



Castle Cove Sailing Club Annual General meeting 2020.

AGM Minutes

Held at 7.30pm, Friday 13th November 2020 via Zoom.

Commodore David Brock, **Vice Commodore** Andy Adler, **Rear Commodore Sailing** Ian Green, **Rear Commodore Shore** Grace Martin, **Honorary Sailing Secretary** Monica Wolfe, **Honorary Treasurer** Elizabeth Bowers, **Honorary Secretary** Colin Munz.

Members Representatives Debbie Bowers, Diane Fowler, Mike Wade, Nigel Page, Phil Tysoe.

Club Members Attendance: 81 Zoom participants including 9 telephone dial ins.

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1	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>The Commodore, David Brock welcomed members to the 2020 AGM, with the following address:</p> <p>It is great to see some many people on the meeting tonight. Due to the restraints caused by an online meeting we have deliberately kept the agenda to the bare minimum required by the constitution.</p> <p>Section 12.2 of the Handbook gives very clear guidance on what business can be conducted at the AGM which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passing the Accounts• Election of Officers• Election of Honorary Members• Discussion of business either ordered by the committee or submitted to the Secretary 28 days before the AGM <p>The online format and the focused agenda may make this meeting seem more like a presentation but, we want to keep you engaged in all the activities at the club this year and encourage questions where possible.</p> <p>We asked for people to email their questions to the secretary 48 hours before the meeting and we will address all written questions after the Treasurer has given her report. We will try to answer questions raised during this meeting or under Any Other Business although we are not permitted to conduct business that is not listed on the agenda. It may not be possible to get to every question in a timely manner but please feel free to email anyone on the committee or contact one of the Members Reps if you have any issues you wish to raise that we don't cover tonight.</p> <p>If you wish to speak then you can simply raise your hand to your camera and I will come to you in turn. Please be patient as people are spread across several screens on my computer and it can be difficult to see who has their hand raised.</p> <p>There is also a chat function where you can type questions, raise points or respond to issues.</p> <p>Please bear with us if there are any technical issues but following the success of the last club Zoom meeting in June, I am confident that we will have a productive AGM tonight.</p> <p><i>Procedural Matters</i></p> <p>Details of how to participate in this Zoom meeting were emailed out earlier in the week. Although you can dial in by telephone to listen to the meeting, you should join over the internet if you wish to see the participants, use the chat function or vote.</p> <p>We will be using the Poll functionality in Zoom to take any votes.</p>	

This means that you have to be logged into the Zoom meeting via the internet to be able to vote. If two people are sharing one device then they will only be able to make one vote. The second person can also log in via a second device to register their vote if they want to. Unfortunately voting by telephone will not be possible. There is a record function in Zoom but we will not be recording this meeting. We will capture and store any relevant text entered into the chat function to help with the minutes. We will also be saving the voting record of any polls taken.

Business

The agenda and Officers' reports have already been shared on the members side of the Castle Cove website.

I would like to start with apologies by asking our Hon Treasurer Colin Munz to let us know who has already offered apologies and whilst he is doing that, if you know of anyone who has offered their apologies then please type their name into the chat function. Colin, over to you.

2 **Apologies**

Apologies received by Hon Sec from: Debbie Bowers, Bob and Immy Turner.

3 **Minutes of 2019 AGM and Actions Arising**

The 2019 AGM minutes were posted in the membership area of the CCSC website.

Actions Arising and Commodore's Response

Pictures of the committee

At the last AGM we discussed displaying pictures of the committee members at the club. I have the frame and the committee members have emailed me their pictures however events this year have rather overtaken this task and it was not completed. I will aim to get the pictures of the new committee members up as soon as possible.

Club barrow

A second barrow was requested at the last AGM. A second one is available however it is currently being used to move the oxyacetylene bottles around. An alternative for the bottles has been approved and once we are through the current Covid lockdown it will be purchased so that members can use the second barrow going forward.

