

East Anglian Cruising Club

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AGM 2022

Date: 10th December 2022

Time: 19:30

At: Horning Sailing Club, Swan Corner, Horning, NR12 8AA

And: Via Zoom

Members present (in the room)

Colin & Liz Chettleburgh	Jamie & Phill Bennett-Martin
Ian Patience	Mike Jones
Paul & Jane Stevens	Ian Stewart
Martin Thompson	Richie Dugdale

Members present (via zoom)

Tom Moore	Anthony Landamore
Sally Ann Bennett	David & Ruth Thompson
Margaret Kilner	

Apologies for Absence

Colin & Frankie Little	Mrs Stewart
Roger & Lesley Everett	Gillian Stewart
Kevin & Ruth Rhead	Ben Allery
Paul Howes	Mark and Debbie Jarret
Julia Bower	

Liz Welcomed everyone that was in the hall and those online. Request for those online to be on mute unless they are speaking. Voting will be used by the hand up function on zoom.

1. Apologies: As given above

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the last AGM on 11th December 2021 were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Mike Jones, Seconded by Paul Markham, Approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

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4. Skippers Report

Welcome everyone to our continuing hybrid format for this year's AGM as we have members attending in person and some on zoom. For the record we are also competing with England playing in their quarter final in the world cup. Just to confirm, we have checked the constitution, and all are eligible to vote.

Many thanks to all my fellow officers, our committee, and our members for supporting our amazing friendly club again this year.

Special thanks to Ruth Rhead who has decided to step down from Committee. Huge thanks also to Lesley Everett for instigating EACC raising money for local charities and for her enthusiasm. She has also decided to step-down so we are seeking a volunteer for this position. Massive thanks to Phill Bennet-Martin for taking on the role of secretary this year and I know we are all grateful for his expertise, particularly his IT skills as demonstrated this evening.

I would like to welcome Sally-Ann to the new position of Club Historian as she has gallantly started to sort out our archives that have been squirrelled away for years. This will mean scanning membership handbooks that go back as far as 1936!

Thanks to all those who gave their time and expertise to continually improving the moorings and servicing the equipment. We also dredged the moorings in this financial year.

I have one apology to make that we have not published our committee minutes on the website. This will be rectified over the winter.

The newly formed Safety Boat Group led by the Bosun and their helpers have given Wilma (our red safety boat) a complete makeover and Tintin (the aluminium one) an overhaul - so please look after them as they are major assets for our club.

It's hard to believe we were enduring a Covid restrictions this time last year so we were uncertain how the year would progress. I am delighted that we have managed to run all our events this year (except the Yare and Bure Open which was cancelled due to lack of entrants). The NSBA event listings for 2023 has revealed a free weekend in September so we will have a last attempt to encourage YBOD attendance.

Our zoom skills continue to improve as have our continued use of WhatsApp groups. Our social events this year have included a trip to the theatre, a day in Norwich plus a virtual wine tasting evening and a xmas craft evening making origami stars! Is there is no end to our social secretary's imagination to keep us all on our toes. We started the season with a well-attended fitting out supper in a new Ranworth venue that proved popular. Members provided a tasty meal and my Mate Jamie equipped and ran our own bar very efficiently, plus we were enthralled by Ian Patience sharing his experiences of his Atlantic crossing in the ARC.

Acle Regatta was run under the auspices of EACC in 2022 and this is an arrangement that we are happy to continue as it is run predominately by EACC members.

It was a mark of everyone's enthusiasm and hard work that we celebrated the Queens Platinum with holding TMOR over 4 days and even made a profit! I counted help from over 100 people that weekend and what a great celebration with water frolics, tug of war, platinum puddings, a Cock of the Broads raffle etc to get the weekend underway. A good turnout of boats racing, some great

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food, a well-stocked bar and good bands, led to a great weekend for the first time since 2019.

We were delighted to run our Spring, Summer and Autumn club regattas with social evenings and BBQs. These events continue to attract river cruisers, but it would be great to see more all-comers next year as we have some club trophies to award.

