

**Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting
of the United Kingdom Wayfarer Class Association
held during the Dinghy Show, Alexandra Palace, London
on Saturday 3 March 2018 at 4.00pm**

1. Notice of Meeting

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

- 2. Apologies for absence** were received from: Mike Lowson W1502, John Norman W7391, John Goudie W11118, Andy Darby W9646, Guy Marks W11120, Michael McNamara W10648, Monica Schaefer W11152, Tony Green W1102 / 9060 and Chris Codling A66.
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting held on Saturday 4 March 2017:** 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 2017 accounts as previously published. Accounts to be found at the end of these minutes. PA confirmed his recommendation that the UKWA could afford to continue to do what it did, within reason. If it is needed: yes. If an indulgence: no. Having said that, there were 2 indulgences this year: the special 2018 60th anniversary calendar and coffee mugs. These would be given to those participating in the Cruising Conference, National Championships and the International Cruising Rally. PA warned there may be a deficit this year. There were no questions regarding the finances and the accounts were agreed. PA was thanked for his continued care with the UKWA's finances.
- 6. Vice-Chairman's Report and review of 2017 Areas of Focus** 2018 calendar: JM wished to thank Jeremy Norman for the wonderful job he made of this. 2018 National Championships: JM thanked Tim Townsend for the enormous amount of time and effort put into organising this event at Castle Cove SC. This was greatly appreciated.
- 7. WIC Report:** Ralph Roberts (RMR) invited the WIC Rule Change proposal re Rule G3.3.3(e) to be voted on under item 11. With 70 entrants so far, RMR informed those present that the upcoming International Cruising Rally, to be held on the Norfolk Broads in September 2018 could well be the *most* International Rally ever. RMR had received interest from members in Ireland, France, Poland, Germany, Croatia, Greece, Italy and Spain, as well as from the other NCAs in Canada, USA, Holland and Denmark. RMR was looking for 100 people, for the event to break even. RMR warmly invited the racing sailors to join in. RMR was warmly thanked for all his hard work organising this event.
- 8. Hon Racing Secretary's report** Tim Townsend (TT) reported that in 2017, there were increased numbers participating in National circuit Series. 2017 held a very successful grand draw, based on participation: 1 ticket per event, with great prizes from CraftInsure, Hartley Boats and McNamara Sails. 2018 Nationals at Castle Cove SC: a very friendly and experienced club. Entries are open. With 23 entries as at the AGM. Early bird offer closes 18th March. 2018 is a special 60th anniversary year which started with a 60th cake and prosecco on the Hartley Boats stand that afternoon. TT would very much like to see 60 boats for the anniversary year. TT and the UKWA were grateful for the generous sponsorship from Craftinsure and Hartley Boats, and could include free beer! TT encouraged all to enter. Over the winter, racing has continued particularly with Andrew and Tom Wilson at the Sailjuice Winter Series. Guy Marks and Sam Pygall at Bough Beech. 2018 NCS: generous sponsorship from CraftInsure. There would be another Grand Draw with support from Craftinsure, McNamara Sails and Hartley Boats. There are 8 events starting at Datchet on 7/8 April and ending at Bough Beech on 10/11 Nov. There is a new venue this year; Swarkestone Sailing Club. Members were invited to look at the Racing calendar on the UKWA website. Event 3 of the NCS is a problem because no ramp at Shoreham SC. Was to be 19/20 May. Now looking for a new venue, or perhaps a later date at Shoreham if at all possible. Racing calendar has details of non-NCS events too, starting at Waldringfield on 1/2 April and including events in Ireland and Scotland as well as the Danish Championships and European Championship at the beginning of July. Europeans will be at Assens in SE Denmark. Assens Sejlklub is putting together an event website and NoR which should be ready in the next few weeks. TT was thanked for all his hard work in organising the racing events.
- 9. Hon Cruising Secretary's Report** Boris Morris (BM) reported that cruising continues to go on, to a vast extent. There were already 47 entrants for the Cruising Conference this March, to be followed by a variety of cruising rallies. BM wished to thank the rally and sail training event organisers for their time and greatly valued help and support. BM would very much like to see new rally organisers come up through the ranks. BM is currently reviewing the Cruising Rally Guidelines and liaising with the RYA. These should be ready in the next month or so. JM wishes to thank BM for all his hard work with the cruising conference, rally programme and guidelines. Greatly appreciated.
- 10. R&T Representative's Report:** JM reported that there had been the usual number of enquiries about old Wayfarers and their history. There had been more International enquiries this year, and JM wished to thank RMR for his help with these. Tack Strop: JM reported that some SWS members were using a tack strop rather than a pin to hold the mainsail onto the boom. JM liaised with the WIC Committee and sought advice from sailmakers. He was advised that there was a distinct advantage using a strop rather than a pin, which can allow the effort to go further back along the mainsail and make a difference. JM received no response from SWS on this. The WIC confirmed that the rules are closed rules, i.e. if it doesn't say you can, you can't. The WIC rules used to specify a pin, but when revised under the new ISAF sail measurement rules, this statement disappeared. However, the WIC stated a tack strop cannot be used. Roger Challis questioned that if a pin is not stated ... JM agreed with Roger and reported that when he asked the WIC about this, it was agreed there would be an amendment added to the end of the rules.