Extension of the ferry service timetable

The AGM agreed to extend the ferry service to allow more cover in the evenings. Paul Cottrell devised a pilot extension to the rota. However due to Covid that rota was not enacted. We will look again at the extended rota for 2021.

Use of Club Boats

A club boat usage policy was requested. It was produced and circulated last December. This is currently under revision and a new one will be available soon.

Winch for Dinghies

A Winch for Dinghies was discussed at the last AGM and has been investigated by the Operations Group. The main issue is around safety of operation and a capstan arrangement is considered the best approach. Implementation has been on hold this year, but we are looking to move this forward in 2021.

Raising the Maximum Age for Cadets from 18 to 21

The 2019 AGM asked to committee to look at Raising the Maximum Age for Cadets from 18 to 21. It is helpful to differentiate membership between children and adults so we would like to keep the cut off at 18. However, we do want to encourage young sailors so we have a Junior membership from aged 18 up to aged 24 at the start of the year. The Junior membership is offered at a rate of £71 compared to the ordinary single membership of £152. We currently have 11 Junior members.

Matters from the Floor

No matters were raised from the floor.

Member voting

Do you accept the minutes of the 2019 AGM? Votes for, 72 - carried unanimously

4 Commodores Report

Twelve months ago, last November, we were all together, celebrating the year at the annual dinner at the Fodder Shed in Bincombe and awarding the trophies for a successful year of sailing. It was a great event and thank you to Helen Rollinson for organising it. After that came galley chef and so we moved on into December for the fabulous Ladies Sailing party with its theme of Under the Sea. Little did we know that at that time, far away in China Covid-19 had started to spread.

2020 started with more social events and I would like to offer a big thank you to our social committee, all the volunteers and particularly Ann Varlow for organising the many lovely evenings we have had at the club throughout the Winter.

In January we started the Winter working parties most ably lead by Barry Grant and a great deal of work was done on improving the club including;

- Replacement of the perimeter fence and installation of additional security measures
- Resurfacing and repair of the club access road and verge
- Yellow lining, including disabled parking area
- Installation of a new upper car park fence
- Strengthening of the sea wall and jetty with concrete bagging
- The replacement of the galley floor
- Cleaning, repairing, maintaining the club mooring, safety, committee and ferry boats
- The annual garden maintenance
- The addition of concrete hardstanding created adjacent to club crane
- The creation of the new concrete step and access to garden area
- Jet washing the slipways
- Tidying and rearranging the boat park
- Working on moorings, and
- Many other tasks beside.

There are many people who have worked on these projects through the winter working parties and over the summer. Thank you to all of you. I would like to make special mention to Malcolm Spicer, Rosemary Spicer, Alan McDine, Barry Scutt, Nigel Jaggard, John Kirby, Colin Munz, Barry Grant, Keith Williams, Andrew Greenshields, Mike Conroy, Bob Todd, Bill Barker, Dick Moore, John Harrington, Graham Allinson and Steve Green, all of whom have gone out of their way to keep the club infrastructure running. There are many more volunteers who I don't have time to name and I thank you all for your hard work.

The club simply cannot function without the many volunteers who contribute so much to the running of the club. We are all indebted to them and thank you for everything you have done. For those who are new to the club or, who find they have some extra time on their hands, I encourage you to reach out and join one of the volunteering groups. There is a great deal of satisfaction to be had from putting something back into the club and it is a great way to meet people and make friends. Thank you everyone for your time and energy - it is what make Castle Cove a great place.

The Winter weather was awful at times, with storm Ciara hitting at the start of February when winds reached 97mph at the Needles, followed later in the month by storm Dennis. By then we had heard about Covid-19 in other countries but, we had scarcely registered that the coming health storm would be worse than anything we had seen on the water.

On 28 Feb the first UK case of Covid-19 was confirmed. In March it became apparent that strict social measures would be necessary and there was great uncertainty of what that would mean. I am sure you will remember the empty supermarket shelves as people began stocking up on food. The Dinghy Dinner was cancelled on 14 March. Mothering Sunday, 22 March was a beautiful day but was also the last day the club was open. That evening the general committee agreed measures to restrict activities but, with only 11 confirmed

cases in Dorset, there was a lingering hope that we might return to sailing by the end of the season. The next day the first death in Dorset was reported and the Prime Minister announced the total lock down, bringing the country to a halt.

