

RYANI 3rd Annual General Meeting
Royal Ulster Yacht Club
Wednesday 4 October 2006
MINUTES

1 Welcome and apologies

Chair Maeve Bell extended a warm welcome everyone attending the 3rd AGM and went on to say 'we are pleased to be holding this meeting in Royal Ulster Yacht Club, one of the most hospitable clubs in the country, and thanks to Peter Ronaldson the Vice Commodore, his officers and members for generously allowing us to hold our meeting here.' A special welcome to ISA Chief Executive Harry Hermon.

Peter Ronaldson also welcomed everyone on behalf of RUYC.

The Chair offered a particular welcome to the special guest David Green, former Chief Executive of the UK Sailing Academy and founder of Three Green Lights. A short greeting from the RYA Chief Executive Rod Carr who was unable to attend was read.

Also a warm welcome went 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, ie 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 Doug Smyth.

2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

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

The Minutes of the 2005 AGM held Wednesday October 12th 2005 at Belfast Activity Centre were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3 To receive and adopt the annual report

The Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair spoke about the content and about the past year. There had been an up lift in funding and growth in the range of activities. The organisation was well placed to go forward with the five strategic goals. The Chair wished the incoming Executive every success with the objectives of building on participation and reaching out to the under represented if we achieve this we will be a healthier and stronger sport. Thanks to the clubs for allowing RYA NI to use club facilities for meetings and events, and to the team for making it all happen. Many thanks to the committee members for their support. There are a number of people retiring and all have made a great contribution. Betty Armstrong as Regional Communicator has been a pleasure to work with, and Patrick Knatchbull who has now stood down from the RYA Cruising Committee.

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

4 To receive and adopt the audited statement of accounts

Statement of accounts had been circulated. Honorary Treasurer Oliver Lynas took the meeting through the accounts. These are the first set of professionally audited accounts in the new format. The first pages are a preamble. Page 5 is where the accountant's opinion is included these appear to be true and fair. Page 6 is income and expenditure with balance on page 7. Debtors are reduced; £6900 from SCNI has been received. Creditors accounted for the Training and Development Manager being on an RYA contract and this had not been claimed/paid back in March it went through in April. The Honorary Treasurer thanked Alison Hawthorne, Lisa Waugh and Accountants Goldblatt McGuigan for their assistance in preparing and auditing the accounts. As there were no further questions John Magowan proposed the adoption of the audited statement of accounts and James Ogg seconded the proposal. The meeting agreed.

5 Election of Officers

The Chair read the nominations

Chair Stanton Adair RUYC

Vice Chair Jay Colville EDYC

Honorary Secretary Irene Aston RNIYC

Honorary Treasurer Oliver Lynas RUYC

The meeting agreed to the election of the above named officers. Maeve Bell invited Stanton to take the Chair.

Stanton Adair thanked Maeve Bell for all her hard work over the many years ranging from having been a member of Sports Council NI, to having served 6 years as RYA NIC Vice Chair, and 2 years as RYA NI Chair. Maeve's enthusiasm and dedication has helped keep the organisation in good health. A small presentation was made to Maeve.

Jay Colville and Irene Aston joined the top table and newly elected Chair Stanton Adair welcomed them.

6 Representatives of affiliated clubs and organisations

Ronnie Browne confirmed the nominations received for Council:

Antrim Boat Club	David King
Ballyholme Yacht Club	Alan McKewan
Carrickfergus Berth Holders Association	Ken Atkinson
Carrickfergus Sailing Club	Jim Shields
Cockle Island Boat Club	John Cleary
Coleraine Yacht Club	Denzyl Dinsmore
County Antrim Yacht Club	Sheila Lewis
Donaghadee Sailing Club	James Ogg
East Antrim Boat Club	Mark Fekkes
East Down Yacht Club	Malcolm Beatty
Hollywood Yacht Club	Glen Rutherford
Killyleagh Yacht Club	David Young
Lough Erne Yacht Club	Fred Ternan
Lough Neagh Sailing Club	Shirley Sheard
Newcastle Yacht Club Ltd	Fiona Mullan
Newtownards Sailing Club	Newenham de Cogan
Quoile Yacht Club	John Magowan
Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club	Frank Haslett
Royal Ulster Yacht Club	John Bell
Strangford Sailing Club	Frank Sadlier

7 Resolutions

The following resolutions were proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting: .

To amend the Articles of Association as follows:

The directors shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any person to be a director either to fill a casual vacancy or as in addition to the existing directors but so that the total number of directors shall not at any time exceed seven. Any director so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting.

To amend Regulation 2.1 as follows:

The Executive Committee shall deal with all business of Council. The Committee may delegate specific matters to the three standing Committees provided for in Regulations 3, 4, and 5 below.

8 Auditors

Oliver Lynas proposed to re-appoint Goldblatt McGuigan as auditors, Maeve Bell seconded the proposal and the meeting agreed.

9 Presentations and Congratulations

Chairman of the RYA NI Performance Committee Curly Morris congratulated and presented Tiffany Brien with the RYA NI Young Sailor of the Year 2006 award. Tiffany's name will go forward to the National competition.

10 AOB

ISA CEO Harry Herman addressed the meeting. The ISA are keen to establish closer links with RYA NI. We have been successful in the past to produce great High Performance Sailors together and the wish is to move forward and work together with staff and board members.

11 Next meeting of Council

The next meeting of Council will be on Monday 6 November 2006

12 Chair's Closing Remarks

Chair Stanton Adair remarked he is pleased to be elected Chair and will do his best to maintain the good work.