The Southern Rivers Cruise proved well supported and successful with a new format of a choice of evening venues keeping everyone comfortable mixing with smaller groups. The gin afternoon proving very popular and raise funds for our charity. The spring, summer and autumn cruises continue to be our best supported events so please keep volunteering to organise them. The treasure hunt around Barton on a brilliant day in October was particularly memorable.

The plans for the clubhouse have not progressed this year due to lack of grants. Rest assured we will keep you up to speed on this if we have any developments and an EGM will be called before any decisions are made. Two of us attended the recent East of England RYA conference and gleaned some valuable information on grants – so watch this space. Our first step is to secure a longer lease for the club moorings where we are in discussion with our landlord through their agents.

The Laying up supper attracted 50 members who all took full advantage of being able to socialise. The buzz in the room was tremendous with everyone enjoying good food, trophy presentations, a great raffle and lots of reminiscing of the season's antics.

The dates for our events in 2023 are on the website so do put in your diaries so you do not miss our key events. Having saved the best until last, what a wonderful year it has been - being able to do all the things we normally do. Here's to similar in 2023!

5. Treasures Report

Income Sheet from last year is at the bottom of these minutes.

Income – Ignoring the income from TMOR the underlying trend is improving, mainly due to the increases in mooring fees and a good surplus from social functions and Regalia.

Expenses – Overall expenses were up on the previous year, solely due to the work and materials required to improve the condition of the moorings. Except for insurance cover, all other expenses appear to be under control with good saving having been made with the self-maintenance of the gardening equipment by Colin Chet.

TMOR – Income from the event was good but expenses for the 2022 event were higher than previous events due to the extra day. This coupled with the lower than normal turnout meant that, whilst we made a profit, it was not as high as previous years.

Overall Summary – Overall, the club's surplus for the year was a negative of £4321.58. This as mentioned earlier, is due to the large expenditure on moorings detailed by (Paul S). Also mentioned in Paul Stevens report, we have now agreed an action to make a yearly provision of £2000.00 per year to enable us to smooth out the peaks and troughs of the expenditure on moorings.

Whilst it is a concern that we have a negative surplus 2 years in a row, I believe that with the actions we are taking and a return to a normal TMOR, the club will return to making a small surplus in the 2022/23 season.

Proposed by Ian Stewart, Seconded by Paul Stevens, Approved unanimously

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6. Secretary's Report

This year we started with EasyFundraising. You can download an app or a web browser extension to support EACC. It can be as little as 1% to 5% or even more. Please use this to support us.

7. Membership Secretariats Report

The club's first full year of unfettered activity following Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions has left it thankfully free from any cataclysmic crashes in membership numbers, which over the pandemic period have remained relatively stable.

2022 has seen 9 new members join us, effectively 16 to 18 people as more often than not we get 2 for the price of a single family subscription. This year 9 members have not renewed to date.

This year we have welcomed:

- Ian Henderson – MC Ruby Rose
- Phil and Sue Davies – RC Iris
- Matthew and Joanna Desorgher – RC Hiawatha
- Matt Frary – RC Sabrina 5
- Simon Garrett – SC Knight Dragon and SC Gambol
- Martin Goodrum – PY Celestine
- Mark and Debbie Jarrett - RC Pinkers
- Kevin Thomas – RC Pirate
- Rob Vincent and Hayley Dunning – SC Pandora 2

Sadly, we have lost two members this year, Tim Riches and Stephen Williams who passed away this year.

Our membership currently stands at 162 households as against 158 last year, which was around the average number pre-Covid-19. Hopefully this is an indication that we are a very friendly and inclusive club! This analyses to 278 adults and 70 offspring in full-time education, there are 9 honorary members who do not pay a subscription.

This year we have started an attempt to analyse why people want to join EACC by asking them to tell us when they complete our application forms, hopefully next year we may be able to shed some light on what we're doing right.

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8. Mooring Officer Report

Income from mooring fees for 2022 season Total: £6,389.76

Expenditure on moorings in 2022 season Total: £9,148.17

NB The total expenditure does not include the safety boat mooring fee this year which will from now on be included as part of safety boat expenditure rather than Moorings'.