From that point on we were in uncharted territory and the way the club has run this year has been completely different than any year since the club started in 1923. I have been continually and repeatedly impressed by the volunteering ethos of so many members in the club. I have always known that we are a self-help group of sailors but, I have been amazed by just how much time and effort everyone has put into getting us all through this most difficult year. The ingenuity, flexibility and creativity shown by so many people has allowed us to enjoy a large part of the summer even if the sailing has been much reduced.

In particular, I would like to thank all of the General Committee who put far, far more time into running the club than was expected when they were voted on last year. The club house team led by Grace Martin have done extraordinary work in making us covid secure and allowed us to open facilities as soon as was possible. Fortunately, we have a number of people on the committee who work in health care including Nigel Page, Diane Fowler and Andy Adler, all of whom have worked tirelessly to ensure that our covid response has been at the highest professional level. I cannot thank everyone enough for the time and effort they have put into keeping the club running.

The first lock down was difficult and, I would like to thank every club member for doing their bit in observing the restrictions and helping the club where they could. It was a strangely quiet spring with the club being mothballed when sailing should have been at its busiest. People did still stay in touch and I would like to thank Jon Emmett for running the virtual sail racing both during that first lockdown and now during the new and improved lockdown 2.0. I would also like to thank Mike Conroy for running the virtual cruises earlier in the season. After much deliberation we took the difficult decision not to launch the keelboats. At that time the epidemiological modelling predicted that after lockdown finished people would socialise, the virus would spread and further lockdowns would be required. Many boat owners and key members of the lift team were shielding and even if we got the boats onto the water, there was no guarantee that we would be able to maintain access to the moorings either for sailing or essential safety checks. With a heavy heart we cancelled the lift in. I know that that was a disappointment for the keelboat sailors and also greatly inconvenienced the dinghy sailors through the loss of a large part of the boat park over the summer and I thank everyone for their tolerance and understanding during this difficult time. The management of the boat park has been particularly difficult this year and I would like to thank Jo Young and Ian Green for their infinite patience and creative flexibility to accommodate as many boats as possible on site.

The future of the lift in has received a lot of work this year. Our illustrious Vice Commodore, Andy Adler, has led the Operations Group whilst they consider the many possible ways forward. Lifting the boats using the 100T crane remains the most cost-effective way forward and is the preferred solution for lift-in in Spring 2021. The repair work on the club approach road has improved access on the Castle Cove site however, the subsidence along Old Castle Road in March and the subsequent traffic light system has highlighted how fragile our road access is. A technical report was produced in July on behalf of the Council and a method for stabilisation was agreed between the Council and the developer in August, to be completed this Autumn. It is important that we consider the road environment and the wishes of our neighbours along Old Castle Road so, we continue to investigate alternatives to using a 100T crane. The Operations Group is in the process of preparing a paper that looks at all of the alternative ways that we can store keelboats and the impact of the different solutions on both keelboat owners and dinghy sailors. That work is ongoing and will report in due course.

The pontoons team under the excellent leadership of Nigel Jaggard have revolutionised our pontoon system. Some of you will have been involved in the unpleasant tasks of the annual maintenance and painting of the old metal tanks supporting the pontoons and will be

relieved to hear that they have been retired. Thanks to Nigel, Barry Scutt, Alan McDine, Malcolm Spicer and the pontoon team we now have a plastic flotation system that is much lower maintenance and can be lifted by the club crane rather than relying on a bi-annual lift with the 100T crane. This has the potential to extend access to safety boats from the club well into the Winter season so will benefit our dinghy sailors. Thank you for this much needed improvement.

