



Hornsea Sailing Club 65th Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Hornsea Golf Club, Rolston Road, Hornsea
Sunday 21st November 2010

14.00hrs

1. **Present;**

There were 16 attendees; all were voting members.

2. **Apologies;**

Apologies were received from:

Rupert Russell	Tony Legg	Elaine King
Mike Hood	Alan Mills	Steve Sharp
Howard Leake		

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting;**

The minutes of the 64th AGM had been distributed to the membership by post.
The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising;**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Commodore's Report
Welcome**

Membership numbers have held up well with a very small increase in total membership, and a very pleasing number of associate members. Turnouts for Sunday racing have generally been good, with the expected drop mid summer as people sail elsewhere or go off on holiday. 16 boats turned out for the last day's race (in complete contrast to last year when just two boats took to the water in very different conditions!). Most series have had up to 20 boats taking part, one had 23. Competition keen at all levels of the fleets. Streaker the dominant class, others struggle to get three boats on the water at any one time. I am keen to keep double-handed classes alive, not least to give new sailors a chance to crew first. A total of around 29 different boats sailed in races this year, with a total race turnout of 773 over the season of lots of races.

New boats that have been sailed: Pip in his Blaze seems finally to have found the right single-hander for himself after experimenting with Contender, RS600 and Streaker to name but three! Rob Parnaby has relinquished his efforts to compete on handicap in a Laser and bought a Streaker, Dave Metcalfe bought his ex-crew's all-but-never-used Butler composite Streaker and was seen to be going well in it towards the end of the season, Dave and Sheila moved into his Woof Albacore towards the end of the season to "rest" the Kingsfield and allow Andy Gilding to weave some of his woodwork magic on the stressed hull. Andy himself, back for a few weeks from Spain crewed for Steve Sharp in "Girlfriend" his Osprey to some good effect, once a few new ropes and fittings had been properly anchored! Mike Knight has spent a great deal less time trying to right his Laser this year and Hannah Hood has appeared in many more prize lists, whilst also studying for her AS's this year. Between Hannah and Mike Knight, the honours are pretty much shared as to who had more race outings.

No competition happens without those who take part but do not appear in the prize lists. I hope all who can and do take part are willing to share their expertise and secrets of their success to raise the overall standard and enjoyment. And for all those that do race, it's really important to be prepared to help those that choose not to. With appropriate advice, the occasional help with launching and recovery etc.

I have now more or less mastered the mysteries of Sailwave with which the race results are calculated and accumulated. I now just have to get me head around the RYA returns for the year, which should be straightforward... After each race (with occasionally a gap of a week or two if other events have intervened) these results have been sent, often with a report on the day's sailing, to Charlie who has then put the results and reports and some stunning photos onto the website. This means the website has been an up to date source of information for club members and web surfers alike, and this has been noticed by many, with positive feedback to the club.

Open meetings held on a weekend in April early in the season for Streaker one of the best-attended Streaker opens nationally with 28 boats combined with a Miracle Open, which attracted 5 entrants

Thanks to all who have made racing possible this year, Mike & Mark for patrol/rescue cover, all those who have taken their turn (and some many times more than their turn) at Race Officer duties, special thanks to Steve Sharp and Charlie, and Alan for managing the Streaker/Miracle Open, and to Ray Brooks, Charlie and Alan for race managing the Autumn Regatta and to races (6 over one weekend)

Results

Brian Ruston winner first race - Hornsea Pike trophy.

Dave Metcalfe - 1st Spring H'cap, 1st Weds eve series, Malcolm Sharpe Trophy for Autumn Regatta.

Hannah Hood 2nd Summer H'cap, 3rd Weds eve series, 3rd Pursuit (1), 2nd Pursuit (2), 2nd Spring End series, 2nd Summer End, 2nd in the Nik Nak (Streaker Autumn cup), winner of the James Dring Plate for Juniors.

Tony Ridley 3rd Spring H'cap, 1st Pursuit (2), Winner of Nik Nak trophy (Streaker Autumn Cup)

Mike Mooney 3rd Summer H'cap.

