**Minutes of the HISC SOCIAL SAILING AGM**

**Friday Oct 20th 2023 at 11a.m.**

1.     ***Welcome from the SS Captain.*** The captain welcomed the 34 members present at the start of the meeting. The number present eventually rose to 49.

2.     ***Apologies for absence*** were received from: John Blake, Roger Vickers, Gill Thallon, June Tong, Candice Swales, the Ripleys, Trevor Rose and the Palmers

3.     ***To approve Minutes of last AGM held on Friday Oct 21st 2022.***
Ray Stewart proposed we accept the minutes and the proposal was seconded by John Cook. The minutes were passed nem con.

4.     ***Matters arising not covered on this Agenda.*
Progress on the YEARBOOK**The Captain circulated a slender but otherwise similar glossy booklet, which is to replace the Yearbook and is to be known as the HISC Brochure.
It is primarily to inform new club members. It will be revised every 3 years.
Social Sailing has good coverage in the Brochure which provides good publicity.
**Reorganisation of Info on Cruising Activities on the club Website**
This was an ongoing exercise during 2023 but there was still much duplication and Gary and Alli Wiltshire, representing the Weekenders and the Sundowners, are working together to complete this.
Gary said that he regretted having mentioning **t**he possibility of spending SS funds in connection with the new Moorings Ferry Boat. He had in mind grab handles etc to help members get on and off safely and not the boat purchase. In any event grab handles ought to be present since the boat had been used by disabled people.

5.     ***Reminder of issues from the SGM and matters arising.***Gary said that the usual practice was to regard AGMs as senior and SGMs as updating sessions.
However important points from the junior SGMs go forward to the AGM.
**Captain’s statement.** Gary said that his statement at the SGM still described the present situation which can be summarised as “things are going pretty well, an able and hardworking team are delivering what members want and the finances are sound”.
Gary said that this sounded dangerously complacent and hoped that there were no nasties around the corner.
Gary thanked the Treasurer for her work in ensuring that our bank statements no longer went to a previous captain but to the correct recipient.
**A drop-down-front Moorings Tender had been purchased by HISC**Gary said that he and the other members of Social Sailing who were present at recent meetings of the Cruising Committee were surprised at the speed of the recent decision to purchase a second hand boat for about £40k. The boat is 12 years old. It is driven by a 270HP jet drive! It would arrive shortly at HISC.
For details members were advised to come to the HISC AGM but it was reassuring that members of the marine staff, the marine manager and a club trustee had tested the boat at HISC and then recommended its purchase to the General Committee, who in turn agreed to the purchase.The fact that the boat had been adapted and used to carry disabled people sounded like good news for social sailing members.

**6.**     **Treasurer’s Report +subscription decision. *Jane Blaydes***

Started year with £538 in the bank

**Income**

Subs    £500     =   100 members

Anna’s BBQ    £270

Flags    £65

Total     £865

**Expenses**

Bembridge BBQ     £90

Leah’s present    £21    Doing well

Party Flowers     £51

Anna’s BBQ     £381   Anna’s BBQ cost    £111

*Steaks cost twice as much as salmon but entrance fee is the same!!!!!*

SS Week     £56      *Ferry and berthing*

*Bucklers Hard refunded deposit  £25  (unrefunded BBQ deposit?GG)*

Stewpot’s party    £71

Web and domain       £95

Total     £819

Total in Bank   £584    Made £46 over year

**Budget for 2024,**

May have to pay LwL for speakers’ expenses?   4 x 20 = 80
Bembridge BBQ will only be 50 as shared expense with cruisers

There are 4 large rally flags left @ £35 each

**Reserve** – most clubs and charities keep a reserve in the bank equal to that of annual expense in case of emergencies. We nearly have it. *End of report from Jane Blaydes*Jane proposed a £5 subscription for 2024 which was accepted by the meeting as appropriate.  Collection of subs commenced after the meeting.

7.     **Solent Sailing Report and plans for 2024  *David D***David reported on the 2023 season which had been another success for those cruising in the Solent. The highlight was the joint venture with the other cruising groups within HISC at Bembridge Harbour, scheduled in May and included a weekend.
25 boats participated and over 50 sailors with all the HISC cruising-groups participating strongly.
The other trips for Social Sailing boats were generally well supported apart from one, possibly due to its timing.
An expanded programme is planned for 2024 to include more of our traditional venues, hopefully attracting more boats from the other cruising groups so as to build on what was achieved this year.