A key part of our infrastructure are our moorings which are under the direction of our Moorings Officer, Dick Moore. He has worked tirelessly to coordinate the moorings work with the availability of our moorings boats Grafter and Celtic Lady and the operation of our crane. Thanks to Dick and his volunteers we have refurbished the race marks and laid moorings for the new pontoon. The winter storms were the usual problem but prior to lockdown we had completed the majority of the annual inspections. This summer has been a real challenge but overall the planning for the forthcoming work on the moorings is in good shape. Dick stands down after serving his 3 years on the committee as Moorings Officer but also many years before that in various roles across the club. Dick has been a stalwart supporter of Castle Cove and has invested an enormous amount of time and energy over the years to keep the club running and we all offer him our heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Thanks Dick.

Sadly, as well as some great progress this year, the club has seen the passing of some of our members including John Budd who died in December and Brian Wilkins who died in May. John started the tradition of UKWA Wayfarer rallies based at Castle Cove and was always a calm and gentle sailor. Brian had been a member of Castle Cove for most of his life and was involved in many pivotal moments of the club from when it moved from a wooden hut on the beach to the land above Castle Cove and then to its current site. We will miss both of them.

The first lockdown did eventually end and, we got back to sailing with informal racing starting in July. Ian Green, Monica Wolff, the sailing committee and the Class Captains have done a brilliant job of implementing covid-19 secure sailing practices which has enabled us to get back on the water. Well done to all of them for their hard work. Sail4All has been extremely popular in its new format and the Cruising Keelboats managed to get over to the Solent and Mupe Bay with a good number of boats attending. In October we hosted a Topper Open and thank you to Andy Adler and the organising team for all the hard work in bringing that event together.

Several club members have also done well in outside events. Well done to Oliver Allen-Wilcox who came 1st in the ICLA 4 Fleet at the Laser Nationals, Jon Emmett who came 1st in the Laser Radials in Laser Masters European Championships in Andora & Sam Pascoe who came 3rd in the Musto Nationals. The cadets had 9 competitors take part in the S&SW British Junior Championships in very windy weather! It was Bruno Greenfield's first event outside the club and Ben Adler and Amelie Hiscocks both got 3rd, well done to all who entered.

Throughout the summer many people have taken advantage of club facilities for informal sailing and to just enjoy the beach and the beautiful bit of the world we live in. Although we do go to great efforts to arrange both sailing and social events there is enormous pleasure in using the club informally. In this, a most trying of years, with so many restrictions, getting outside has been more important than ever. Thank you to everyone who has simply turned up and kept supporting the club in their own way. Despite the lack of organised events the membership has remained strong. Existing members have maintained their memberships and new members have seen the advantages of a local club so ideally situated next to the harbour.

Our membership numbers have actually increased this year from 641 last November to 656 this October. Inevitably a few people have left but we have had 37 new memberships this year compared with 30 last year. I would like to thank Carol Green and Paul Simpson for

their work managing the memberships and all those on the committee who have found time to show new members around. This increase is particularly impressive given the national trend for declining memberships of sailing clubs and yet again shows what a dedicated and friendly group of volunteers we have at Castle Cove. Well done everyone!

For new members or people wanting to better understand how the club works, I recommend you look at the club handbook. This is a very useful resource, and I would like to once again thank Steve Green for putting together the handbook this year. As always it was a great publication. Thanks Steve.

Volunteering is a key part of the club ethos and matching people to tasks is an enormous undertaking which Gareth Jones has executed superbly this year. We started with a full rota and then everything was thrown up in the air by covid so Gareth did it all again to get us back on the water in the summer. Well done Gareth you have done a great job.

The changes in how we have run the club this year has impacted on our finances. Our treasurer Elizabeth Bowers will shortly be going through the accounts but I want to say a big thank you to Elizabeth for taking on the role and also to Anne Midona, our treasurer from last year who has unexpectedly had delay her house move and has been a great support to Elizabeth this year. I would also like to thank our assistant treasurer Mike Harden who has managed all our insurance requirements this year. Both Elizabeth and Mike are stepping down this year, but Fiona Grant has been shadowing the treasurer role, so I am confident for the future.

