



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on 9th December 2024 and adjourned to 8th January 2025 at 1930 hours.

Present	The Officers, Committee members and 24 members.
3. Formal restart of AGM	The Chairman, Will Simpson (WS), opened the meeting by welcoming members. He thanked the Yacht Club for their generosity in allowing the use of the Club for the AGM, and also for committee meetings throughout the year. He also pointed out the clubroom's emergency exits.
4. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Nick Bailhache, David & Jan Ballingall, Mark & Jane Friend, Cathy Garland, Penny Hatter, John Langdon, Frank Lawrence, Peter Lawrence, Peter & Tania Mitchell, Fiona Speller, Martin Speller,
5. Minutes of previous AGM	WS noted that the minutes of the 33 rd AGM held on 9 th January 2024 (adjourned from 12 th December 2023) had been available on the website and suggested that they be taken as read. This was proposed by P Tinley and seconded by H Speller and carried unanimously.
6. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.
7. Chairman's Report	The Chairman read his report (copy attached). Acceptance of the Report was proposed by Tony Butcher and seconded by Martin Richardson and was carried unanimously.
8. Hon Treasurer's Report	D Garland noted that his brief report had been circulated and was published on the Association website. The Accounts had been reviewed by Emma Bateman and signed on 8 th December 2024 and the full set would be published on the website, following acceptance. Expenditure had been constant and there was an increase in income, largely due to the efforts of Penny Gueno in increasing membership. Assets stood at £6,832 (cash, at HSBC). He referred to Item 3. in the Report, concerning Donations, and noted that this would be discussed further at Item 14. of the Agenda. He thanked the Independent Examiner, Emma Bateman, for her work on verifying the accounts, which was seconded by the Chairman.
9. Approval of Accounts	Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Martin Richardson and seconded by Vic Walker and carried unanimously.
10 & 11. Resignation of Officers and Committee Members and Election of New Members	The Chairman explained that he was standing down as also were Vice Chairman Nick Wood and Hon. Secretary Christine Gill. The received nominations were, as follows: New Chairman: Phil James Treasurer: Dave Garland Membership Secretary: Penny Gueno Committee Members: Heather Speller, Paul Tinley, Vic Walker, Arthur Manning, Mark Davey. A show of hands unanimously approved the nominations, at which point W Simpson took leave of the Chair and handed over to P James, who thanked the departing Chairman, Vice chairman and Hon Secretary for their work over a number of years and made a presentation to each of them. He noted that there was no nomination for Hon Secretary and asked if anyone present was interested in taking on the position. He then noted that there had been some successes during the year, notably the formation of the JABOA (Jersey Association of Boat Owners Associations) but that there remained several matters of interest to be followed up in the forthcoming year.
12. Election of Independent Examiner.	PJ proposed that Emma Bateman be elected as Independent Examiner for the forthcoming year, which was carried unanimously.
13. Subscriptions	PJ said that there was no plan to increase subscriptions, which remain at £10 single and £16 joint. This was proposed by Arthur Manning and seconded by Dawn Tinley and unanimously carried.

14. Donations	D Garland explained that, although he had suggested in his Report that donations of £250 each be made to the three charities, subsequent discussion in Committee had considered that, at least for this year, no donations be made (as last year). A. Manning agreed and said that many members already contributed privately to the SARs and that an amount of £250 was very insignificant to them, whereas it was sensible to maintain a good cash balance for the Association. M Stevens (past Chairman) then said that he disagreed, that the SHBOA had always made a donation, originally to RNLI and CIAS and latterly to JLA, and he felt strongly that this should be continued, donations being made by other Associations. D Garland pointed out that, should the association be wound up, then any remaining funds would be donated to the SARs, as stated in the Constitution. P Gueno advised members that there are other areas where money would be spent, e.g. on membership, noticeboards, the website, and so expenditure may well increase in the coming year. P Tinley thought that the priority should be to increase membership before making further donations. W Simpson said he would second the proposition that £250 be donated to each charity and it was then put to the vote, with 4 in favour and therefore not carried.
15. Changes to the Constitution and Rules	The revised Constitution, and the reasons for the revisions, had been circulated (attached to these minutes). The revised Constitution was proposed by P Tinley and seconded by A Manning and carried unanimously (with the proviso that the sentence in Item 8. "the accounting records shall be kept at the registered office" be deleted, as the Association does not have a registered office, and this was an error).
16. Open Meeting	At 2020 hours the Chairman welcomed the Harbourmaster, Capt. Bill Sadler, and Donford Nicolas, to the meeting to answer questions from the floor. <u>New parking arrangements at South Pier.</u> There was much discussion about the proposed parking permits and charges for parking and the effects this would have on boat owners with drying berths. It was pointed out that the area to be set aside at the north end of the quay, where marine traders would work on boats in the winter, did not include space for individuals to build cradles or work on their boats, or to use the crane. The Harbourmaster said that there would be no permanent structures, only line painting, and that corrections could be made once the system had operated for a season and the situation had been reviewed. There was some talk about whether the charges would operate Monday to Saturday, or Monday to Friday as was printed in one of the emails that had followed meetings. The Harbourmaster said this was probably an error, as it had always been intended that parking charges would be Monday to Saturday, and he apologised for the misunderstanding. P Tinley said that it was important to have somewhere to park whilst loading/unloading and suggested one or two short term spaces on South Pier for that purpose. D King suggested that one or two short-term spaces outside the Marina Office would also be helpful, for when one was making a quick visit there, as there is currently no parking on the North Quay. <u>Parking permits.</u> It was pointed out that it is currently difficult to buy a permit, as it is not apparent where to get one, and the Marina Office does not presently issue them. It was suggested that this be rectified and the Harbourmaster agreed to follow up. <u>Insurance.</u> Further discussion ensued as to whether checks were made on boat-owners' insurance. The Harbourmaster said it was very difficult to check and to guarantee that every boat was insured, that it is a legal requirement, and it is very rare to find uninsured boats. <u>Electricity charges.</u> In response to a question about whether PoJ adds anything to the charges from the JEC, the Harbourmaster said that there is no uplift, charges are as per the tariff from the JEC. <u>Marine Services and Tugs.</u> V Walker asked if hiring out the tugs makes money. The Harbourmaster said that Marine Services does generate funds for PoJ and is a vital part of the business. This year the tug business had made £3.5 million, all of which was reinvested into the harbours and marinas. There being no further questions, the Chairman brought the session to a close and thanked Bill Sadler and Donford Nicholas for attending and answering our questions.
Termination.	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2045 hours and was followed by a finger buffet and wine, served by La Coquerie.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman.