

**Minutes of the 61th Annual General Meeting
of the United Kingdom Wayfarer Class Association
held during the Dinghy Show, Alexandra Palace, London
on Saturday 2 March 2019 at 4.00pm**

1. **Notice of Meeting**
John Mellor (JM) Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting and warmly welcomed those present. JM was delighted to introduce Greta Plowman: celebrating her 100th birthday this year and a long standing Wayfarer sailor. The Piers Plowman trophy, presented at the AGM is in memory of her late husband.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Andy Darby W9646, Michael McNamara W10648, Liz Feibusch W11000, Simon Winn W8595, Bob and Clare Harland W7658 and Bob Tarn W7526.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on Saturday 3 March 2018:** 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 2018 accounts as previously published. Accounts to be found at the end of these minutes. PA reported that the finances were fine: there had been a couple of indulgences in 2018 arising from the 60th anniversary, costing £2,000. These were the 2018 calendar and the mugs given to the best supporting members at the National Championships. Mugs would be given to those attending this year's Cruising Conference in lieu of the event being cancelled last year due to the weather. Without these indulgences we would have covered our costs last year. Subs were up. PA thanked Craftinsure for their contribution to the Association which was very helpful and much appreciated. We would need to produce further copies of the Wayfarer Book this year: this was not an indulgence but something we must do. There were no questions regarding the finances and the accounts were agreed. PA was thanked sincerely for his continued care with the UKWA's finances.
6. **Vice-Chairman's Report and review of 2018 Areas of Focus** JM reported that 2018 had been a very successful year with membership still increasing. The monthly eNews was proving popular and well received and enabled the committee to publicise things better to members. There had been some superb events including the International Rally which was a huge success.
Wayfarer Book: JM wished to thank Merrin Froggett, our Wayfarer News editor, for agreeing to edit this with the help and support of the content authors. This would be a huge task for which JM and the committee were very grateful.
7. **WIC Report:** Ralph Roberts (RMR) reported that the European Championships held in Denmark last year had a disappointing turnout and weather, but was much enjoyed by those who were there. Won by Michael McNamara.
The International Rally: attended and thoroughly enjoyed by over 100 people and nearly 60 boats.
International Championships 2019 would be held in Ireland in July and combine the UK National Championships and the Irish National Championships: there would again be Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets and RMR had offered to take some cruises for those perhaps in the Bronze fleet who wished to do so.
International Cruising Rally 2019: would be held in Denmark which, RMR appreciated was a long way for people to drive and travel but was an event well worth going to – fantastic sailing venue: won't get a better week's sailing anywhere else. RMR was disappointed with the current sign up so far. RMR was thanked for all he has done for the Class and all NCAs as our International representative.
8. **Hon Racing Secretary's report** Tim Townsend (TT) reported that all 2018 events and results had been previewed and reported on - both on our own website and Y&Y Classes review. 2018 experienced some difficult weather which did affect numbers at the Westerns and Easterns particularly. The Nationals had some foggy and light and drifty weather. 70 boats had taken part in the NCS with 14 qualifying by taking part in 3 or more events which was the same as in 2017 and larger than prior to that. The Prize Draw, held at the Finale in November at Bough Beech was a great success and TT was very grateful to the sponsors and supporters of that and for the prizes donated. There had been new, non NCS events, such as at Hickling Broad who held a one day event. Club racing at Parkstone YC was gaining in strength again and numbers are strong as at Medway YC. Bough Beech Icicle series was dominated by Wayfarers.
2019: The International Championships would be held at Greystones SC, Ireland and would incorporate both the UK and Irish National Championships. This year, UK sailors had the chance of winning the overseas trophy! Monica Schaefer had already gathered lots of sponsorship.
The 2019 National Circuit Series will start in April: details of all events are on the UKWA website under the racing tab. The Prize Draw held at the Finale event at BBSC already had some fabulous prizes; with sponsors from Craftinsure, Hartley Boats, Allen Bros, and P&B Sails. Both MYC and PYC would be holding race training events.
There was some great training resources and racing videos on our website for members to enjoy and perhaps learn from. TT was sincerely thanked for all he has done for the racing Wayfarers and the UKWA.
9. **Hon Cruising Secretary's Report** Boris Morris (BM) reported that Wayfarer Cruising happens: lots of it and it is really strong. Full details of events are on the UKWA website. The Cruising Conference in March is already fully booked, last week's cruise at Brancaster was fully booked, with extra boats squeezed in, other rallies were already filling up and the annual Ullswater Gathering was as popular as ever. BM had 3 wishes: to encourage more people who cruise their Wayfarer to become UKWA members and invited members to encourage those they met on the water to join the UKWA... to encourage more families with children to attend the Ullswater Gathering ... and that 2 or 3 people would emerge to help organise rallies. Lastly, BM would welcome someone to organise the Cruising Conference to help share the cruising secretary workload.
BM was thanked for all his work and input in the cruising events on behalf of members and the UKWA.
10. **R&T Representative's Report:** JM reported that there were no rule change proposals.
11. **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 Mark Foreman on to the committee, as a member without portfolio.