As expected, finances have been difficult but, we have more or less broken even this year, thanks in no small part to a £25k government grant. Looking ahead we can expect 2021 to be more financially challenging than this year as we are unlikely to get a further grant and there will be no income from social events over the Winter. In 2021 we are likely to make a loss however with net current assets of £68k we are in a strong position to get through to the 2022 season in a good position. Financial management will remain a strong focus for the committee over the coming year.

We have a number of officers standing down this year and we have some gifts to recognise their contributions. At a normal AGM I would ask them to come to the front so that I can thank them each personally but it is a great failing of an online meeting that I cannot do that, so I would like to thank:

Dick Moore as Moorings Officer

Monica Wolff as Sailing Secretary

Elizabeth Bowers as Treasurer

Mike Harden as Assistant Treasurer

Debbie Bowers as Members Rep, and

Mike Wade as Members Rep

Thank you for your hard work and I have a gift for each of you which I will present once Covid allows. Thank you.

Watching over everything we do are our 4 Trustees; Barry Grant, Bob Turner, Derek Abbott and Ralph Painter. Throughout the year they have been very supportive of the committee and I would like to thank them for their wise advice. This year Barry Grant is stepping down as a Trustee and from his many other roles in the club. It is very difficult to over-state what a massive support Barry has been to the club and we will come on to that later in the agenda, but thank you Barry. Replacing Barry on the board of Trustees is Richard Bowers, a life-long supporter of Castel Cove who I am sure will represent the members well. Thank you, Richard, for taking on the job.

I would like to end by saying that things will get better. It has been a privilege to serve as your Commodore this year but, as some of know, my main work is as a Project Manager for clinical trials.

Currently I am managing a global clinical trial for a new Covid vaccine and I want to let you know that the mood across the industry is very buoyant. This week the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine reported over 90% efficacy and there are 55 other vaccine trials currently ongoing across the world so, it is probable that a vaccine will be available soon. A vaccine coupled with improvements in Covid treatments and improvements in test, track and isolate will provide us with a path out of the current crisis. Now is not the time drop our guard but, if we follow sensible precautions for a few more months, I believe that although we won't be fully back to normal straight away, there is every reason to be optimistic that the 2021 sailing season will be a significant improvement over this year.

I have spoken for quite long enough so now I would like to hand you over to our treasurer Elizabeth Bowers who will take us through last year's accounts.

5 **Honorary Treasurer's Report**

This report and account summaries are posted online on the members area of the CCSC website. Hon Treasurer Elizabeth Bowers reported to the AGM as follows:

I am pleased to present the CCSC accounts for the year 2019-2020. The accounts are being verified and prepared by Jon Tate at Albert Goodman LLP; we haven't received them back yet so there will be a delay in calculating the depreciation. Last year it was £17,000 so I am assuming it will be similar this year. This will reduce our surplus for the year down to around £3,000. Both the Profit and Loss accounts and the Balance Sheet have been filed on the club website together with a copy of this report. The Profit and Loss accounts are always compared to the previous year so that members can identify any changes in funds, but this year there will be many discrepancies due to the lack of certain income and expenditure streams.

The income the club receives from membership fees and boat park/mooring fees helps to fund the essential running costs of the club. Any surplus can then be used by the Forward Planning Committee to improve and upgrade the club facilities in line with suggestions from the membership and the club's long-term plan. Due to the increased cash reserves built up by the club in the 2018-2019 financial year it has been possible to fund a wide range of improvements to the clubhouse. Site repairs include nearly £5000 for preparing and resurfacing the approach road. The capital expenditure of over £8500 covered the cost of CCTV installation and a new pressure washer for cleaning the slipway. Funding has also gone towards the new pontoons.

The Profit and Loss sheet

The Profit and Loss sheet shows an income of £168,698 and expenses of £149,703 resulting in a net income of £19,994. As the bulk of the club's income is provided by the membership fees, maintaining membership numbers is essential to the financial viability of the club. The membership income total of £52,347 includes all the annual payments associated with club membership including annual fees, joining fees and group membership. This total is down slightly due to a reduction in returning members and new memberships.