Rotac. Farms for Quay Heading	6,611.40
Timber & Materials for Quay Heading replacement	1,010.77
Brown & Co ground rent	1,500.00
Petrol for mowers	16.16
Grass seed	9.84
Total	<u>9,148.17</u>

Maintenance

Early this year the badly decayed quay heading on the club side of the small dyke was removed, the bank straightened parallel with the opposite bank and the quay heading replaced with new timber. The work was carried out by Rotac. Farms (Southgates) at a cost of £6,611.40.

This was followed by work on 10 metres of quay in poor condition just inside the main basin on the left. The work was carried out by club members and involved placing new quay heading outside the old and securing with new tie rods. Materials were purchased by the club at a cost of £1,010.77, a considerable saving to the club.

The Committee recognise that in some years, such as this, higher than average expenditure on the moorings may contribute to an annual loss for the club. In order to mitigate this in future years the committee has made the following provisions:

Reducing the cost of quay heading replacement by doing it ourselves, in small stretches annually, as soon as it becomes necessary whenever possible. While recognising that the moorings will need further repairs in the not too distant future, there is apparently no urgent work needed prior to next season. However, checks will be made early next year and action taken if deemed necessary. It would be useful if a small group of volunteer members could be called upon to provide the manpower for any in house piling/dredging etc. deemed necessary and do-able each year. The ability to swing a big hammer would be the main requirement. David Thompson oversaw the work this year and is prepared to do so in the future given the necessary support. If in principle you would be prepared to offer help, please let us know.

- Approving the ring fencing of £2000 annually, in the first instance, increased by the annual rate of inflation, from the mooring income, for the purchase of materials for the club to do its own repairs. If repairs are not immediately necessary in any year the funds are to be held over for use in future years.
- Seeking to address the problems of silting up caused by backwash from the river. Possible solutions include hiring a mud pump and/or deploying a removable barrier to prevent silting.
- 'In house' servicing of the mower and strimmers. All were checked and serviced early in the season by Colin Chettleburgh and as a result all three machines have worked well. Our thanks to Colin. He has advised that the mower will probably give another year's service but that we may need to be prepared to replace it sooner rather than later.

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The mowing rota has worked well again this year thanks to the willing volunteers who put their names down including some new members and some not currently active members. The safety ladder will be checked and either replaced or repaired before next season.

Mooring Occupancy

Income was received from all ten mooring spaces again this year and mooring fees were all fully paid as required by 31st March.

Mooring Rate for 2023

2023 is the final year of our 5 year plan to increase the mooring rate by 6% plus inflation to cover the increased ground rent which has risen in stages from £350 in 2017 to £2000 in 2023. In line with this the rate was set by the committee at £23.74 per foot p.a. in the Moorings Annual Review in October.

9. Charity Co-ordinator Report

Back to normality! It has been great to have a proper EACC year once again and the wonderful weather of 2022 has greatly helped us all celebrate this return. Our fundraising has also returned to more normal levels. The move to a more cashless society has, however, hit fundraising, particularly at TMOR. Where people used to pop spare change into the collection boxes they now simply tap their cards and our collecting tins raised very little this year. Our TMOR was saved by the magnificent contribution from John & Susie and their Cork of the Broads Raffle. A big thank you to them both. The Thurne Roundabout, as part of the EACC Summer Regatta, was a disappointment. As I said last year, the trouble with online fundraising is that it is ever so easy to forget to donate. There were 33 entries over the course of the day but only 5 boats donated, meaning that our total for the day was greatly reduced. I would particularly like to thank the skipper & crew of Sabrina II who contributed half of our total for the day. Thanks too to Martin Thompson and the River Cruiser Class for donating the entry fees for their Downriver Race to our charity. I apologise for not being present to give this report in person but grandmother duties call. I am happy to respond to any queries by telephone or email. I indicated, eighteen months ago, that 2022 would be my final year as Charity Organiser. I sincerely hope that someone will take over this important role bringing fresh ideas and a new impetus to our fundraising. Next year it is the turn, once again, of The East Anglian Air Ambulance

Winter Walk	40.00
TMOR (Boxes & Raffle)	180.25
TMOR (Cock of the Broads)	70.00
Thurne Roundabout	37.00
Private Donation	50.00
SR Cruise Gin Party	35.00
RCC Downriver Race	95.00
Laying Up Supper Raffle	267.57

TOTAL RAISED FOR NANCY OLDFIELD TRUST IN 2022 £774.82

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10. Subscription increase

The Committee recommend an increase in the full, family membership annual subscription payable to EACC by 1 March 2023 raising it from £21 to £25.

