

**Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting  
of the United Kingdom Wayfarer Class Association  
held during the Dinghy Show, Alexandra Palace, London  
on Saturday 4 March 2017 at 4.00pm**

**1. Notice of Meeting**

John Mellor (JM) Chairman, opened the meeting and warmly welcomed those present.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from: Alan Chaplin A1978, John Goudie W11118, Mark Lee W10616, Richard Seabrook W9301, Colin Shepherd W10975, Bob and Clare Harland W7658, Simon Winn W8595 and Michael McNamara W10648.**3. Minutes of previous meeting held on Saturday 5 March 2016:** were signed as a true and correct record by JM.**4. Matters arising from the Minutes from the floor of the meeting or have been notified to the Secretary in writing not less than 45 days before the AGM:** None.**5. Hon Treasurer's Report;** including 2016 accounts as previously published. Accounts to be found at the end of these minutes.

In PA's absence, JM read PA's report. JM explained that SB had great difficulty re-instating our Amazon Sellers account and, after a great deal of time, was thankful this had been achieved for continued Wayfarer book sales. There were no questions regarding the finances. PA was thanked for his continued care with the UKWA's finances.

**6. Vice-Chairman's Report and review of 2016 Areas of Focus**

1: *Promotion of the UKWA on Social Media;* MS reported on the growth of Wayfarer videos on YouTube, which was excellent for the class. ..

2: *Combined events with the Wanderer Class* ie at Ullswater. This went well.

**7. WIC Report**

*"2016: There were 'issues' with regard to the venue for the 2016 International Wayfarer Championships held in Holland for the first time, with the Race Officer deeming that the race course area required that the fleet of 56 boats to be split into 2 fleets. This caused considerable initial dissent among many of the competitors, though the end result was a very creditable event, with the worthy winners being Mogens Just and Anders Friis from Denmark, with Michael McNamara and Simon Townsend 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Peter & Samuel Boje 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the more positive side, lessons have been learned with regard to selecting future venues for the International Championships, and we look forward in anticipation to the next International Championships in Ireland in 2019. The subsequent International Rally which traditionally follows the Championships was less controversial with a full quota of over 50 participants sharing the accommodation provided by the 2 hired Dutch barges. The rally participants toured the area around Heeg, including a memorable trip on the Dutch sailing barge across the IJsselmeer. For 2017: This year's International Rally takes place in the U.S. at Wellesley Island near the start of the mighty St Lawrence seaway on its exit from Lake Ontario. To date there are 6 participants from the UK, 4 from Ireland, and 2 from Holland, who will share an experience like no other, of sailing in an area reputed to have in excess of 1000 islands. Rule Changes: There is a proposed Rule Change with regard to the size of windows allowed in the genoa, which I will leave to R & T business. With regard to proposed Rule Changes to be put forward this year – to be voted on at next year's AGM, I would like to **sound out those present with regard to introducing a Rule Change dealing with the size of the buoyancy pocket allowed**, the current rules stating the following: **31.7 Sail Head Buoyancy. Shall be permitted as follows: (a) A patch may be sewn onto one side of the sail to form an openable self-draining pocket for buoyancy material. It may extend for a maximum of 915mm (3'0") from the centre of the head cringle. (b) Nothing inserted into the pocket shall have the effect of extending the leech. (c) Nothing shall be inserted into the pocket other than buoyancy material. This was formulated for the different buoyancy layout of earlier Wayfarer Marks, and is not sufficiently large enough to stop the later buoyant hull design of the later Wayfarer Marks. I would therefore like to propose that the measurement given in rule 31.7(a) be changed to: 1.2m (47½") from the centre of the head cringle. The patch may be pleated, or otherwise, in order to facilitate the expansion of a buoyancy bag when inflated.** With regard to 31.7(b) John has proposed that the 'aft' be added at the end of the sentence.."*

Sail head buoyancy was discussed.

