be paid by Harbours.

Parking on the slipway next to the RCIYC was discussed as the traffic warden was booking cars on this slip although there is plenty room for access by the emergency services as well as parking further down the slip. This will be pursued further with the parish.

There was concern about children having been seen playing on the pontoons. This should be reported to the parish and MLC.

There was also discussion about the lengths of painters on the pontoons and whether cables or chain are permitted. At St Aubin both are allowed to be used.

The business of the meeting ended at 19.53 hrs

Guest Speakers :

Mr Pierre Ché had recently been appointed as a Jersey Harbour Pilot and Marine Safety Officer from January 1st 2020. Pierre explained about his appointment and training including his past career on cruise ships where he met his wife who is a singer. Pierre was trained over three months by Peter Lawrence who has now retired. Jersey operates with three Pilots on a two week rosta, also with Harbourmaster Bill Sadler as a back up pilot when necessary. The other two Pilots also have titles of Marine Operations Manager and Marine Standards Manager so there are three distinct roles as well as piloting visiting vessels. The Pilot boat has two crew to operate with the Pilot. Occasionally there are two Pilots aboard when helping one another. It was an interesting and fascinating talk and was well appreciated by members.

Mr Tim Hilditch has been a Watch Officer with Jersey Coastguard as part of the VTS service for twenty years and spoke about organising assistance when things go wrong. Much emphasis is devoted to raising awareness with about four thousand children involved annually in safety sessions. Tim made several leaflets about different aspects of Safety at Sea available to members. Out of interest Tim stated that with our unusual winter weather this year there had been 84 gale warnings in January.

The meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

Alan Le Rossignol
Hon Sec SABOA