

RYANI 5th Annual General Meeting

Ballyholme Yacht Club

Tuesday October 7th 2008

MINUTES

1 Welcome and apologies

Commodore of Ballyholme Yacht Club Eric Mayne welcomed everyone to the 5th AGM.

Chairman Stanton Adair extended a warm welcome to the evening's guest speaker RYA Chief Executive Rod Carr who gave up his time to travel across to be at the meeting.

Also a warm welcome went to ISA Chief Executive Harry Hermon, SNI Performance Consultant Norma Bowman and to those who were not Council representatives but attended by invitation. The meeting was reminded that in accordance with the Memorandum of Association 5.4 only members of RYA NI, i.e. clubs and affiliated organisations, have speaking and voting rights at the AGM and, while member organisations may be represented by more than one person, if there should be a vote there is only one vote per member organisation.

Apologies were received from Maeve Bell, David King, Shirley Sheard, and Frank Haslett.

2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The Chair asked for permission to take the minutes as read.

The Minutes of the 2007 AGM held Tues October 9th were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The Chairman asked to make reference to the sad news that Joe McEvoy, who opened the last AGM as Commodore of Carrickfergus Sailing Club, died of a short illness.

3 To receive and adopt the annual report

The Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman spoke about the content and about the past year. It had been a very successful year with the annual Youth Championships having an increase in participation, Stephen Milne competing at the Olympics, and with good progress in Sailability. A special congratulation was extended to RYA NI Regional Sailability Coordinator Bob Harper who helped to organise a Royal visit to Belfast Lough Sailability. Also mentioned were Bill O'Hara's appointments to the Olympic Jury for the Beijing Olympics and as PRO for the Volvo Ocean Race 2008/2009.

The Chairman reported that in terms of RYA NI there were more affiliated Clubs and the organisation was in a sound financial position.

It was nice to see the support of young sailor Tiffany Brien who helped raise much needed funds for Belfast Lough Sailability by sailing her Laser from Portpatrick to Carrickfergus. She raised over £17,000.

Congratulations went out to John Magowan who is to receive an RYA Award.

We can't rest on our laurels there are exciting times around the corner. Ballyholme Yacht Club and Carrickfergus Sailing Club are in the running to receive funding to become an Elite Facility. This would be a great legacy for sailors from all over. RYA NI wishes both clubs well and recognises the tremendous effort that has been involved in getting to this stage of the bidding. On a very positive note two Clubs have been successful in receiving SNI Lottery funding towards rebuilding their club houses these are County Antrim Yacht Club and Donaghadee Sailing Club.

RYA NI's principal source for funding is Sport NI. This is the end of a four year period and it is crucial how we work with our clubs and that some of our performance sailors get to 2012 Olympic Games in London. The Executive are giving thought to how we structure the next funding bid. A first draft will be sent to Club representatives to look at it and feed back.

It would not be possible to carry out this work without the RYA NI Staff a big thanks to them and to the Executive and Clubs. A warm welcome to Robin Gray for taking on the important work of Regional Race Management Coordinator.

David King proposed the adoption of the annual report, and Denzyl Dinsmore seconded the proposal. The meeting agreed.

4 To receive and adopt the audited statement of accounts

Statement of accounts had been circulated. Hon Treasurer Oliver Lynas presented the accounts and reported that RYA NI are grateful to RYA for the help and support received we do well in terms of our size. The principal source of funding is from SNI. RYA NI also receives significant support for talented athletes through the SNI Lottery programme. There is some income received through courses that have been run and overheads have remained the same. There was uplift in some salary funding since Richard Honeyford started in 2006 and an employee absence due to illness where an extra member of staff was employed temporarily to cover the work load. There was an increase in the audit fee as the first year was an introductory rate. The Hon Treasurer was pleased to report he had negotiated a better deal with Northern Bank for the reserve funds.

Thanks were extended to Ronnie Browne, Lisa Waugh and Alison Hawthorne for helping with the work load.

The Chairman thanked Oliver for his hard work.

As there were no further questions Denzyl Dinsmore proposed the adoption of the audited statement of accounts and Curly Morris seconded the proposal. The meeting agreed.

5 Election of Officers 2008/2009

The Chairman in accordance with good practice vacated the position of Chairman. Doug Smyth was invited to read out the nominations.

Chairman Stanton Adair RUYC
Vice Chairman Jay Colville EDYC
Honorary Secretary Irene Aston RNIYC
Honorary Treasurer Oliver Lynas RUYC

The meeting agreed to the election of the above named officers. Doug Smyth congratulated Stanton and invited him to take over the Chair. Stanton thanked Doug and his colleagues for their help and is looking forward to the coming year.

