

Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting of the Oxford and Cambridge Sailing Society held over Zoom on Wednesday 13th October 2021, being the 87th Anniversary of the Society

The President took the chair and the meeting began at 19.15hrs with 7 members participating. Apologies were received from Greg Sale and Rowena Conway

Port Auction

Postponed until a later time.

Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

As no amendments had been circulated or proposed, the minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved as published on this website.

President's Report (Patrick Bird)

Patrick welcomed 12 new members to the club and commented on each person's achievements. The new members are:

Holly MacAskill (Cam)

Bethan Matthew (Cam)

Callum Farnden (Cam)

Oliver Jagger (Cam)

Hugh Tomkins (Cam)

Rosie Williamson (Oxf)

Lauren Davies (Oxf)

Tiarnan Finney (Oxf)

James Scott (Oxf)

Ali Bibby (Oxf)

Kylie MacFarquarson (Oxf)

Graham Latham (Cam) - who sailed in the 1978/80 Varsity Matches

Covid resulted in a quiet year for Society teams, although we had two members compete in the Vendee Globe (Sam Davis and Miranda Merron). We enjoyed a fabulous presentation from Conrad Humphries on his re-enactment of Capt Blyth's Mutiny on the Bounty voyage. Itchenor beat Society 4-1 in the Stewart Morris Trophy in Swallows in July. Cambridge beat Oxford in the Varsity Match and Oxford beat Cambridge in the Ladies Varsity. The same weekend we had vintage Generations Event with Cambridge 80s beating Cambridge Current 2 in the finals. The event was followed by an excellent dinner in St Anne's.

Treasurer's Report (Kathryn Twemlow)

It has been a slow year with very little movement. Membership subscriptions were down due to no new members being elected in Jan 2020. The majority of assets are represented by the investments. We enjoyed a surplus of £43.

Investment Report (Tom Low)

Markets have moved more than our cash position, but our 34% weighting in non-equity assets helped protect the equity losses in the 'Covid Crash' of Feb/Mar 2020. Since then our investments have more than returned to their pre-Covid levels. There has been no need to amend the asset allocation or change the funds. There is some excess cash in the investment account which could be returned to the current account if required.

Port Report (Rachel Tilley)

Again, very little to say because there was no auction. The Society still has large inventories and some thought is required as to what stock might be sold.

Election of President and Officers

There being no opposing nominations, the Chairman announced the following results, which were received with acclamation:

Jeremy Atkins is the new President

Kathryn Twemlow continues as Honorary Treasurer

Greg Sale continues as Honorary Secretary and handle Cambridge Liaison

Jeremy took over the running of the meeting and voiced huge thanks to Patrick for having run the Society through such tough times.

Election of Committee Members

There being no opposing nominations, the Chairman announced the following results, which were received with acclamation:

Ben Rahemtulla continues to organise Generations

Anthony Butler continues as Webmaster

Tom Low continues to manage the Society's Investments

Ed Grieg Gran continues as a General Member

Rachel Tilley continues as Port Administrator

Rowena Conway continues to handle Oxford Liaison

Other Business

Andrew Reid promoted the book 75 years of Port & Balls. It was noted that the promotion should happen in the next newsletter – Jeremy to communicate the new purchase arrangements to Grag and Anthony.

Anthony reminded the committee that he is looking to step down from his role as Webmaster and is continuing his search for a replacement.

It was noted that, with COVID-19 restrictions easing, the AGM might best return to the annual Generations Dinner.

The traditional vote of thanks to the President for 'his most obliging conduct in the chair' was noted.