Boat Park fees have remained broadly similar to previous years but due the keelboats not being launched this year the income from the mooring fees has dropped significantly. The club was unable to host as many open meetings or events as last year so the income from the galley and social events has also dropped.

The club secured a grant for £25,000 and has claimed £2,140 from the HMRC Job Retention Scheme. Additional income, Rosemary Spicer's exercise group raised an amazing £937.36 this year, but the cheque was not paid in before the end of the financial year and will be carried across to next year's total. Mooring work has not yet been billed and this will also appear in next year's accounts. We received £1,000 from the Yacht Clubs of Weymouth which was put towards subsidised club training.

The club's expenses this year have also decreased, galley supplies and mooring expenses have fallen, as well as drivers' and ferry boat costs. This has resulted in an increased net profit of £19,994 compared to £13,126 for the last financial year. Refund payments exceeding £4000 were made to all Members who paid Portland Harbour fees or who removed their dinghies from the boat park to allow the keel boats to remain in place over the season.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows that the club maintains a healthy financial position. Bank interest is now very low and we continue to receive a modest sum on our cash reserves. We have a long-term liability of the club's loan which currently stands at £70,926.

I must give a huge thank you to Anne Midona not just for passing on her knowledge, but also handling both the grant and the furlough scheme, I can't thank you enough. I would like to thank Mike Harden for his work as Assistant Treasurer and for stepping in when I was absent. I would also like to thank all the members of the General Committee, the Forward Planning Committee and the Commodore for their support.

Members questions on the accounts

Mike Conroy

Q1. I cannot see a list of Fixed Assets with the balance sheet info on the members website. I assume the figures are available without depreciation and it would be helpful if this could be included.

A1. The accountants have not yet completed the depreciation for this year, so we have been unable to include it in the accounts. It is likely to be similar to last year which was £17,100 and will be included as soon as it is available.

Q2. The Cruisers held a supper and a Dinner in the account period. The supper is shown in the Social Events section but no entry for the £551.80 for the Dinner paid to the club on the 9th March. Perhaps this is included in the overall figure in the item DD2019- £2881.00. It would be helpful if this was clear.

A2. This has been entered as a line item 'events' in the Total Galley section. This highlights the need for consistent coding in our finance system.

Paul Simpson

Q3. On page 2, under Total membership fees we have a line called Mooring fees with an income of £4936. How does this relate to last years' figures as this entry was absent last year?

A3. Although Total mooring annual fee on page 2 has dropped from £12,781 to £7,187, there is an additional line in the 2020 account for £4,936 so the total this year is £12,123 which is a drop of £658. When both lines are taken together this is not a significant drop.

Q4. I note that in the Treasurers report there is a comment that billing for mooring work will be carried over to next FY - it's very disappointing that this has not happened in year.

A4. Managing the club finances is complicated. It is a steep learning curve for any new Treasurer and there has been a delay in issuing and chasing a small number of invoices. Going forward we have a strong moorings team, and we are looking for volunteers to support the incoming treasurer. If anyone would like to volunteer, please could they contact either the incoming treasurer or the Commodore.

Q5. Page 4 'Mooring expenses' show an income of £1009.77 - where does this come from?

A5. This is a negative expense hence an income and should have been recorded against Mooring Income. It relates to a number of rebates and has been coded against the incorrect line item.

I now ask you to approve the accounts for 2019/2020.

Proposer: Elizabeth Bowers *Secunder:* Sarah Lloyd

Member Voting

Do you accept the 2019 accounts? – Votes for, 72 - carried unanimously.