Committee Members retiring under Rule 22: John Mellor, Boris Morris and Monica Schaefer.

John Mellor, 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.

Nominations Received for the UKWA Executive Committee 2019

Officers: Elected every year	Nomination	Boat No.	Proposed by:	Boat No.	Seconded by:	Boat No.
Chairman						
Vice-Chairman	John Mellor	W1162	Monica Schaefer	W11152	Dave Barker	W3177
Hon. Treasurer	Philip Ayton	A1407	Bill Whitney	W10688	Chas Hammond	W10716
Excom (4-10) elected every year						
Racing Sec	Tim Townsend	W11012	Ralph Roberts	W9885	Nigel O'Donnell	W11189
Cruising Sec	Andrew Morrice	W6330	Merrin Froggett	A1973	Tim Townsend	W11012
R&T Chairman	John Mellor	W 1162	Ralph Roberts	W9885	Dave Barker	W3177
Marketing Officer & Irish Rep	Monica Schaefer	W11152	John Mellor	W1162	Nigel O'Donnell	W11189
WIC Rep	Ralph Roberts	W 9885	John Mellor	W1162	Merrin Froggett	A1973
Wayfarer News Editor	Merrin Froggett	A1973	Kay Marriott	W8545	Tim Townsend	W11012
Webmaster	Dave Barker	W3177	Ralph Roberts	W9885	Philip Ayton	A1407
Trophy Secretary	Nigel O'Donnell	W11189	Tim Townsend	W11012	Monica Schaefer	W11152
Member without Portfolio	Mark Foreman	W10508	John Mellor	W1162	Jeremy Norman	W8598

13. Vice-Chairman to highlight 2019 Areas of Focus

2019 International Championships: JM thanked MS for already securing over £5,000 worth of prizes and invited MS to say a few words: MS said 3: Location, location, location. Many had already entered, with many more showing expressions of interest. MS promised lots of fun, from Monday 22 – Friday 26 July. For those who wished to stay longer, there was the Dun Laoghaire Regatta with hundreds of boats the preceding weekend and a truly amazing air show the following weekend, where it was planned to sail down to watch and see the Red Arrows from the water. MS warmly invited as many as possible. There would be Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets. The Bronze fleet would do fewer races (5 in all) and RMR had kindly offered to lead a couple of cruises for the Bronze fleet sailors who wished to do so. MS was very grateful to the generous sponsors. It was intended to be a 'green' event with re-usable water bottles from Craftinsure, Irish Whisky and glasses and coffee and tea with re-usable cups. MS was sincerely thanked for this, and all she has done, to promote Wayfarer sailing and Wayfaring in Ireland.

14. AOB. None

JM invited those present (standing room only) to thank the excom who deserved a big vote of thanks for doing all they do for the benefit of all members. JM thanked SB as Class Secretary.

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, Nick Hedger W7699, to Boris Morris for his series of three YouTube videos detailing his 'Hebrides 2018 journey'. BM accepted the trophy but on behalf of Chris Yerbury who, BM felt was an unsung hero of Wayfarer sailing: an extraordinary sailor.

Piers Plowman Trophy: This was awarded by last year's winner, Kay Marriott and Merrin Froggett W8545, for the best cruising article published in last year's Wayfarer News to John Cadman W2392 for A Weekend on Lundy. John was in the US and his daughter Emma Maddison received the trophy on his behalf from Greta Plowman herself. Greta gave a touching, personal, speech recounting her Wayfaring memories: from Piers talking to Ian Proctor and building their Wayfarer in their back garden, raising the sail for the first time, and their 6 week cruise from England to Poland to unite the people both in the East and West. Greta asked how many of those present had spent 6 weeks in a 16' boat with just one other person? It was a true test of many things!

Golden Bucket Trophy: for services to cruising: originally donated, and made by Ralph Roberts himself, Boris explained that there were many possible nominees. However, he was delighted to award this to Mark Foreman for organising the Ullswater Gathering, with his wife Julie for the last 5 years. A truly wonderful, family week with sailing. MF felt it wasn't just him and Julie but the huge team of others helping and chipping in to help with evening arrangements and sailing leaders, not to mention Ullswater YC.

Racing Trophies: The Neil Rushton Trophy for most improved helm over the last year, was awarded by Tim Townsend to Mike Weighill W11183. In his absence, Mike's crew, Carl Martin received the trophy on Mike's behalf. TT was delighted to present Carl with a framed photo of Mike and Carl racing their Wayfarer last year, with Carl seemingly doing all the hard work and Mike looking very cool..... As it happened, this photo was included in Y&Y preview of the Wayfarer stand at this Dinghy Show - and was much appreciated by all present. It was delightful.