11. WIC Rule Change Proposals, as circulated prior to the AGM. Proposed Wayfarer Class Rule change affecting Mainsail. Rule G.3.3 (e)**Current:**

- (e) The **sail** may have **head** buoyancy fitted. It shall:
- (1) extend a maximum of 967 mm from the **head point**,
 - (2) be a patch on one side of the **sail** forming an opening self draining pocket
 - (3) not extend the **leech** in any way. (i.e. not extend the **leech length** nor extend the **leech** aft).
 - (4) contain only buoyancy material.

Proposed:

- (e) The **sail** may have **head** buoyancy fitted. It shall:
- 1) extend a maximum of 1.22m from the **head point**,
 - (2) be a patch on one side of the **sail** forming an opening self draining pocket
 - (3) a pleat or other extension may be inserted into the patch, provided it is for no other purpose than to facilitate the expansion of a buoyancy bag when inflated.
 - (4) contain only buoyancy material.

Rationale:

Rule 3.3.3 (e) was formulated for the different buoyancy layout of earlier Wayfarer Marks, and is not sufficiently large enough to stop the more buoyant hull design of the later Wayfarer Marks from inverting after a capsize.

Due to the increased size of the buoyancy flotation device needed to prevent an inversion, a pleat needs to be added to the buoyancy patch to allow an air buoyancy bag to expand sufficiently, with the only practical way of achieving this being for the pleat to extend slightly beyond the current leech line.

There can be no possible racing advantage in having a buoyancy patch sewn into the head of the mainsail, and/or for this patch to extend slightly beyond the current leech line.

This proposal was discussed last year. JM confirmed that there would be no advantage for racers, in making the head of the mainsail larger. The UKWA was the last NCA to vote on this, and all other NCAs had approved this proposal. 17 votes were in favour, with none against.

- 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. JM was delighted to welcome Merrin Froggett on to the committee, as our new Wayfarer News editor.

Nominations Received for the UKWA Executive Committee 2018

Officers: Elected every year	Nomination	Boat No.	Proposed by:	Boat No.	Seconded by:	Boat No.
Chairman						
Vice-Chairman	John Mellor	W1162	Matt Sharman	W773	Ralph Roberts	W9885
Hon. Treasurer	Philip Ayton	A1407	Bill Whitney	W10688	Chas Hammond	W10716
Excom (4-10) elected every year						
Racing Sec	Tim Townsend	W11012	Dave Barker	W3177	Ralph Roberts	W9885
Cruising Sec	Andrew Morrice	W6330	Jeremy Norman	W8598	Monica Schaefer	W11152
R&T Chairman	John Mellor	W 1162	Tim Townsend	W11012	Jeremy Norman	W8598
Marketing Officer & Irish Rep	Monica Schaefer	W11152	Sarah Burgess	A1966	Dave Barker	W3177
WIC Rep	Ralph Roberts	W 9885	Matt Sharman	W773	Terry Cook	W9593
Wayfarer News Editor	Merrin Froggett	A1973	Jeremy Norman	W8598	Kay Marriott	W8545
Webmaster	Dave Barker	W3177	Sarah Burgess	A1966	Jeremy Norman	W8598
Trophy Secretary	Nigel O'Donnell	W11189	Tim Townsend	W11012	Ralph Roberts	W 9885

Committee Members retiring under Rule 22: Boris Morris, Monica Schaefer and Jeremy Norman.

Boris Morrice and Monica Schaefer are 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.

Officers and committee were voted for, without any votes against.

13. Vice-Chairman to highlight 2018 Areas of Focus

The 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2018.

Executive Committee meetings: These are now held as conference calls. Previously by Skype, more recently via Google Hangouts, which had proved hideous. JM would seek members' views in the next eNews. Those present recommended persevering with Skype.

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, John Mellor. To Nick Hedger W7699.

Piers Plowman Trophy: This was awarded by last year's winner, Douglas Young and Family W8819, for the best cruising article published in last years' Wayfarer News to Kay Marriott and Merrin Froggett W8545 for their article on their Norfolk Broads cruise.

Golden Bucket Trophy: for services to cruising: originally donated, and made by Ralph Roberts himself, Boris was delighted to award this to Mike Playle W10598. A brilliant Broadsman for all his help with, and organising, Norfolk Broads rallies.

Racing Trophies: The Neil Rushton Trophy for most improved helm over the last year, was awarded by Tim Townsend to Nigel O'Donnell W11189.

Ian Proctor Memorial Trophy: for outstanding services to Wayfaring. Roger Proctor stated that this trophy was very important to his family and in this special Ian Proctor Centenary year, as well as the Wayfarer's 60th Anniversary, he was just delighted that this trophy be awarded to Dave Barker W3177. Dave has not only re-created the UKWA website, looked after the Cruising log library, and Association's Wayfarer tents but has organised, helped and supported numerous cruising rallies and conferences with his sailing and musical abilities. JM added that Dave does so very much for the UKWA, and never asks for any thanks. On behalf of the UKWA, JM offered Dave a very big thank you.