Liz Feibusch W11000 asked why not just add a pocket of the current size to both sides of the sail head? Would be easy to make and cheap to buy. Russell Perry W10777 suggested the addition of the words 'For buoyancy only' to avoid some using this revised rule to stiffen the head of their sails. Monica Schaefer W10952 asked how that left other forms of sail head buoyancy? JM asked that Ralph post this on the Members Forum for all members to contribute to the debate. JM would include a link to this post in the next eNews. Ralph was sincerely thanked for his report and hard work on the International scene.

**8. Hon Racing Secretary's report**

JM warmly introduced Tim Townsend W11012 who had recently been co-opted on the excom as our new Racing Secretary. TT reported that there would be a full National Circuit / Travellers Series of 8 events in 2017 including the Nationals at Arun YC for which there were already 48 entries. The excom were grateful to Monica Schaefer for organising this last year while we had no racing secretary. There was some generous sponsorship and great prizes. Hartley Boats had guaranteed £4000 for Arun YC in support of this event, should numbers not reach 100 boats. NoRs and Sis of earlier events were already posted on the website and those for later events would be posted in due course. TT proposed to publish a survey on the Members Forum, seeking members views on future NCS events and their thoughts on travel, length of events, crews etc. 2018 Nationals would be the real 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it was hoped to be 100 boats. A venue needed to be found soon, that could accommodate this number of boats and all that entailed. Roger Proctor added that 100 boats would be a particularly appropriate number of entries as it would be 100 years since Ian Proctor was born.

**9. Hon Cruising Secretary's Report**

Boris Morrice thanked Jeremy Norman, our previous Cruising Secretary, for organising the cruising rally programme for 2016. It had been a great and successful year with Tidal Training, Ullswater Gathering, Scottish rally, Isle of Wight Rally and the International Cruise in Holland. BM thanked all those who ran these events and gave a particular mention to John Norman and Jenny Jeffs who hung up their clipboards after last year's IOW Rally; having run this event for 11 years. BM was particularly delighted with the raising of the cruising Wayfarer profile on line. It was fabulous to see that there had been over 50,000 views in the last 12 months. This could be just the tip of the iceberg and was currently for cruising alone. The racing boats could upload videos of events too. The 2017 cruising programme was looking very good, with two Tidal Training events, Ullswater, a Norfolk Broads cruise and the Round the Island, IoW, organised by Chris Tyler. There was also the International Rally, Wellesley Island State Park, near the head of the St Lawrence River, USA. Cruising Logs and Articles: BM was looking at ways to encourage more members to submit both; an article for Wayfarer News and a Cruising Log for the library. There had not been so many logs submitted this year. These were often an invaluable source of information for other members looking to undertake similar cruises and allowed others to learn from the experience of others.

**10. R&T Representative's Report**

JM reported that apart from the usual round of enquiries about boat number and plaques, rebuilding guidance and boat history, some time was spent on finalising the rule change proposal for windows in sails. There are two other items in the pipeline: One member was having his sails measured by an ISAF measurer who could find no dimensions for the Wayfarer sail insignia which are alluded to in our rules. This is being addressed and the rules will be augmented shortly. They are now available on line. Secondly: it has been pointed out that some members are using tack strops on their mainsail which, because we have closed rules, is not allowed. If the rules do not say you can, then you can't. JM expected this would be explained in a foot note to the WIC rules shortly.

**11. WIC Rule Change Proposals, as circulated prior to the AGM.**

*Rule change Proposal, windows in sails.*

*Following on from the Heeg meeting and the SWS Dispensation regarding Class rules G3.4 and G4.3.*

*As of 1 April 2016, the SWS have decided to give a dispensation regarding the Class rules G3.4 and G4.3 – Windows in sails.*

*The dispensation allows a total area of windows of 0.5m<sup>2</sup> in mainsail and in foresail as well.*

*The windows can be divided into more windows to secure the strength of the sail. This is to increase safety when sailing.*