Proposed by Jamie Bennett, Seconded by Ian Patience, Approved unanimously.

11. Election Of Officers and Committee

Colin Chettleburgh took the Chair for the election of Officers and Committee

Skipper – Liz Chettleburgh. Proposed by Tom Moore, seconded by Phillip Bennett-Martin.

Mate – Jamie Bennett-Martin. Proposed by Tom Moore, seconded by Phillip Bennett-Martin.

Second Mate – Vacant.

Hon. Secretary – Phill Bennett-Martin. Proposed by Liz Chettleburgh, seconded by Tom Moore

Hon. Treasurer - Paul Markham. Proposed by Tom Moore, seconded by Phillip Bennett-Martin.

Hon. Membership Secretariat - Colin & Frankie Little. Proposed by Tom Moore, seconded by Phillip Bennett-Martin.

Committee Proposed en bloc by Liz Chettleburgh, seconded by Jamie Bennett-Martin

Bosun - Ian Stewart,

Social Secretary - Cally Smith,

Moorings Officer/Website Paul Stevens,

Committee Members Tom Moore, Marty Thompson, and Mike Jones.

Non-Committee posts

Regalia - Jane Stevens

Charity Co-ordinator – Vacant

Liz thanked Colin for taking charge of the election of officers and the committee.

End of meeting 20:10.

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Final Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st October 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	3066.64	3067.00
Surplus/Loss on regattas & social functions	745.09	30.00
Contributions from Moorings	6389.76	5225.15
TMOR, Sponsorship & donations	13149.81	0.00
Surplus on sale of Club Insignia	268.52	127.14
Bank interest	7.03	2.08
Charity donations	105.00	83.00
	<u>23,731.85</u>	<u>8,534.37</u>
LESS: EXPENSES		
Postage, stationary & hall hire	302.03	367.92
Public liability and trophy insurance	1490.79	1375.94
Safety boat running expenses	1643.52	1708.67
Club hand books	114.00	111.00
Club Storage & Club House planning	752.00	0.00
Subscriptions & donations : RYA	140.00	130.00
: NSBA	353.00	360.31
:Charity account	20.00	113.00
Moorings and sheds (including Dredging,repairs etc)	9148.17	3800.02
Depreciation (net of Profit/Loss on sale)	1539.45	1783.54
Sundry Expenses	247.64	914.85
TMOR Expenses	12302.83	520.00
	<u>28,053.43</u>	<u>11,185.25</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>-4,321.58</u>	<u>-2,650.88</u>

Prepared by P Markham
Verified by Clr Nigel Brennan

Balance sheet as at 31st October 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS (at written down value)		
Boats	2,370.98	2,789.38
Engines	4,428.65	4,869.94
Race Equipment	231.78	272.68
Tent & Equipment	368.72	433.79
Lawn Mower & Strimmer	302.18	355.50
TMOR Equipment	2,949.26	3,469.71
Club Trophies	9,795.00	9,795.00
	<u>20,446.56</u>	<u>21,986.01</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock at cost	646	781.01
Barclays Deposit Account	15979.12	20972.09
Barclays Current Account	6207.90	3479.70
Regalia cash	54.14	72.1
	<u>22,887.16</u>	<u>25,304.90</u>
LESS:CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors / (Prepayments)	497.95	218.55
Charity Fund	105.00	20.00
	<u>42,730.77</u>	<u>47,052.36</u>
CLUB FUNDS		
Balance as at 31 Oct 2021	47,052.35	49,703.23
Net surplus for the year	-4,321.58	-2,650.88
	<u>42,730.77</u>	<u>47,052.35</u>
Balance as at 31 Oct 2022	<u>42,730.77</u>	<u>47,052.35</u>