Stuart Hood 1st Autumn H'cap, 1st in Pursuit (1), 1st Spring End series, 1st Summer End, winner of the Last Race and with Jane, 1st Firefly Autumn Cup.

Steve Sharp (Swordie) 3rd Spring End series, and with Andy Gilding 2nd in the Autumn Handicap Cup in his Osprey.

Len & Diane Fisher 2nd Firefly Autumn Cup and Diane Lady of achievement (well jointly with Len) for having fought themselves back to fitness after serious illnesses to the point where they sailed three races a day on a number of Sundays.

Paul & Vicky Ellwood 3rd Firefly Autumn Cup.

Chris Bell with Rob Froud was 3rd in the Autumn Handicap Cup.

Mike Knight wins the new Mere Tankard for Dogged Determination - he's been out almost every Sunday and always aims (and mostly succeeds) to finish any race he starts!

Rob Parnaby 3rd Summer End.

Jeremy Wood 2nd Autumn H'cap, 3rd Pursuit (2).

Ian McIntyre 3rd Nik Nak trophy (Streaker Autumn Cup).

Dave & Sheila Berger 2nd Spring H'cap, 1st Summer H'cap, 3rd Autumn H'cap, 3rd Autumn Regatta.

Dave B alone (mostly) 2nd Weds eve series, 2nd Pursuit (1).

John Rayner and Les Green win the new 130+ trophy for a boat with more than 130 years combined crew age in the boat!

Pip Warner was 1st in the Autumn Handicap class Cup.

For the Trailer Trophy - number of contenders, Dave M for local Streaker Opens & Bassenthwaite week (along with Mike Mooney), Dave & Sheila - Birkett at Ullswater, & cruising in

various boats in Solent and Norfolk Broads), John Rayner/Les Green for Osprey Inlands at Rutland, but Pip Warner is this year's winner of the Trailer Trophy for competing in the Blaze Open Meeting at Lake Bala.

Paul Ellwood - a largely unsung (but not unnoticed) hero who does a huge amount behind the scenes, as club secretary, commodore-minder and introducer to sailing for the barely initiated! Paul is the worthy recipient of the Neil Metcalfe Memorial Trophy as our Club Member of the year 2010.

Potential for development:

There are two suggestions for new Open events for the coming year: a Blaze Open meeting and an Albacore Open. In addition, the autumn regatta works as a handicap Open meeting for local clubs and has the potential to attract some more entrants. This may not satisfy Blaze and/Albacore Open meeting requests for separate starts.

There are a limited number of people with the necessary experience and confidence to manage an Open meeting, but with sufficient notice, it should be possible to offer a good experience to visitors.

I attended a couple of Humberside Sports Partnership meetings focussing on water sports during this year, and a further meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd November, to which I am unable to go. They have asked for more than one representative from each club. Any volunteers? At the most recent meeting, we were treated to an explanation of the demography of the region and more local area, the levels of participation in sports of different types by gender, age, socio-economic grouping etc. It is clear that as a club, we are not at this time very good at attracting young people into the sport, nor at attracting families in any numbers. Steve Sharp as commodore worked very hard to try and put in place the necessary foundations on which the club could successfully mount a bid for funding. There were a number of hurdles which were, in the end insurmountable, not least that it was, it seems resting on the larger Hornsea development plan, which itself rests on the moving of Floral Hall operations closer to the Leisure centre (as I understand it).

34 attended the Laying Up supper and Prize Giving this year and we were very fortunate to have Rupert and Catherine Russell join us. Rupert has asked to meet with me early next year to continue discussions that we started about ideas for how the club would like to develop, and what can be done to help make such developments happen. Any ideas from this meeting will be taken forward and discussed in that forum, and in future sailing club committee meetings.

In recognising the age profile of our current membership, one area for development which may attract funding, were it needed, is with over 50's/over 55's. This group is one that may tend to have a bit more time on their hands (including those that have retired), may have fewer immediate childcare responsibilities, and who may well be interested in new and exciting ways to combine exercise with a new interest.

