

Crouch Area Yachting Federation (CAYF) Annual General Meeting 2014

Held at the South Woodham Ferrers Yacht Club, Saturday 25th January at 15:00

Minutes

1) Attendance:

Burnham SC	John Paul	
Creeksea SC	David Chick	Alan Shrimplin
Narrow Seas Club	Peter Burton	
Royal Corinthian YC	Edwin Buckley	
Eyott SC	Liesl Hadley	Alan Brunning
Hullbridge Mooring Assoc	Dave Aldridge	
North Fambridge YC	Nick Parsons	
South Woodham Ferrers YC	Doug Macewan	
Roach Sailing Assoc	Richard Bessey (CAYF Secretary & Treasurer)	
Roach Fairways	Ken Wickham	
Chairman	Idris Lewis	

Apologies

West Wick YC	G Larkin
Up River YC	J Hall

Also Invited

Crouch SC
Essex Marina YC
Royal Burnham YC
Hayes Farm LBWSC
South Woodham Ferrers WSC
Wakering YC
Long Reach BSC

2). Minutes of last AGM (2013)

The minutes were accepted as a true record proposed by D MacEwan, seconded by I Lewis

3). Matters arising from the above minutes

I Lewis reported he had attended all recent Crouch/Roach meetings as CAYF, CHA, CHA advisory committee member.

Members should be aware that only the CHA meetings minutes shown on the CHA web site should be considered a the true record and that these will be the source of information recognised by CAYF.

4). Chairman's report (full text attached)

In summary;

Through CAYF and the RYA I Lewis has been presenting issues affecting members with reference to

- The Marine management organisation queries
- Planning issues on the river in conjunction with the RYA
- Marine conservation zone and the need for a Harbour Users group

RYA initiatives for club development and the use of kill chords have been circulated to all members.

I Lewis and R Bessey are the CAYF representatives on the Crouch Harbour Authority advisory committee

'River congestion' issues during racing at Burnham are to be resolved jointly by the CHA and JCC.

Chairman asked for additional volunteers to support the Hanningfield disabled sailing project from local clubs. They are now part of the Heads of the River and CAYF. Help from experienced sailors to run events and advise on their boats was still required.

To date the support from most Burnham clubs to the reformed CAYF has been a disappointing

For CAYF member(s) to support the RYA ECR meetings would require significant travel expense.

5) Treasures report

Since 2010 there has been no income or expenditure and the balance remains at £270.10. This is held and ring fenced in The Fairways Committee account administered by R Bessey

It was agreed that the CAYF delegate at the RYA meetings could use these funds (until exhausted) for travel expenses incurred by attending the RYA Eastern Region AGM's

6) Election of Chairman

I Lewis was nominated by D Macewan, seconded by R Bessey. This was agree unanimously

7) Election of Secretay

A Brunning was nominated by R Bessey, seconded by I Lewis. This was agree unanimously

8) Election of Treasurer

R Bessey was nominated by I Lewis, seconded by D Macewan. This was agree unanimously

9) CAYF representation on the CHA advisory committee

CAYF has filled the 2 allocated positions on the CHA advisory committee. It was agreed these will be I Lewis and R Bessey who will be attending for the time stipulated by the CHA regulation (4 years).

There were no other nominations.

Proposed D MacEwen, seconded by P Burton. This was agree unanimously

It was believed that a substitute could not attend the advisory committee. This position would be checked. **I Lewis** (*since confirmed, no substitution allowed*)

10). Election of CAYFE members to RYA Eastern Region committee

CAFE has 2 RYA 'seats' available at regional meetings. The RYA was keen that these positions be filled but there were no volunteers.

CAYF members agreed that when necessary CAYF would to pay reasonable travel costs for a member to attend RYA regional meetings until the funds were exhausted

It was agreed that I Lewis should attend the next RYA Eastern region AGM (Sat 22nd March in Ipswich) and that other matters of interest to the members of CAYF would be supported by the use of e mail rather than travelling to the meetings.

Chris Edwards is the RYA ERC representative on the CHA advisory committee

If needed to support a RYA event a second representative would be nominated

11). RSPB Wallasea Update

The RSPB and contractors were applying for an extension the current planning approvals to extends work until to 2025. Comments / objections were required to be discussed on 29 January 2014. R Bessey sent an e mail to all members (21st January attached) asking for comments and was co-ordinating a reply. Members were asked to submit any objections.

The additional material would come from a number of sources including potentially Sizewell and new London tunnelling projects

Has the lighting on the loading jetty, site and moored vessels been distraction to navigation? The lighting has been revised to reduce the distraction to sailors. Members were asked to advise if there had been further issues

Members asked to respond to his proposed statement circulated by e mail as soon as possible

It was agree that any response from CAYF to the new plans would be sent to the planning authorities

The RSPB / contractors have undertaken to will repair sea wall if they are breached before completion of the 2025 project CAYF request (through R Bessey) sight of this assurance in any new contract.

N Parsons asked if computer modelling of the tidal flow had been made for locations upstream of Wallasea. He believed that tidal flows would be affected and rate of silt deposition increased. This would eventually influence the navigation upstream of Burnham and Creeksea.

It was felt important that CAYF represent the voice of all clubs in the harbour area. R Bessey was concerned that he had had no response from the clubs at Burnham. It was assumed that these clubs have taken any issues via the JCC. CAYF has no formal contact with the JCC

12) Future CAYF activities

Be kept informed of the development of clam and oyster beds plus shell fishing as it may influence the areas for anchorage. There could be issues of trawling between anchorages / moorings

The new Marine Conservation Zones will be accompanied by significant new and draft legislation. Members will need to be informed as early as possible so they can assess what it will mean for yacht clubs in the CHA area

It is likely that a harbour usage group (Officially a Port Users Group **(PUG)**) would be needed for the administration of the MCZ's and CAYF must be represented to allow time to study proposed rules and regulations. It was hoped the advisory committee could be used.

Clarity is needed as to the function and scope of the Marine Management Organisation. At the moment it is unknown what defines 'a major project'

CAYF were asked to clarify mooring restriction on the proposed pontoons at South Fambridge. Restriction on rafting will be required if the navigable width of the river is not to be compromised (see status in attachment)

13) Any other business

R Bessey asked if CAYF could establish the extent and composition of the proposed harbour user group required by new law added to the marine navigation act. This would allow harbours to make decisions within the MCZ. Who will be stakeholders? how would they be organised?. What would be the Port user group structure, the constitution could be similar to the Advisory committee

The Chairman thanked South Woodham Ferrers Yacht Club for their hospitality and closed the meeting at 17:08

NEXT MEETING Saturday 24th JAN 2015