*Enclosed below is the existing wording in blue, and the proposed new wording in red.*

## G.3.4 Dimensions

	Minimum	Maximum
Leech length	-	6575 mm
Half width	-	1990 mm
Three-quarter width	-	1110 mm
Top width	-	125 mm
Primary reinforcement	-	380 mm
Secondary reinforcement:		
<i>from sail corner measurement points</i>	-	900 mm
<i>for flutter patches</i>	-	135 mm
<i>for chafing patches</i>	-	300 mm
<i>for batten pocket patches</i>	-	155 mm
Distance from clew point to foot bolt rope	-	76 mm
Distance from tack point to foot bolt rope	-	305 mm
Lower window area	-	800 mm x 350 mm
Upper window – near spreader height, long edge vertical	-	550 mm x 300 mm
Window to sail edge	153 mm	-
Total area of one or more windows		0,5m <sup>2</sup>
Batten pocket length:		
uppermost pocket:		
inside	-	645 mm
other pockets:		
inside	-	805 mm
Batten pocket width:		
inside	-	40 mm
Head point to intersection of leech and centreline of uppermost batten pocket	1280 mm	1380 mm
Clew point to intersection of leech and centreline of lowermost batten pocket	1300 mm	1400 mm

## G.4.3 Dimensions

	Minimum	Maximum
Luff length	-	4170 mm
Leech length	-	4040 mm
Foot length	-	2270 mm
Foot median	-	4115 mm
Top width	-	40 mm
Primary reinforcement	-	325 mm
Secondary reinforcement:		
<i>from sail corner measurement points</i>	-	950 mm
<i>for flutter patches</i>	-	200 mm
<i>for chafing patches</i>	-	600 x 100 mm
Window area	-	800mm x 350 mm

Total area of one or more windows

0,5m2

Window to sail edge

153 mm

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*Rationale. The SWS has noticed an increase in the number of incidents involving boats meeting and either hitting each other or being involved in a close miss situation. The SWS believes that extra window area will increase visibility and help to avoid collisions. The dimensions of the windows and positioning should be left up to the sailmaker to be consistent with good visibility and integrity of the sail. Note, the distance from the sail edge to the window has also been deleted.*

After some discussion, it was agreed that larger windows were a good thing and this proposal gave flexibility to sail makers. The UKWA was the last NCA to vote on this and all others had voted for the proposal. The UKWA voted with 20 for the proposal, None against and no abstained. This was carried.

12. **Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Treasurer and Committee. As per nominations enclosed with AGM papers and received by the Secretary in writing, giving name of proposer and seconder, not less than 45 days before the AGM.**

#### **Nominations Received for the UKWA Executive Committee 2017**

<b>Officers:</b> Elected every year	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Proposed by:</b>	<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Boat No.</b>
Chairman						
Vice-Chairman	John Mellor	W1162	Monica Schaefer	W11152	Sarah Burgess	A1966
Hon. Treasurer	Philip Ayton	A1407	C Hammond	W10716	B Whitney	W10688
Excom (4-10) elected every year						
Racing Sec	Tim Townsend	W11012	John Mellor	W1162	Matt Sharman	W773
Cruising Sec	Andrew Morrice	W6330	Tim Townsend	W11012	Ralph Roberts	W9885
R&T Chairman	John Mellor	W 1162	Monica Schaefer	W11152	Tim Townsend	W11012
Marketing Officer & Irish Rep	Monica Schaefer	W11152	D Nixon	W10939	M McCarthy	A1988
WIC Rep	Ralph Roberts	W 9885	Monica Schaefer	W11152	Jeremy Norman	W247
Wayfarer News Editor	Jeremy Norman	W247	Mark Foreman	W10508	Steve Williams	W9837
Webmaster	Dave Barker	W3177	John Dighton	W10806	Matt Sharman	W773

#### **Committee Members retiring under Rule 22: Ralph Roberts, John Mellor and Matt Sharman.**

**Ralph Roberts** is willing to stand for re-election at this year's AGM. John Mellor is willing to stand as Vice-Chairman: we are seeking a new Chairman.