Additionally, developing a programme of activities that might be attractive to non-racers too is a priority for me. So far ideas include: visit to Brigham (nearly happened this year!), Keelboat sailing - 3 day trip up the coast? On CatZero's 72-foot Clipper class yacht. Outing on the sailing Humber Keel from Goole, Cruise up the Ouse from Brough and a combined weekend event with our "old" club either on the Norfolk Broads (video to be available on You Tube) at the end of May, or with our own dinghies (or chartered yachts) in the Solent at the end of August.

I also have an ambition to sail out to St Kilda (in the Atlantic) in 2011 (chartering from Oban or Skye) and may be looking for some competent crewmembers!

Hornsea Rescue is a local charity, which runs a rescue service from the Hornsea foreshore. They have recently approached the club with a view to getting them established as an RYA sail-training base, and want to explore ways in which we could co-operate with them. During the winter I will attempt to find out more about what their ideas are, what they may be able to offer us. And what potentially we could offer them. If nothing more, we could perhaps get some members trained up to level 2 powerboat qualification with them (you don't know when/if that may be useful in the future!).

Winter Training

Five of us (Dave Metcalfe, Steve Sharp, Brian Ruston and Sheila and I {we two on the tandem}) started the winter lay-up months in fine style by going on a cycle ride (of up to 25 miles) around Holderness on the first non-sailing Sunday. If anyone is interested in this, it is very informal, you would need to be prepared to cycle around 10-15 miles (or more), and you would of course need a suitable bike, although we may between us have a suitable bike that could be borrowed. Contact Dave Berger, Dave Metcalfe or Brian Ruston for details of up-coming dates. We will aim to set off at around 10.30am. First ride was from the Mere, but suggestions of other starting points would be welcome. Brian has expressed an interest in cycling from Beverley on one Sunday, across the Westwood and up through Bishop and Cherry Burton to Etton, and South Dalton, or out to North Newbald. Pace of the ride will depend on participants, and if there are enough riders on any one-day, we could split into two groups for longer/shorter rides.

I can also personally recommend Yoga as a good way to increase flexibility, especially when the sailing has ended. Sheila and I go to a class in Bridlington on a Thursday (sometimes a Wednesday) evening, but there are likely to classes more locally.

Other acknowledgements

Thanks to Charlie for his work in encouraging Associate Members. Any suggestions welcome to look after the interests of our Associate Members.

There has been some interest in sailing at other local clubs; Filey, Welton, The Ouse (although this is unfriendly water) and Brigham

6. Treasurer's Report;

(See financial report)

Overall the club is financially sound and there were no great expenses this year. In fact we benefited from better insurance by some £180

Subject to confirmation, the key figures are as follows:

Brought forward from last year - £522.53, to carry forward this year - £1398.79. Our outgoings have increased by £241.41.

The Open Meetings raised £340 and we paid out £156.27 for trophies and engraving.

7. Secretary's Report;

The role of the Club Secretary has been as busy as ever.

The Committee has met 10 times at the Blue Bell Inn, Old Ellerby. The minutes of the Committee meetings were posted on the club notice board.

At the December meeting we started to put together the programme of events for the next season. We were pleased to welcome Mike Mooney to keep up our numbers, following the retirement of Andy Gilding who had been on the Committee for many years.

The Club Year Planner evolves over a number of meetings as we fit in the normal race series and the Open Events and social activities. This year we retained the "Spring End" and "Summer End" mini series. Due to the popularity of the Sunday morning Pursuits we extended this and split it into two series with 10 and 11 races.

The planning of the Race Officer Duty Rota is necessary for us to operate our handicap racing events. As last year we invited members to volunteer to do Race Officer duty on a particular weekend of their choice. We received 19 replies, two less than last year, which were 2 less than the previous year. Most people get their first choice but there is always a demand for the first few weeks of the season and it is not always possible to accommodate all of these.

I thank everyone who turned up to do their race officer duties and special thanks those race officers who helped with the Open meetings.

In February we planned the trip to the Dinghy Sailing Show at Alexander Palace in London in March. This year Alan booked a mini bus and drove the 7 of us down to the show.