6 Representatives of affiliated clubs and organisations

Operations Manager Ronnie Browne read out the nominations and commented that there were still some Clubs not represented and that this would be addressed at the first Council Meeting.

Antrim Boat Club	David King
Carrickfergus Berth Holders Association	Roger Woodward
Carrickfergus Sailing Club	Geraldine Duggan
Cockle Island Boat Club	John Cleary
Coleraine Yacht Club	Denzyl Dinsmore
County Antrim Yacht Club	Sheela Lewis
Donaghadee Sailing Club	James Ogg
East Antrim Boat Club	Gavin Doig
Killyleagh Yacht Club	David Young
Lough Erne Yacht Club	Fred Ternan
Newcastle Yacht Club Ltd	Frank Campbell
Quoile Yacht Club	James Heron
Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club	Frank Haslett

7 Auditors

The Executive is recommending the reappointment of Goldblatt McGuigan. Oliver Lynas proposed and Jay Colville seconded the proposal and the meeting agreed.

8 Presentations and Congratulations

Chairman of the RYA NI Performance Committee Curly Morris congratulated and presented Oliver Loughead with the RYA NI Young Sailor of the Year

2008 award. Oliver is a fine sailor and has excelled well beyond his years. Oliver's name will go forward to the National competition.

Chairman Stanton Adair presented Young Powerboater of the Year to Paul Magowan who comes from a well known family his father John is has been involved with RYA NI for many years. Paul had won the National event bringing home a RIB for Quoile Yacht Club this year he was 6th at the final.

A presentation was made to Stephen Milne for his participation in the Olympics in Beijing. Stephen also came to Carlingford Lough Yacht Club to make presentations to sailors at the RYA NI Youth Championships and RYA NI is thankful for his support and inspiration.

9 AOB

None

10 Next meeting of Council

The next meeting of Council will be on November 26th 2008 and will be confirmed by email.

11 Chair's Closing Remarks

Chairman Stanton Adair remarked it had been a great year for sailing and boating, and a great year for RYA. There are still some good years to come with RYA NI hoping to have a successful bid in the next SNI funding round and for one of our Clubs's to receive Elite Facility funding. We also hope to work in partnership with the Consortium receiving Active Communities funding. And finally many thanks to our Clubs.

Attendance

EXECUTIVE	NAME	SIGNATURE
CHAIRMAN	Stanton Adair	
VICE CHAIRMAN	Jay Colville	
HON TREAS	Oliver Lynas	
HON SEC	Irene Aston	
PERFORMANCE CHAIRMAN	Curly Morris	
ET&S CHAIR	John Magowan	
Regional Race Management Coordinator	Robin Gray	
Regional Sailability Coordinator	Bob Harper	
STAFF		
OPERATIONS COORDINATOR	RONNIE BROWNE	
BUSINESS MANAGER	LISA WAUGH	
PERFORMANCE MANAGER	RICHARD HONEYFORD	
DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING MANAGER	EAMON MASTERSON	
Guests		
Speaker	Rod Carr	
SNI Chairman	Dominic Walsh	
SNI Liaison Officer	Norma Bowman	
ISA CEO	Harry Hermon	
BYC Commodore	Eric Mayne	
RYA NI Young Sailor of the Year	Oliver Loughhead	
RYA NI Young Powerboater of the Year	Paul Magowan	
	Stephen Milne	
	Doug & Lillian Smyth	
BYC	Michael Robinson, David McMullan	
PSC	Patricia Storey	
RNIYC	Alan Aston	
BYC	Elaine & David Taylor	

<i>Club Representatives</i>		
<i>Bangor Marina Berth holders Association</i>	W M Watson	
<i>Carrickfergus Berth Holders Association</i>	Ken Atkinson Roger Woodward	
<i>Carrickfergus Sailing Club</i>	Robert Logan	
<i>Cockle Island Boat Club</i>	John Cleary	
<i>Coleraine Yacht Club</i>	Denzyl Dinsmore	
<i>Comber Cruising Club</i>	Norman Brashaw	
<i>County Antrim Yacht Club</i>	Sheela Lewis	
<i>Donaghadee Sailing Club</i>	James Ogg	
<i>East Down Yacht Club</i>	James Heron	
<i>Killyleagh Yacht Club</i>	Gordon Galloway	
<i>Newcastle Yacht Club Ltd</i>	Frank Campbell	
<i>Newtownards Sailing Club</i>	Newenham de Cogan	
<i>Quoile Yacht Club</i>	John Magowan	
<i>Royal Ulster Yacht Club</i>	John Bell Mr Brown Drew Magowan	