JM reported that he loved being on the excom but it is time for the UKWA to have a new one. JM would remain as vice-chairman for this year to help a new chairman ease in. There were 5 main committee meetings a year, plus the AGM which were held over Skype, with no travel necessary to take part. Dave Barker was welcomed onto the excom as a new webmaster and was applauded for the work he had already carried out. Dave also managed the boat tents and their hire, and the cruising log library. 20 votes for, none against and no-one abstained. This was carried.

13. **Vice-Chairman to highlight 2017 Areas of Focus** The main area of focus for this year would be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wayfarer in 2018. There would be a special calendar with full colour photos showing Wayfarers over the decades. Members were asked to send in good, high resolution photos for possible inclusion. There would be some adverts. The 2018 National Championships would need a good venue, able to accommodate 100 boats and all that would entail. JM asked members to give Tim Townsend ideas on where this might go, soonest. TT would post a thread on the Members Forum and JM would include a link to this in the next eNews. Russell Perry reported that Ian Pinnell of P&B had offered a set of sails for a boat at the 2018 Dinghy Show, which the UKWA could then keep and use as a prize at the Nationals. Monica Schaefer would speak to Ian Pinnell but asked members to be mindful that we cannot run a big event like that without Hartley Boats, who do not use P&B sails. It was suggested we hold a joint event with the Wanderers?

14. **AOB. None**

15. **Presentation of Trophies**

**Cruising Trophies: The Frank Dye Viking Long ship Trophy.** This trophy had originally been donated by Frank Dye and re-named in his memory, 2011. It was awarded this year, for the best cruising log received during the year, by last year's winner, Boris Morrice W6330. BM had noted that although presented since 1963, there was one noticeable omission and wished therefore to present this trophy to John Mellor – who was absolutely delighted.

**Piers Plowman Trophy:** This was awarded by last year's winner, Colin Shepherd W10975, for the best cruising article published in last years' Wayfarer News to Douglas Young and Family W8819.

**Golden Bucket Trophy:** for services to cruising: originally donated, and made by Ralph Roberts himself, Boris was delighted to award this to Jeremy Norman for all he did as past cruising secretary and now Wayfarer News editor.

**Racing Trophies: The Neil Rushton Trophy** for most improved helm over the last year, was awarded by Tim Townsend to Paul Hughes W11129 of Arun YC and organiser of this year's upcoming National Championships. Paul promised all those attending the event for the best racing circuit, competitive sailing and a marvellous time.

**Ian Proctor Memorial Trophy:** for outstanding services to Wayfaring. Roger Proctor stated that this trophy was very important to his family. This year, he wished to present it to John Norman and Jenny Jeffs for their hard work over the last 11 years organising the Isle of Wight rally from Calshot. Roger said his father, Ian Proctor, was based there at the end of WWII. The Wayfarer class was indebted to them both. John accepted the trophy on behalf of them both, in Jenny's absence. She was sail training elsewhere that day. Roger Proctor then asked to take control of the meeting for a few moments. He said many things had changed since his parents had died 25 years ago. The Wayfarer was an excellent design with a few tweaks along the way. However, the Wayfarer was only as good as the sum of its parts ie the sailors, class members, committee etc. People undertook an amazing amount of work and time to help those newer to the Class. There was a debt of gratitude to those who never asked for it. John Mellor has proved a mainstay within the class since 2008 when he first became cruising secretary. Since then he has been R&T Chairman, executive committee chairman, started the monthly eNews, Instructor, Rally organiser, and competitor at racing events. There was no doubt that the Class would not be where it was today without his leadership over recent years. Roger Proctor wished to propose John Mellor for Honorary Life Membership. This was seconded by Ralph Roberts and all those present.