We enjoyed a good day out and many thanks to Alan for organising the bus and doing the driving.

This next year's show is on the 5th & 6th March 2011. We intend to organise a trip on the Sunday. Alan has volunteered to drive the minibus again if we can get enough people interested. By advance booking we save on the entry tickets, which were £11 last year

We have had some new full and family members join this year. The new members are:
Viv Drakeford Mike Bird Martin Hill
Scott Maxwell and family Malcolm Foster
Kevin Milbank Andrew Marshall and family
We welcome them.

Again the membership this year has grown due to the Associate members. They are:
Alex Whitaker Keith Barber
Bernard Kearns Dennis Sherburn
And we welcome them also.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 8th December at the Blue Bell, Old Ellerby at 19.30 hrs. (The January Meeting is on the 12th)

8. **Class Captain's Reports;**

Handicap Class Captain's Report

No report.

Streaker Class Captain's Report – Dave Metcalfe

The Streaker Fleet held its numbers up very well again this year, with often 8 or 9 boats on the water at a time. In spite of this, visits by Hornsea sailors to SCOA opens remain disappointingly low.

On the 3rd Saturday of the season 28 boats took to the water for our Streaker Open. With 9 home boats and 19 visitors, this was once again the best-attended open of the year. This was the fifth Streaker open to be held at the Mere, and every one of those was the best attended of that year. The highest placed Hornsea sailor was Jeremy Woods in 6th, with Dave Metcalfe just behind at 7th.

Brian Ruston, in Nik Nak, won the first race trophy. Dave Metcalfe, in Kindred Spirit, won both the Spring Series and the Wednesday Series. These were the only two series in which he sailed enough races to qualify. He also won the Hornsea Regatta, counting 2 wins and 2 second places in his tally. Jeremy was consistently quick, but not consistently present for him to do as well as he can do. Mike Mooney showed flashes of his old form at times, but again was not consistent enough to win a series. I believe that we haven't seen the last of Mike at the front of the fleet. Hannah Hood at times sailed brilliantly, and at others was off the pace. Again, consistency seems to be the key. Stuart Hood, who sailed his Firefly for some series was always fast, and is always difficult to beat. Heavy weather is his milieu, and we didn't have nearly as much wind this year as last.

To my knowledge, only two Hornsea sailors, Dave Metcalfe and Jeremy Woods, attended any Streaker Opens. We could do to try a little harder in this respect, as we expect visiting sailors to come to our club. I know that for many of our members sailing is only a now and then thing, but one open a year at a nearby club such as Welton should be possible for everyone. Dave Metcalfe also attended the Coniston Regatta on the Spring Bank Holiday, where he won the fast race in the slow handicap class and finished fourth overall. Dave and Mike Mooney also attended the 9-day regatta at Bassenthwaite Lake, where Dave finished in the prizes on most of the days, posting several third places, though never winning a race, and Mike sailed consistently, though not quite as strongly slightly farther back. There were a total of 23 boats in their fleet, including 8 Streakers.

Towards the end of the season Dave Metcalfe bought a three-year-old, but brand-new-looking Dave Butler wooden boat from his old crew and friend Richard Blowman. Richard's job and family commitments have prevented him from sailing on more than 3 occasions in the last 3 years, and now, at eighteen and a half stones, he feels he may be getting slightly too heavy to be really competitive in a Streaker. Dave sailed it for 3 weekends, and I think it is fair to say that the rest of the fleet are slightly worried about his boat speed. An interesting 2011 is in store for the whole of the handicap fleet. Watch this space.

Firefly Class Captain's Report – Paul Ellwood

There are still only 3 Firefly's taking part in the racing and it is still quite rare for all to be sailing together. This year I seemed to be away for quite a number of weekends.

In the spring series 2 boats competed one weekend and 3 boats on another weekend. In both cases Stuart came out on top and also managed a 4th for the series.

The summer series was only marginally better with just one additional race where all 3 boats sailed. None of the Firefly's qualified for the series. I think this was a particularly windy part of the year.