6 Officers Reports and Questions

Reports are posted online in the members area of the CCSC website. Response to members' questions submitted in writing to Hon Sec (sec@ccsc.org.uk) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Members questions on the Officer's Reports
 There were no questions on Officer's Reports

7 Officer Elections
Nominations for Election at 2020 AGM – 11 Nominations

7.1 Commodore

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
David Brock	Ian Green	Monica Wolff

7.2 Vice-Commodore

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Andy Adler	Monica Wolff	Grace Martin

7.3 Rear Commodore - Sailing

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Ian Green	Monica Wolff	Diana Gill

7.4 Rear Commodore - Shore

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Grace Martin	Nigel Page	Monica Wolff

7.5 Honorary Treasurer

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Fiona Grant	Andy Adler	Nigel Page

7.6 Honorary Sailing Secretary

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Richard Bowers	Ian Green	Monica Wolff

7.7 Moorings Officer

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Clive Fowler	Monica Wolff	Alison Stephens

7.8 Five Members Representatives

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Second</i>
Diane Fowler	Sarah Lloyd	Nigel Page
Nigel Page	Diana Gill	Alison Stephens
Phil Tysoe	Nigel Page	Sarah Lloyd
Adam Bowers	Richard Bowers	David Brock
5 th place vacant		

Member Voting

Do you agree to appoint all 11 officers where only one individual is nominated for each position? – Votes for, 72 - carried unanimously

For the 5th Members Representative vacancy, Charlie Camm was proposed by Colin Munz and seconded by Phil Tysoe

Member Voting

Do you agree to appoint Charlie Camm to the fifth vacant position of members Representative? – Votes for, 68 - carried unanimously

8 Election of Honorary Members

On behalf of the General Committee of Castle Cove Sailing Club, Phil Tysoe proposed that Barry and Liz Grant be awarded Honorary Memberships in recognition of their immense service to the club. He addressed the AGM as follows:

Good evening everyone.

I've been a member of Castle Cove for 5 years now – which is a barely the blink of an eye in terms of who I'm here to talk about.

To me, it is a truly great club. We have

- fantastic facilities
- a fantastic location
- a great program of activities each year
- and a wonderful atmosphere

What is remarkable to me is that all of this is built upon people volunteering their time and effort.

Of course, generally we switch around every so often to keep the burden on individuals down.

However, at the core of the club we have a group who I think of as the club 'legends'.

They've put so much into the club for so many years that they are as much a part of the club as the clubhouse itself.

Two of those legends are Barry and Liz Grant: The timescales around their membership are just staggering.

As I said before, I have only been here for 5 years so I have to give thanks to several of their many long-time friends in the club who kindly helped me with some history:

- No-one is really certain, but on average I've ascertained that they joined the club in the mid-1960s – that's around 55 years ago, and means they have been members for well over half of the clubs entire existence
- Originally they sailed a Viking together – a 16' Clinker Built dinghy. I've since learned that this was a class originally designed and built by members of Castle Cove and that there were around 10 in the club.
- From there it was over to Scorpions, then a Fireball, then a J24, before Barry returned Fireballs - specifically 'Kangarouge', which I gather his son Mark bought on a whim and restored

That's a short sailing history, but of course this is really about all that they have done for the club.

I think it's fair to say that Barry has held just about every post in the club at some stage, and some of them for an astonishing number of years:

- He was Commodore from 1985 to 1988
- He was Vice-commodore for the 3 years before that, and has been Vice-Commodore again since then
- He's also been the Sailing Secretary
- And Cadet Officer
- Since 2002 he has been a trustee of the club and been part of the Forward Planning Committee
- For countless years he has also run the protest committee for events held at the club
- Since 1975 he has been our representative and treasurer for 'the Yacht Clubs of Weymouth coordinating committee'

And then of course, the role we all associate him with: the clipboard wielding Grounds Manager. His history with this role goes back to the mid 1970's and work-parties at the old clubhouse.

As an aside: Barry once told me that the wiring for the burglar alarm at the old clubhouse ran directly to his house. In case anyone is not familiar with the geography, that would have meant running a cable:

- Over a road

- Through a railway embankment
- Over his vegetable patch
- Across a footpath
- And cautiously around Liz's flower-bed
- And all that probably done under cover of darkness....

