

Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting
Friday 2nd December 2016 at 8pm
At
Skerries Sailing Club
(by kind permission)

Chairman: Des Deane (President)

Attendance: Des Deane, Róisín McCormack, Dan Brennan, Con Bissett, Sam Shiels, Anthony Weldon, Paddy Jim Carthy, , Patrick Mangan, Frank Browne, Valerie Cronin, Brian McNally, Del Brennan, Gerard Boylan, Paul Thorne, Paul Smith, Johnny Dillon, Paul Browne.

Apologies: Helen Ryan

In Memoriam: The meeting noted the death of Gay Brennan and expressed condolences to Dave Dardis on the recent death of his daughter Jane.

1. Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 64th annual general meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting and taken as read, and adopted.

Proposed: Ross Galbraith, Seconded: Pat Mangan

2. Hon Secretary's Report

taken as read and adopted.

Proposed: Paul Browne, Seconded: Johnny Dillon

3. The Hon. Treasurer's Report

went 4,116 3,681 during the year. This is considered satisfactory once account is taken of spending on graphic design and the new web site. Subscriptions were received in respect of 21 owners, 8 joint owners and 30 associates. The increased number of associates is due to the encouragement of Róisín McCormack, the Captain and shows the interest of regular crews in the affairs of the association. Thanks are due to Niall McGrotty of Dempsey Mullen Accountants for continuing to act as Honorary Auditor. The report was adopted, Proposed: Des Deane, Seconded: Paul Thorne

4. The National Boat Measurer's Report

At the nationals 7 boats were weighed and all were inspected. Thanks to Darragh and Mark McCormack and Paddy Dillon who oversaw the weighing. One boat needed additional weight.

Proposed: Susan Roundtree , Seconded: PaddyArcher

The matter of rudder depth was discussed. It was proposed that the committee should make a by-law permitting a maximum depth of 32 inches for trial in club racing, but not in the national championship.

5. The National Sail Measurer's Report

Sails measured between all clubs amounted to 1 Main, 4 Jibs & 1 Spinnakers with a mix of North and Watson included. All measurement forms should be returned to the National Sail Measurer for filing.

Proposed: Susan Roundtree , Seconded: PaddyArcher

6. Election of Officers

President	Des Deane
Captain	Roisín McCormack
Vice Captain	Paul Browne
Hon Secretary	Paul Smith
Hon Treasurer	Pat Mangan
Boat Measurer	Alan Butterly
Sail Measurer	Con Bisset
Class Captains	Dun Laoghaire: Dan Brennan, Foynes: Kevin Bartley, Rush: Ants Weldon, Skerries: Brian McNally.

Darragh McCormack was appointed Assistant Boat Measurer to work with Alan Butterly.

7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Dempsey Mullen have agreed to continue as honorary auditors. Proposed Paul Smith, Seconded Ross Galbraith..

8. Championship 2017 and 2018

Ciaran Brannigan, Commodore SSC and Brian McNally spoke about the 2017 championships in Skerries. The event will take place from 5th to 11th August 2017. There will be two championship races per day from Sunday 6th, each of 45-50 minutes duration. Starting times will be about midday each day. There will be no race if the wind is greater than 25 knots. The club will consider options for camping during the championship.

Foynes Yacht Club have written offering to host the 2018 championship. The possibility of organised coaching over the weekend followed by a four day championship is being considered. The possibility of an alternative venue was raised, but no other offer has been received.

The proposal to accept the Foynes invitation was accepted by 17 votes to 1. On the format of the event 11 voted in favour of the three days coaching followed by four days of championship racing with 6 voting in favour of six days of championship racing.

9. AOB

- The Leinster Championships will be held in conjunction with the Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta. The regatta is a four-day event, Thursday to Sunday. Racing on Saturday and Sunday will constitute the Leinster Championship.
- It was suggested that an alternative venue to Foynes might be selected for the 2018 Munster Championship.
- The matter of boats being sailed only in the championship and not in club racing or other open events was raised, together with the idea of having to sail in a number of qualifying events to be allowed to participate in the national championship. The consensus was that there should be no impediment to participation in the Championship.
- Róisín McCormack that a trophy be awarded to the best young sailor in the class based on committee selection from nominees in each club. This was agreed, details to be developed by the committee.
- It was agreed to hold a prize giving event in Skerries early in 2017.

The President thanked the large attendance for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Des Deane
President