In the autumn series Len and Diane and I competed in 5 races whilst Stuart sailed his Streaker. Each time Len finished in front.

I sailed alone for most of the 1st pursuit series but we managed to get 3 boats sailing on 5 occasions in the 2nd series. Overall Stuart was 5th, I was 6th and Len and Diane were 7th.

In the Wednesday evening series, I sailed most of the races and Len and Diane sailed 3.

Congratulation should go to Stuart for being 1st in the Summer End Short Series, 1st in the Firefly Autumn Cup and 1st in the Last Race Trophy.

Towards the end of the season, I was able to take out one or two youngsters who were quite interested in sailing as a crew. We will wait to see if they re-appear next season.

Osprey Class Captain's Report

Dave Metcalfe

2010 saw the same number of boats - 3 — competing this year as last year. The most racing at any one time was 2. Stephen Sharp only brought Girlfriend to the Mere towards the end of the season when Andy Gilding came back from Spain. Before that he had sailed his Swordfish, mainly singlehanded. At times they showed very good speed, and I believe that if they had had more time together they could have given a few at the front of the fleet something to think about.

Les Green and Alan Mills made sporadic but welcome appearances from time to time, and despite Les's health problems, sailed well on occasion. John Rayner sailed when he could find a crew, using Graham Walker several times. On the very last day of the season he and Les Green travelled to Rutland Water to compete in the Osprey Open there.

Swordfish Class Captain's Report

Only 1 Swordfish this season, Steve sailed his Swordfish.

Enterprise Class Captain's Report– Dave Berger

None racing.

Mirror Class Captain's Report – Mike Hood

None racing.

9. Land Bosun Report - Charlie Cartwright;

Very little work was required this year, the only major repairs were to replace one of the posts holding up the fence by the club room area, the fence should last next year but is looking a bit tired and the worse for wear, (aren't we all?) Thanks to Alan Beck and Howard Leake for helping with this.

The "non slip" metal work on one of the slipway appears to be having the desired affect although the green algae could do with a wash off by the end of the season.

The clubroom floor was also given the "non-slip" treatment, not too sure about the aesthetics of it as it picks up all the "muck" from outside, perhaps a doormat would be the answer, but as a non-slip surface it does the job admirably.

One job that requires attention is the roof over the showers and the shower trays. Thanks to all who erected the changing rooms and took them down again at the end of the season.

10. Water Bosun Report – Mike Hood;

No Report

11. Website Report – Charlie Cartwright

The website has been looked after by Tony Legg for many years and he deserves praise for the effort that he has put into it. Tony updated a site that he took over and this was done using

Microsoft® FrontPage® - not my favourite web publishing programme.

The new (current) website is edited using with Serif X4® and this has its limitations but I find it far more intuitive, most of it is "Cut/Copy and Paste" with only the odd bit of HTML and DHTML.

Drafts of the site were edited by Dave Berger and Dave Metcalfe whom I visualised sat at his computer with a red pen marking all my spelling and grammar mistakes, it was like being back at school having your homework marked, but we got there in the end, I hope.

With Dave Berger's expertise with Sailwave the race results are usually up on the website within 24 hours.

Members are not very forward at sending articles for the site, either stories or pictures for extensive galleries in the site, so LET US CHANGE THIS. Please, send your contributions to me.

The website also incorporates a Forum and a Blog, accessible via the links on the site and a Twitter account at; <http://twitter.com/HomseaSC> and an entry on Google Maps.

12. Election of Officers;

Treasurer – there was one nomination:

Alan Beck indicated that he was prepared to stand another term of office.

Proposed by Dave Metcalfe, seconded by Mike Mooney – the 15 voting members present were in agreement.

13. Committee vacancies;

Firefly Class Captain - there was one nomination;

Paul Ellwood indicated that he was prepared to stand another term of office.

Proposed by Dave Berger, seconded by Dave Metcalfe.

Mirror Class Captain - there was one nomination:

Mike Hood indicated that he was prepared to stand another term of office.

Proposed by Alan Beck, seconded by Ian McIntyre.