Roger Proctor told how delighted he was to be celebrating his father's Centenary at this Show. There were various IP designs in the Ian Proctor Centenary Corridor, despite 3 boats being unable to make it due to the amount of snow falling the days before the Show. The Centenary Regatta, held at Bosham SC, 2-3 June promised to be a wonderful event with both W1 and W3 present amongst many other IP designs. The committee boat would be a WW2 Air Sea rescue launch #102, which would be quite a sight: Ian Proctor commanded 104. Unfortunately, this weekend did clash with the UKWA Nationals at Castle Cove.

Wansfell Trophy. Liz Feibusch, former Chairman, Commodore and long time Hon. Life member, was delighted to re-award the Wansfell Trophy to Monica Schaefer, from last summer's National Championships. Awarded to an all girl team, or in their absence, the best lady helm at the Nationals.

A notice was read out for the Tidal Training event in April; details on the website.

The meeting closed at 4:56 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

**UNITED KINGDOM WAYFARER ASSOCIATION
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2017</u>	<u>30 Sep 2016</u>
Income			
Subscriptions	1	21,291	20,634
Insurance commission received	2	4,686	4,806
Wayfarer Books	3	2,406	1,983
Less Purchases adj for Stock	3	-701	-726
Certs		44	45
Tent hire, other books, clothing & merchandise	4	525	714
Less Purchases & Associated Expenses	4	-200	0
Other receipts & donations		59	15
		<u>28,110</u>	<u>27,471</u>
Administration expenses			
Secretary fees	5	16,909	16,262
Postage, stationery & computer consumables		2,568	2,000
Insurance		1,972	2,288
	5	<u>21,449</u>	<u>20,550</u>
Wayfarer News			
Covers, printing & postage		6,065	5,960
Editors fees & expenses		801	1,241
Less: Adverts		-2,188	-2,085
	6	<u>4,678</u>	<u>5,117</u>
Membership & publicity			
AGM, Reception & Boat show expenses	7	79	91
Advertising (Yachts & Yachting/Flyers etc)		400	0
Web site running costs	8	398	215
		<u>877</u>	<u>306</u>
Other/Miscellaneous			
Wayfarer International Subscriptions		254	225
Net cost of Racing & Cruising events	4	-98	-76
Sundry expenses		304	231
		<u>460</u>	<u>380</u>
Total Expenses		27,464	26,352
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	9	<u>646</u>	<u>1,119</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2017</u>	<u>30 Sep 2016</u>
Current Assets			
Cash in hand		750	750
Cash at bank	10	27,136	25,890
Wayfarer Book Stock for sale	3	1,209	1,726
Debtors & prepayments		979	1,052
		<u>30,074</u>	<u>29,419</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & accruals		494	484
Net Current Assets		<u>29,580</u>	<u>28,934</u>
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Represented by			
Accumulated funds brought forward		28,934	27,815
Surplus (Deficit) for year		646	1,119
		<u>29,580</u>	<u>28,934</u>

REPORT AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Income

- 1 Subscription income was up 3%, hopefully our attrition of numbers has ended.
- 2 Insurance commission received from Craftinsure was down 2%, but still very useful, and Craftinsure supports us in other ways with sponsorship at events.
- 3 We sold 142 copies of the 5th Edition Wayfarer Book during the year, mainly through our shop or through Amazon (over 50) generating a useful surplus of £1.7k.
- 4 Relatively small 'Other Income' includes net merchandise and tent hire, and we also make a small surplus from our organised race and cruise activities.

Expenses

- 5 Administration expenses are up 4%, with direct Secretarial fees up a similar amount, though indirect expenses have risen more rapidly.
- 6 The costs of printing and posting Wayfarer News has been similar to the previous year, with again 2 magazines produced rather than 3 as in earlier years. This will now probably be the new normal, allowing the Editor to concentrate on maintaining quality standards while allowing more timely articles and notifications to be made via the e-mail newsletters.
- 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 marketing and website costs have increased, albeit to a more normal level now.

Accounts

- 9 We have made a Surplus of £646 compared with £1,119 made in 2016.
- 10 Combined Cash and Bank balances at end-September 2017 were £27.8k compared with £26.6k at end-September 2016, though members should note that this reduces to a little over £15k at the low point of the year in March, just before the next year's subs come in.

Summary

The finances of the Association are continuing to recover, as we have adapted our expenses to the generally lower, albeit now stable, levels of income from members. We can clearly continue to do what we do, while this coming year, we will be indulging in a few extra activities. You will have already received the 2018 Wayfarer Calendar while there are a number of other initiatives being pursued. These may lead to a financial deficit next year, but we believe that the 60th Anniversary of the Wayfarer does warrant some extra celebrating and publicising.

Philip Ayton

Treasurer

January 4th 2018