This ingenuity probably explains why he has been our Grounds Manager since we moved to the current site. I've been involved in helping the transition to our new grounds manager and from the records I've had a glimpse of the vast amount of work that has gone into shaping the site to our needs over the years, as well as maintaining it.

The last couple of years in particular have seen a huge amount of work done, with the fence replacement, road resurface, various areas concreted - and all of it had to be prepared and planned before the winter work parties got anywhere near it – that must have taken a vast amount of time and effort. In summary, as Barry steps back from the Grounds Manager role he has left us in great shape.



Of course, Barry is extremely lucky because he has Liz supporting him all the way. You cannot be as involved as Barry has been without your partner backing you. Fortunately for us, Liz understands because she has also been a major contributor to the club. She was the membership secretary at a time when that was a paper rather than digital exercise. In these days where we can copy, paste, print, or blast off an e-mail to the entire membership in a few clicks of a mouse I find it hard to imagine how much work that must have been – and she did it for a lot of years.

Also Liz has been custodian of the club keys and played a big part in running the club's social program through her time on the social committee. I gather that fancy

dress events were a favourite from the 60s through to the 90s.



Throughout their time in the club they have been great supporters at all social events, plus of course, they have run their own - trying to bring out the latent dance talents of the membership with their popular dance class evenings.

As I'm sure everyone knows, their speciality is the Argentine Tango although the evenings have featured allsorts including more recently the Charleston.

I have just 2 arms, 2 legs and no coordination whatsoever, so I still can't figure out how Barry and Liz manage to get 100 bodies and 200 arms and legs to work in harmony in an evening!

On the theme of dance I will just share a couple of photo's that I've found. The first brought a smile to my face. I'm going to assume it is some kind of training for the Argentine Tango.

The second is a lovely picture of the great couple ready to take to the floor in a Charleston.

I would like to finish on an image of sailing: Barry was 80 last August. 3 days after his 80th we were screaming across the bay in nearly 20 knots of wind in the Fireball (might have been me doing the screaming). I was stretched right out on the trapeze, Barry hiking out like a teenager and both of us grinning like

school-kids. As I said at the beginning, he's a club legend and I count myself lucky to sail with him.
 Barry and Liz, thank you for all that you have done to help build this great club. At this difficult time I hope that you are fully aware of the esteem and affection for you within it. On behalf of the General Committee of Castle Cove Sailing Club it is my great privilege and honour to propose that Barry and Liz Grant be awarded Honorary Memberships in recognition of their immense service. Thank you
 The membership endorsed Phil's warm words and thanked him for his proposal.

Member Voting

Do you agree to the offer of honorary membership to Barry and Liz Grant?

Votes for, 70 – carried unanimously.

9 Proposed Joining and Subscription Fees for 2021

Owing to the lack of sailing possible in 2020 due to Covid-19 the committee proposes to keep 2021 joining & subscription fees at the same rate as 2020 as shown below:

Membership

Family	£ 188.50	
Ordinary	£ 152.00	
Junior	£ 71.00	
Cadet	£ 27.00	
Discretionary	£ 33.50	
Temporary	O/A	
Group	O/A	

Joining Fees plus key & fob deposit

	Joining	Key & Fob
Family	£ 30.00	£ 24.00
Junior	£ 20.00	£ 24.00
Cadet	£ 15.00	£ 24.00

Member Voting

Do you agree to the proposed Joining and subscription fees for 2021? – Votes for, 70 - carried unanimously

12 Any Other Business

- Pete Bell thanked the Club and Committee for a good year of sailing, when possible.
- Sarah Lloyd thanked David B for a well run Zoom meeting – not easy.
- Dianna Gill noted the terrific achievement of our member Alex Adams coming third in the Moths National against a very strong field of mostly professionals.
- Clive Fowler invited any members with issues relating to moorings to contact him for any advice and help.
- Derek Abbott thanked David B and the Committee for managing a very difficult year.

13 Date of next AGM

Friday 12th November 2020 at 7:30pm at CCSC club house

Meeting closed 8:45pm