Handicap Class Captain – there was one nomination for the vacancy:

Ian McIntyre indicated that he was prepared to stand.

Proposed by Alan Beck, seconded by Charlie Cartwright.

Committee Member – Bosun and Webmaster, there was one proposal:

Charlie Cartwright indicated that he was prepared to stand another term of office.

Proposed by Dave Berger, seconded by Alan Beck.

Committee Member – there was one nomination for the vacancy:

Brian Ruston indicated that he was prepared to stand

Proposed by Paul Ellwood and seconded by Charlie Cartwright.

All voting members were in favour of electing the above candidates.

Osprey Class Captain – Dave Metcalfe wished to stand down, as he no longer sails an Osprey.

Les Green indicated that he might be prepared to stand assisted by John Rayner as a contact point for the Osprey Association. This position was to be confirmed by the candidates later.

14. Motions from the Committee;

Firstly a vote to ratify the "mood of last year's AGM" on the two motions presented last year, but which could not be passed, as the meeting was inquorate.

Motion 1:

"That the two proposals relating to Membership and Subscriptions (section 3) in the Constitution (Rules) of the Club as detailed in the minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting and distributed to the membership **and** the re-election of the Secretary, Class captains and new Committee members should be accepted as per the mood of that meeting."

**Proposed: Dave Berger,
Seconded: Paul Ellwood**

For information (The content of the motions had been discussed in detail at last year's AGM and required only a vote)

1: New wording:

*"A FAMILY MEMBER – which expression shall include one or two parents/carers (as may be) and **all** children under the age of eighteen. The family unit shall have one vote, exercisable by either parent/carer"*

2: New wording:

"A new member elected after the 15th September in any year shall not be required to pay any subscription in respect of the year of election, but shall pay, on election, the annual subscription in respect of the following year"

Voting - For: 16 Against:0 Abstentions:0 The motion was carried.

Motion 2:

"In view of the current economic climate the Committee considers it is not necessary or desirable to raise the level of Club subscriptions."

**Proposed: Paul Ellwood
Seconded: Alan Beck**

Discussion;

Ian McIntyre felt that there might be an argument for increasing the subscriptions at the rate of inflation. There was no great level of support for this.

Ray Brookes would always resist putting up fees if the Club has enough funds.

Voting - For: 16 Against:0 Abstentions:0 The motion was carried.

15. Motions received from Club Members;

No motions were received within the time limit.

16. Any other competent business;

There was some discussion to consider the cost of current prizes for Open meeting. The glassware was expensive in relation to entry fees. The members had some suggestions for slightly lower cost prizes or possibly vouchers to redeem at a chandlers. It could be discussed with Mike Hood.

There was a request from Steve Sharp to change the wording for the Pursuit races. This would need to be discussed with Steve as to what was required.

17. Date, Time and Place of next AGM;

The AGM should be held on 20th November 2011 and the venue is to be decided.

The meeting was closed at 16.00 hrs.

Hornsea Sailing Club Finances 2009 - 2010

ITEM	Income	Expenditure
Balance brought fwd from 31/10/09	£522.53	
Transfer from Business Money Manager A/C	£500.00	
Prize Giving Dinner	£585.00	£571.95
Raffle	£58.00	
M.W.J. (Competition Trophies)		£156.27
Web site fees		£68.14
RYA Dinghy Show receipts	£257.00	£277.00
Hornsea Mere Marine/Clubhouse rent		£810.00
Full members subscriptions (24 @ £32)	£768.00	
Family (17 @ £37)	£629.00	
NBO (1 @ £27)	£27.00	
Associate members (14 @ £16)	£224.00	
Streaker Open Meeting receipts	£182.00	
Regatta receipts	£158.00	
Club Insurance		£367.50
Fence Repair		£5.75
Electricity		£172.73
Affiliation Fee J Dale	£8.00	
Donation – P. Allen	£30.00	
Stationary		£24.60
Balance carried fwd to 31/10/10		£1398.79
	£3948.73	£3948.73

Business Money Manager Account (est.)

£492.03