8.     **House and off-campus Dining Report. *Delia C***SS AGM Oct 2023 REVIEW OF DINING
Firstly I would like to thank you all for your understanding of the need to indicate your menu choices for SS lunches. The system must have helped the caterers and reduced waste ! The staff at HISC are aware that there needs to be some flexibility for casuals and no shows, as we can’t always predict our arrangements
Particularly I thank you for your efficient replies to my emails, and sometimes having to decide your menu choice weeks in advance.
I have not kept records of SS attendees at these events, but we have managed to keep an average of nearly 30. Last year LWL booked lunch with SS, so numbers were increased.
Larger numbers make it more viable for the catering staff and I hope there will be more choices on the menu.
Please let me have your suggestions as Nick has always been amenable to creating a menu for us.
As last year, LWL will be lunching at the same time and they have again organised speakers of activities- with varied topics which I hope will also be of interest to SS.
I will send details in advance.
Looking back over last year, the lunches at HISC were quite well supported, though we would always like more members to attend, as these are perhaps the best times for all SS members to get together – those active sailors and those with a very keen interest in all things sea-faring!
For off campus dining, we have again enjoyed Emsworth SC - thanks to Judy and Mike Cave and Ollie the chef! , and in Social Sailing week- Hayling Golf Club and Chichester Yacht Club- all these venues offering great hospitality, good food and lovely island views.
Also particularly in the summer months we have appreciated hospitality from our members – BBQs and several garden parties in varied locations.
Thank you to these members for the effort of hosting these additional events.
So after reflection—what is planned for the coming year?
Our lunches are on Nov 17th, Dec 8th, January 19th , February 16th and March 15th
On each of these dates, LWL have also organised a speaker or activity which I hope SS members will enjoy.
SS-SGM followed by lunch will be on April 19th
I would also like to thank Terry and Candice for arranging other interesting away days!
Another question arises - should SS group organise tables at other club events? -- -Trafalgar night, Turkey Dining In, Christmas Party, Burns Night, Summer Ball
I would welcome your ideas on any parts of this programme.  Delia

9.     **Other social events including SS-Week. BBQ hosts? *Terry M/GG***Terry spoke on behalf of the many members who had helped organise social events throughout the season. There had been a wide range of events such as the Waverley Trip to Freshwater Bay, the visit to Boatyard4, lunching in members gardens and visiting public gardens. There was an active programme of dining at clubs and pubs within the harbour, some accessed by boat. Take up had varied from a select few to over-subscribed but generally there were events spread throughout the year to suit most members.
**Avoiding a hard choice for Solent Sailors**: Gary said that while the Social Sailing Week was very well supported, the timing of it, in mid-July, to coincide with the HW near mid-day might have to be reconsidered as this was also the perfect tidal pattern for sailing into the Solent. As little as one of the passages (by sea to CYC, say) against the tide might be the price of selecting a less than perfect time for SS-week. Last year only 3 boats sailed to these venues rather members driving. Gary said that he and David would discuss this and inform members before a final decision was made.

**10.**   ***Report on recent events and plans for 2024. Gary G***

Gary said that the reports from the Team had covered comprehensively recent events and plans for the future. There are of course events such as the scheduling of the Moorings Ferry, Access to the beach and the pontoon, car parking at busy times, the standard and variety of the food sold by the club, which impinge on Social Sailing Members, but are mostly dealt with by other club committees.

As captain, Gary said he saw his main aim for 2024 was to preserve and hand over to younger members of the club the values and range of activities that we all enjoy.

11.  Consideration of Team Membership and Leadership for 2024.

Gary said that having completed over 2 years as captain and achieved much of what he considered achievable, now would be a good time to stand down from his point of view. However he had decided to stand back rather than down and let the Team run things as much as possible, so that any new captain can take over smoothly. The thought is that some time in 2024 might be a better time for a new captain to take over, and the hope is still that someone who has appropriate experience and significant involvement with SS will offer to stand.

12.   ***AOB: Item 1. Paul Cook’s Motion to HISC-AGM***Paul presented his case and there was a contribution from Mike Tong in support. Barry and Jane Blaydes spoke (see our web site archives for the points they made) describing some of the difficulties in implementing Paul’s proposals for dealing with the parking/access problems. The numbers in the arguments supporting the case against Paul’s Motion were not to be available until the AGM which was a shame.
Paul explained what his motion was about and where we had got to. It seemed that already progress had been made in that there was agreement as to what the problem is. However there is much to be clarified and argued about as regards what is possible and what is the best solution.
The aim seemed to be fulfilled of giving this important subject a reasonable airing (20 minutes) in order to concentrate minds in readiness for the Club-AGM where we can vote.

All members were encouraged to turn up, listen and vote.

***AOB: Item 2:*** Gary reminded members to vote before 5p.m. after the meeting for the next RC–House.

*The meeting concluded at about 12-15p.m.*

October 27th 2023