



Annual General Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Held remotely via video link

## 1. Members Present

Full Members:

David Smith – Rammie	Murray McDonald – AOTW	Dara O’Malley – Seaward
Dan Challis – Mad Dog	Kenny Watson – Monarch	Ken Pritchard – Bella Luna,
Rudi Barma – AGDO	Andrew Lawrie – Valhalla	Anthony Cooper – Sharky
Gerry Fitzgerald – Mojito		

Additional:

Mark Robertson    Eddie Batchelor    Julia Batchelor

Please note:

- Richard Gibson of ISBEAN issued a proxy vote through Mark Robertson
- Phil Hermiston of Tallulah issued a proxy vote through David Smith

## 2. Apologies

Tallulah, ISBEAN

## 3. Minutes of 2019 AGM

Minutes of 2019 AGM unanimously adopted.  
Proposed by Valhalla, Seconded by AOTW.

## 4. Chairman’s Report

Chairman’s report has been circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

- a) One interesting feature based on when our AGMs are typically held is that the AGM occurs halfway through a season, effectively branching across two separate Membership Years and also two financial years. At present, we typically provide a summary of the who previous calendar year and also of the current year to date.
- b) As outlined in the Chairman’s report, we have seen very good activity in Class events throughout 2019. We are also delighted to see the excellent resurgence in Scarborough with the class boat, Miss Money Penny, being used by students during the winter. Following this, other universities have expressed an interest in sailing in the 707 fleet.
- c) Thanks are given to Eddie Batchelor for his hard work in driving the 707 fleet forward. He has recently stepped down from his role as East of Scotland Rep but will kindly continue to organise the 2021 Nationals, along with Dara O’Malley.

- d) Partial Pleasure has now been fully paid off. We have two boats owned by the class in our Deserving Boat Scheme and there has been good interest for the use of these boats. We had two teams keen to be using these boats for the 2020 season, however this has clearly not gone to plan. We will review bids for 2021. The class association are considering purchasing further boats however the ones currently under consideration will take some repair and this will be discussed amongst the newly appointed committee.
- e) 2019 membership was strong with 37 full members and a large number of associate members. Due to a lack of sailing, we are at 17 members for 2020. Supplier membership has also had reasonable uptake and we are appreciative of those who have joined. In return, we ask members consider these suppliers when looking for new or replacement parts or services! The committee undertake to ensure that supplier members are featured appropriately on our Website in return for their support.

## 5. Financial Accounts

The financial accounts for 2019 and to date for 2020, along with a summary report have been circulated electronically. No concerns have been raised. Accounts are unanimously accepted as submitted.

## 6. Proposals

Four proposals were submitted and circulated electronically with 2 weeks notice. Full detail on these proposals was sent to each member in advance and a copy of the submitted proposals can be requested from the secretary. A summary of the proposals, discussion and outcome is detailed below.

- a) Proposal to permit the current chair to remain in post for an additional year, thus extending the term beyond the constitutionally stated maximum term of 3 years.
  - i. No additional candidates have been nominated for the position of Chair.
  - ii. Proposed by Rammie. Seconded by Valhalla.
  - iii. *Vote passed, proposal adopted.*
- b) Proposal to remove requirement for RYA ratification from forestay and rigging suppliers.
  - i. Proposed by Rammie. Seconded by Valhalla.
  - ii. After discussion, it was agreed that the Technical Committee will be tasked to ensure there are clear specifications on the construction of rigging forestay and rigging components, which would enable additional riggers to produce class legal components.
  - iii. *Vote passed, proposal adopted.*
- c) Proposal to change membership criteria to enable open access to full membership.
  - i. Proposed by Valhalla. Seconded by Rammie.
  - ii. After discussion, it was agreed that further detail and consideration is required before a vote should be held. Effectively there are several different points to be addressed regarding membership. Firstly, we must consider the

eligibility criteria to be a Full Member. This is currently open to 'boats', typically voting through an owner. Secondly, we must consider the requirements of Class Membership to participate in 707 events, including consideration as to which events these requirements should apply. Thirdly, we must consider the membership options for committee members, as only 1 member of the 2019-20 committee was entitled to be a full member with voting rights.

- iii. *No vote held. The 2020-21 committee will take the above points into account and bring forward further proposals at a future date.*
- d) Proposal to re-zone in line with current fleet activity with the split of Scottish Rep into East of Scotland Rep and West of Scotland Rep, in addition to a North of England and South East of England Rep.
  - i. Proposed by Valhalla. Seconded by Rammie
  - ii. *Vote passed, proposal adopted.*

## **7. Election of Committee Members 2020-21**

The following sailors will form the 2020-21 committee

- Chairperson – David Smith
- Secretary – Mark Robertson
- Treasurer - At present, Julia Batchelor has agreed to stay in post due to a lack of other candidates. However, Emma Ward of Valhalla has now offered to take over this role. No objections to this proposition were made. A decision will be subsequently made by the newly elected committee.
- Northern Rep – Rudi Barman
- East of Scotland Rep – Gerry Fitzgerald
- West of Scotland Rep – Dan Challis
- Press Officer – Murray McDonald

## **8. AOB:**

1. PEYC recently received £10,000 from the Scottish Government to help promote access to sailing. Gerry Fitzgerald will look into whether the 707 class may also be able to benefit from this. If funding could be secured, this could be used to support purchase of additional Class Owned boats for use in the deserving boat scheme.
2. A recent comment on social media suggested that individuals had attempted to influence the Class with regards to the recently cancelled Scottish Championship due to take place at Royal Northern Yacht Club. The committee were asked to respond to these comments.
  - i. The Chair outlined that comments were made on Facebook supporting the cancellation of the event, some of which continued unhelpful phrases. One can argue these comments reflect individuals utilising their right to express an opinion. Equally, one can argue this is an attempt to influence the class.
  - ii. The Chair confirmed that an individual had made direct contact with the RYA to highlight their opinion that the event should be cancelled.
  - iii. It was agreed at the AGM that comments made by any individual on Facebook should be carefully considered. This closes the matter.

3. The Class Association are trying to distance themselves from directly running events, rather handing over the running of an event to the designated Club. As such, the Club will take on the risk associated with running an event and will be the sole beneficiary of any profit made. This reflects a change from some previous agreements in which an event is joint run by the Association and Club, with split risk and split profit.
  - i. The class has an Event Management Guidance Document which can be supplied to clubs who are not already familiar with the fleet. This outlines the parameters and expectations of an event, including on- and off-the-water requirements. This can also be provided to familiar clubs who require further guidance. This document can be viewed upon request made in writing to the Secretary.

Ends.

Minutes Prepared by

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