Ian Proctor Memorial Trophy: for outstanding services to Wayfaring. Roger Proctor stated that this trophy was very important to his family and it was now 27 years since his father had died. With great pride and pleasure he presented this trophy to Tim Townsend for his humour, infectious enthusiasm and all his hard work promoting and arranging racing events. An outstanding contribution to the Class. It is not often that Tim is lost for words. JM thanked all those attending and especially Greta's granddaughter, Fay Kenworthy and family for bringing Greta, in her 100th birthday year. Greta was delighted to meet and talk to Roger Proctor and had visibly moved all those present with her Wayfaring tales and memories.

JM declared the meeting closed at 5:05 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

REPORT AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Income

- 1 Subscription income was up 2%, a stable trend, with attrition of numbers ended.
- 2 Insurance commission received from Craftinsure was down 2%, but still very useful, and Craftinsure supports us in many other ways with sponsorship at events.
- 3 We sold 146 copies of the 5th Edition Wayfarer Book during the year, mainly through our shop or through Amazon (over 60) generating a useful surplus of £1.5k.
- 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 down 2%, with mainly savings on insurance, while direct and indirect Secretarial and other admin fees have remained stable.
- 6 The net costs of Wayfarer News has risen 14%, though the direct costs of printing, publishing and posting have been essentially similar to the previous year, with again 2 magazines produced by our new Editor. The decline in advertising offset mainly reflects timing differences.
- 7 The Calendar was a bit of an indulgence to reflect our 60th Anniversary, but well worth it given the heritage involved.
- 8 AGM/Boat Show expenses increased but are low as we still gained considerable savings by dovetailing into Hartley Boats stand at the Dinghy Show.
- 9 Our marketing and website costs are also low and very good value.
- 10 We made a couple of other 'indulgent' expenses to reflect our 60th Anniversary, in order to make a contribution to those members who support us most directly through attending the National Champs or International Rally.

Accounts

- 11 We have made a Deficit of £1,859 compared with a Surplus of £646 made in 2017. Given that there were one-off costs of nearly £3k to reflect our 60th Anniversary, I am satisfied that the underlying trend of trading is positive.
- 12 Combined Cash and Bank balances at end-September 2018 were £25.4k compared with £27.8k at end-September 2017. This is comfortable.

Summary

The finances of the Association are fine, even continuing to recover. We have adapted our expenses to the generally lower, albeit stable, levels of income from members, while still having a few indulgences. We can clearly continue to do what we do, and may be in a position to take on a few more, which this year has to include a reprint or update of the Wayfarer Book.

Philip Ayton

Treasurer

January 7th 2019

**UNITED KINGDOM WAYFARER ASSOCIATION
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2018</u>	<u>30 Sep 2017</u>
Income			
Subscriptions	1	21,621	21,291
Insurance commission received	2	4,590	4,686
Wayfarer Books	3	2,483	2,406
Less Purchases adj for Stock	3	-945	-701
Certs		86	44
Tent hire, other books, clothing & merchandise	4	365	525
Less Purchases & Associated Expenses	4	0	-200
Other receipts & donations		87	59
		<u>28,287</u>	<u>28,110</u>
Administration expenses			
Secretary fees	5	17,009	16,909
Postage, stationary & computer consumables		2,695	2,568
Insurance		1,253	1,972
	5	<u>20,956</u>	<u>21,449</u>
Wayfarer News			
Covers, printing & postage		6,061	6,065
Editors fees & expenses		786	801
Less: Adverts		-1,530	-2,188
	6	<u>5,317</u>	<u>4,678</u>
Calendars			
Covers, printing & editorial	7	1,877	
Postage etc		513	
Less: Sponsorshio/Sales		-603	
		<u>1,787</u>	
Membership & publicity			
AGM, Reception & Boat show expenses	8	258	79
Advertising (Yachts & Yachting/Flyers etc)		186	400
Web site running costs	9	255	398
		<u>700</u>	<u>877</u>
Other/Miscellaneous			
Wayfarer International Subscriptions		245	254
Net cost of Racing & Cruising events	4	-183	-98
RYA/Misc expenses		229	304
		<u>291</u>	<u>460</u>
Total Expenses		29,051	27,464
Surplus before depreciation & non recurring costs		<u>-764</u>	<u>646</u>
Mugs + Polos Net Cost	10	-1,095	
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	11	<u>-1,859</u>	<u>646</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Notes	<u>30 Sep 2018</u>	<u>30 Sep 2017</u>
Current Assets			
Cash in hand		750	750
Cash at bank	12	24,701	27,136
Wayfarer Book Stock for sale	3	677	1,209
Debtors & prepayments		2,143	979
		<u>28,272</u>	<u>30,074</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & accruals		551	494
Net Current Assets		<u>27,721</u>	<u>29,580</u>
Net Assets		<u>27,721</u>	<u>29,580</u>
Represented by			
Accumulated funds brought forward		29,580	28,934
Surplus (Deficit) for year		-1,859	646
		<u>27,721</u>	<u>29,580</u>

