



# SWANSEA YACHT & SUB AQUA CLUB

## Berth Holders Annual General Meeting 22/09/22

<b>P Davies</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>N Westermark</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>K Harris</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>P Landeg</b>	<b>Yard</b>
<b>D Thomas</b>	<b>Marina maintenance</b>
<b>G Petiffor</b>	<b>Marina Maintenance</b>
<b>J Morgan</b>	<b>Marina safety</b>
<b>C Rew</b>	<b>Berthing Master</b>
<b>P Taylor</b>	<b>B Herbert</b>
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	<b>S Crocker</b>

### Apologies for absence D Thomas

The Chairman Peter Davies opened the meeting by thanking the club members for attending. He then introduced the committee and gave apologies for those members not present. The Chairman asked for a moment of thought for members that were no longer with us. The minutes of the previous year were supplied to the members, read and approved.

### Chairmans Report

The Chairman explained how the last few years had been so disruptive due to regulations, Covid and of course lockdown. The Club was obliged to put in place legal measures to keep the marina safe. During this period the Berth Holders Committee allowed members to check their boats, which worked well given the circumstances.

A thank you must go out to the Boson for all the work he undertook whilst we were in lockdown.

During 2021, the dredging of the river had to be postponed due to the pandemic situation, but an extensive plan was organised for the following year. In January 2022 the dredging commenced and a difficult logistic operation was put forward. A dredging of 39 tides took place, removing 15300 cubic metres of silt with a target of 2m below the existing chart datum.

Thankfully the dredging was paid for by Swansea City council and a great thank you must go out to all the staff of Swansea Marina for all their help in accommodating the boats from our club.

Harold has now been appointed by the Berth Holders Committee as the Boson, with his new assistant Viv. All is going well and a great deal of work is being done in the yard and on the marina. They are both involved in the refurb of the fingers which is saving the club a small fortune.

Lastly Peter would like to give his thanks to all the Berth Holders for their help

## Secretary's Report

We have received a letter from Mr G Williams, to consider the transfer of ownership of his boat Meander of Lytham to his son in law Mr Ian Evans and allow him to keep the boat on its current berth. Mr Evans is a share holder of the boat and a long-standing member of the club. This was put before the Berth Holders Committee and the transfer of ownership was granted. We would just like to thank Mr Williams for all his years as a berth holder.

## Treasurers Report

Nick Westermarck gave a comprehensive report on the state of the berthing finances. There was a great deal of expenditure during the last year which has had an affect on the overall balance. Unfortunately, expenditure on the walkways has had to be put on hold until the funding can be found. Various questions were asked regarding the funding and whether we should proceed further with the GRP panels. It was also put forward by the Treasurer that the berthing fees would have to go up by 5%, this is still under the rate of inflation. It was put to the floor and a 90% of berth holders accepted.

## Election Process

The position of Chairman was contested by Dave Cole-Evans and the position of Berthing Master contested by Ian Burgess. They both stood to the floor and gave their reasons why they should be elected, along with the existing position holders who gave their reasons why they should remain in office.

There was a vacant position for Marina Safety Officer which was filled by Paul Hadfield.

There was also the vacant position of House member to which there were three applicants - Kevin Nicholls, Greg Smith and Johnathan White. All three gave their views on why they would be suitable for the position.

Every Berth Holder was given a voting slip which was handed in and counted by Geoge Petiffor and John Hyde.

The results were as follows: -

**Chairman** - Peter Davies   **Berthing Master** - Ian Burgess   **House Member** - Kevin Nicholls.

There was also some concern over the representation of the berth holders on the Executive Committee. For several years, the berth holders have been represented by the Chairman and the Treasurer, however Mr Ian Burgess remarked that Rule 10a applies to this situation and any berth holder can be put forward to represent the Berth Holders on the Executive Committee at their respective Annual General meetings. This was contested by Wayne Morgan. Further comments were made with an amicable solution put forward by Ruth Williams. The Chairman took all this into consideration, and it was put forward that two berth holders should be nominated.

The two names nominated were Bruce Bradley and Dave Guy. This was put to the floor and accepted.

## Forum

The Chairman asked all Berth Holders to bring forward any questions they had to the committee.

Geoff Pettifor explained to the Berth Holders what work had been undertaken on the pontoons and walkways. He also explained various faults they had found and how they would be rectified.

The overall cost of the refurb would be £211k, this had been over costed by Geoff on every section. Geoff had managed to secure a great deal on the panels with an excellent discount. The offcuts could then be used to refurb the fingers, with his calculations we should be able to refurb around 45 pontoon fingers.

One question was brought to up concerning the movement of the panel fixing bolts. This had been noticed on Pontoon E by Roy Foreshore. Geoff explained that they were looking into alternative fixings and further investigation would be needed.

Peter Williams asked if there were any other marinas using the GRP panels, as most of the marinas he had been to around the world were mainly wood. He was concerned that due to the tidal surge and swell in the river that this may cause damage to the panels as the pontoons move and flex. Peter further estimated the cost of refurbishment would be in the region of £400k and suggested that we should also wait a few years, then the chains could be lifted and the anchors checked; a further investigation could then be carried out. Another concern was the weight of the panels and the fibre glass hairs which could stick in the skin and cause serious problems.

Peter Davies suggested that we follow Geoff's plan on a further refurbishment, but there was some discontent amongst some of the Berth Holders. Peter Williams was then asked if he would assist Geoff and investigate this further and be part of a work party as he had claimed to have many years experiences in the marine industry.

Peter Davies suggested we have a break and put this on hold and give it 3 months. He also has a proposal to put forward to obtain further funding which shall be brought to ore attention at a later date. Dave Cole-Evans brought up an issue concerning the maximum length of boats able to enter the club. Apparently, he was told the wrong dimensions when going to purchase a boat, but Peter assured him it was 42 foot and 10 ton in weight and this has not changed.

Before the end of the meeting, Mr John Clay gave his thanks to the Committee and further gave his appreciation for the help received during the transfer of ownership from his father's vessel into his name.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.35 pm



## BERTH HOLDERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28-11-2019

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He then introduced the committee and gave apologies for the members absent.

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### **Chairman's Report**

Peter gave a summary of the work carried out through the year, the state of dredging in the marina, repairs to the boom. He asked the members for permission for expenditure from funds for more extensive repairs to the boom, this was agreed. He then spoke about the marina decking, the urgent need for it to be replaced and asked for permission to continue this work and the funds to do it. This was also agreed from the floor.

He informed the members that the length of stay in the yard for boats would now be a maximum of eight weeks, due to the size of the yard and the need to accommodate all members, a longer stay was only possible with permission of the committee.

He thanked the members for their help in the past year on work parties, stating that a great deal of money had been saved due to their efforts.

The members responsible for the decking gave an in-depth explanation about the advantages of the decking to be used.

### **Treasurers Report**

Nick gave a comprehensive report on the state of funds available to the section. He informed the members that the sinking fund at this time was good although it would be needed for the work forecasted in the year.

There would be no need to increase the marina fees for the forthcoming financial period.

### **Secretary's Report**

The secretary advised the meeting that a small number of letters had needed to be sent out to members through the year, usually about power points or yard stays but nothing of a serious nature. When members had been unhappy with their berth the committee had done its best to accommodate them.

The Chairman, Peter Davies had then closed the meeting and after some refreshment informed the members that there would be a forum to ask any questions.