The meeting closed at 5.21pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

# REPORT AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## Income

- 1 Subscription income was down 6%, regrettably our attrition of numbers continues.
- 2 Insurance commission received from Craftinsure was down 7%, but still very useful, and Craftinsure supports us in other ways with sponsorship at events.
- 3 We sold 116 copies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Wayfarer Book during the year, including 50 to non-members through Amazon or our shop, generating a useful surplus of £1.25k.
- 4 Included in 'Other Income' are the sale of 24 copies of 'The Sea takes No Prisoners' plus some tent hire with a small surplus.

## Expenses

- 5 Administration expenses are essentially stable. Secretarial fees and expenses are up barely 2%, while the higher insurance costs reflect some costs incurred in re-valuing our silver trophies.
- 6 The costs of printing and posting Wayfarer News has been virtually halved. This reflects mainly the decision to produce only two magazines this year, rather than three in the previous year, consequent on the change of Editor, to give Jeremy Norman some time to adapt. There were also some good savings achieved in production costs, as well as some timing differences on Advertising income.
- 7 AGM/Boat Show expenses are now significantly reduced. We are very appreciative of the savings we make by dovetailing into Hartley Boats stand at the Dinghy Show.
- 8 Our website costs have also reduced, while hopefully still giving satisfactory performance to members.
- 9 Depreciation is zero, with all our fixed assets now fully written off.

## Accounts

- 10 We have made a Surplus of £1,119 compared with a Deficit of £1,575 made in 2015. This is largely down to the savings made on production of our Magazines.
- 11 Combined Cash and Bank balances at end-September 2016 were £26.6k compared with £24.9k at end-September 2015.

## Summary

The finances of the Association have started to recover again, despite the continued attrition in our numbers and subscription income, but we have managed to keep expenses within strict limits. The communication with members has changed modestly, with regular electronic newsletters, which we believe are appreciated, but the main magazines and wall planners, which are a feature of our dinghy class, will continue.

## Philip Ayton

Treasurer

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

**UNITED KINGDOM WAYFARER ASSOCIATION  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2016</u>	<u>30 Sep 2015</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions	1	20,634	22,055
Insurance commission received	2	4,806	5,190
Wayfarer Books	3	1,983	2,287
Less Purchases adj for Stock	3	-726	-938
Certs		45	60
Tent hire, other books, clothing & merchandise	4	714	801
Less Purchases & Associated Expenses	4	0	-500
Other receipts & donations		15	106
		<u>27,471</u>	<u>29,061</u>
<b>Administration expenses</b>			
Secretary fees		16,262	15,938
Postage, stationary & computer consumables		2,000	1,976
Insurance		2,288	1,824
	5	<u>20,550</u>	<u>19,738</u>
<b>Wayfarer News</b>			
Covers, printing & postage		5,960	9,287
Editors fees & expenses		1,241	2,460
Less: Adverts		-2,085	-2,210
	6	<u>5,117</u>	<u>9,537</u>
<b>Membership &amp; publicity</b>			
AGM, Reception & Boat show expenses	7	91	363
Web site running costs	8	215	447
		<u>306</u>	<u>810</u>
<b>Other/Miscellaneous</b>			
Wayfarer International Subscriptions		225	105
Net cost of Racing & Cruising events		-76	236
Sundry expenses		231	209
		<u>380</u>	<u>543</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		26,352	30,636
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for year</b>	10	<u>1,119</u>	<u>-1,575</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2016</u>	<u>30 Sep 2015</u>
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	9	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash in hand		750	750
Cash at bank	11	25,890	24,136
Wayfarer Book Stock for sale	3	1,726	2,149
Debtors & prepayments		1,052	1,193
		<u>29,419</u>	<u>28,228</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors & accruals		484	413
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		28,934	27,815
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>28,934</u>	<u>27,815</u>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Accumulated funds brought forward		27,815	29,391
Surplus (Deficit) for year		1,119	-1,575
		<u>28,934</u>	<u>27,815</u>

