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2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

The 52nd Annual General Meeting of AYRS was held on **Sunday 24th January 2016** at the Village Hall, Thorpe, Surrey, starting 4.15 pm (after the all-day AYRS meeting). The AGM was open to all paid-up members and their guests, but only members were permitted to vote.

Present were the following Officers of the Society: Graeme Ward (Chairman), Sheila Fishwick (Vice-Chairman and Hon Secretary), Slade Penoyre (Hon Treasurer), Simon Fishwick (Hon Editor), Committee Members: Fred Ball, Kim Fisher, John Perry, Mark Tingley and five Ordinary members of the Society.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Ellison (Vice-President), Dave Culp (Vice-President), J Axelson, R Denton (on behalf of JRA), Robert Downhill, N Dakin, R Fautley, R Glencross, Tim Glover, K Mason, J McGalliard, R Shepard, W Sunnucks, and C Williams.

2. Minutes of the 51st Meeting held on 25th January 2015 at the Village Hall, Thorpe, Surrey

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, which had been published on the website, were accepted nem con, on a proposal from Fred Ball, seconded by Kim Fisher.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that 2014-5 had not been a bad year. There had been two Catalysts, and there was material for another had the Editor only had more time. The London Boat Show was not a brilliant success; we recruited only 40 new members instead of our target of 50. Beale Park however had been worthwhile. The NW UK group were doing well, and had taken responsibility for running a stand at the Northern Boat Show in 2016.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Directors (Financial) Report for 2014-5 had been published on the website. It showed the Society had restricted funds (the Howard Fund) of £36,374 and an operating reserve of £25,441.99. The Income and Expenditure account, however, showed a deficit of Income over Expenditure of £1,177.64 as two Catalysts had been billed in the period.

The Editor (who presented the report) noted that the picture was much as in the previous year. Income was down a bit, but so were Administrative costs, due to a smaller Boat Show stand. In answer to a question, he explained that the Income in Advance figure was primarily the Insurance Premium, which was paid in September but charged in the year following. He noted that the sum was significantly reduce this year, due largely to John Perry researching alternatives which allowed us to put pressure on our brokers.

The Report was accepted on a motion from Mark Tingley, seconded by Kim Fisher.

5. Confirmation of President and Vice-Presidents, Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chair proposed that the meeting confirm the positions of President, HRH Prince Philip, and Vice Presidents, Michael Ellison and Dave Culp. This was accepted with acclamation.

The Chairman (Graeme Ward), Treasurer (Slade Penoyre), and Committee Members Dave Culp, Mark Tingley and Robert Downhill had completed their current terms of office, and were willing to stand for re-election. All were elected en-bloc.

6. To appoint a Reporting Accountant for the year

The Committee proposed that Robin Fautley be re-appointed subject to his acceptance. This was approved.

7. Any Other Business

No other business had been notified to the Secretary before the meeting.

Kim Fisher requested that any video material of members’ activities suitable for display at the London Dinghy Show be sent to him as soon as possible.

8. Vote of thanks to the helpers of the society

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Chairman and made especial mention of Fred and Margaret Ball who organised the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 4.53pm.

The next AGM is proposed for 22nd January 2017 (date to be confirmed by posting on the website).

Sheila Fishwick
Hon. Secretary

Agreed and signed by the Chairman:

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Date