



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on 6th December 2011 at 1930 hours.

Present	The Officers, committee members and approximately 65 members.
In Attendance	Representing Harbours: Myra Shacklady, Commercial Director (MSh) & Doug Bannister, CEO Harbours & Airport (DB).
Introduction	The Chairman (MS) opened the meeting by welcoming members and also MSh & DB, who would answer questions directed through the chair during the open forum.
1. Apologies	The Hon. Secretary said that apologies had been received from Judy Taylor, Mrs C Tinley, Paul Young, Charlie Gravett, Gerald & Jane Bisson, Tim Scott Warren. Connetable P Rondel, John Blackwell, Will Simpson, Bob de la Mare & Bob de la Haye.
2. Minutes	MS said the minutes of the last AGM held on 7 th December 2010 had been available on the website and, as indicated in the convening notice, he proposed they be taken as read and they were approved on a proposition by J Rogers, seconded by K Hennelly.
3. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report	The Chairman read his report covering the main issues and activities dealt with during the year. His report is attached to & forms a part of these minutes. The Chairman's Report was accepted on a proposition by C Fairbairn, seconded by J Rogers.
5. Hon Treasurer/ Membership Secretary's Report	<p>Penny Hatter referred to copies of the Income & Expenditure account on the back of agendas on seats and explained that Tim Scott Warren had reformatted the accounts in accordance with a new accounting procedure for small clubs & associations and he is now an Independent Examiner, instead of Honorary Auditor. The full version with notes runs to 6 pages and is available on the website. She thanked Tim for this extra work.</p> <p>Membership at the start of the year had been 608 and 20 new members had joined, however 26 had resigned & a further 25 subscriptions remained outstanding, despite several reminders, resulting in a reduced total of 577. She issued a reminder for members to let her know if they wished to resign, or had changed address or bank details, to ease administration & costs.</p> <p>The reduced members meant a decline in income and 7 of the new members had joined within 3 months of the year end and were therefore free of charge.</p> <p>She said printing costs again remained low and thanked Len Stevens & the staff at Tillyards for printing the Newsletter. However, the full cost of a new supply of House Flags & inclusion of two year's website costs meant there was a deficit for the year of £156.46.</p> <p>She said that very grateful letters of thanks had been received from CIAS & RNLI for</p>

	<p>the donations of £450 each.</p> <p>She said she would be available to take subs after the meeting and encouraged everyone to recruit new members to strengthen the Association's voice & support the efforts of the Chairman & Hon. Secretary in representing members' interests. She also had for sale the new house flags at £10 & car stickers at 50p.</p> <p>There being no questions for the Treasurer, MS proposed a vote of thanks to PH and the accounts were approved on a proposition by P Carter, seconded by J Stevenson.</p>
6. Election of Officers	<p>Vice Chairman, Nick Wood took the chair and expressed his appreciation to MS for his hard work over the past year. His was the only nomination for Chairman, proposed by Nick Wood and seconded by P Carter and he therefore announced him duly elected to applause.</p> <p>MS thanked NW for his kind words & the committee members for their support. He said the committee always tried to achieve as much as possible. He mentioned the Hon Secretary's role of scrutineer, for example, having been instrumental in getting Marpol Regulations withdrawn from today's States debate, so that the Assn. could be consulted.</p> <p>He read the further nominations received as follows:</p> <p>Vice Chairman – N Wood Hon Secretary – P Donne Davis Hon Treasurer – P Hatter</p> <p>Committee Members:</p> <p>M Anderson P Carter K Hennelly R de la Mare P Rose W Simpson</p> <p>MS declared that the above-mentioned were duly elected & welcomed Will Simpson as a new member of the Committee.</p>
7. Election of Auditor.	<p>The Chairman said that Tim Scott Warren was prepared to stand again, but had advised that his title should now be Independent Examiner. He was proposed by Nick Bailhache, seconded by A Rennell and duly elected. PDD agreed to send him a letter of thanks for his work and said that, as the agenda items were set out in the Constitution, it should be amended to include the new title next year.</p>
8. Subscriptions	<p>The Chairman advised the meeting that the committee's recommendation was that the subscriptions for the following year remain unchanged at £5 single and £8 joint. The recommendation was approved on a proposition by R Syvret, seconded by P Mitchell.</p>
9. Donations	<p>The Chairman advised that, as the donations had been increased last year, the committee's recommendation was that donations be made at the same level, £450 each, to the RNLJ Jersey Branch and to CI Air Search.</p> <p>A Rennell proposed that the Committee's recommendations be accepted. This was seconded by J Ellis and carried.</p>
10. Changes to Constitution and Rules	<p>MS said that there were no propositions or amendments.</p>

11. Open Meeting

MS introduced Doug Bannister, the New Harbourmaster & CEO of Harbours & Airport. DB gave a short speech, saying how impressed he was with the deep levels of interest shown by users of both facilities, which gave him & the team encouragement & confidence to work on making improvements.

MS invited questions to MSh to be put through the Chair and she responded to the questions as follows:

When will the capacity at no. 5 berth be doubled and adequate facilities for holding be provided? *This down to the MDG, it won't be next year, but creation of H shaped pontoons is on the list of future projects for assessment.*

Any news on the development of La Folie & rumours of apartments with berths? *Expected to be mid range rather than luxury apartments and there will be no berths available in the area, but Elizabeth marina has some spaces.*

Will the old pub be lost? *No, just the sheds, as the pub building is listed.*

What can be done to stop abuse of parking at St Helier marina, including some who are not owners? *Staff do record usage & operate a 3 strikes & out policy, suspending access cards. She will investigate non owners if details are provided.*

La Collette holding segregation is not working, as signs are small & only in English. French visitors are often seen using the holding area & vacant fingers. *MSh will look into this. MS added that the students in a dory improved the situation during the busy season & MSh confirmed that the trial had been successful & they would be back next summer.*

What can be done to create the planned fairway between the new South Pier mud berths & the dinghies? *An additional dinghy rack is to be installed & placing a pontoon by La Folie is being investigated.*

Can anything be salvaged of the La Collette pontoons? *Very little, as most have broken backs.*

Appreciation was expressed for the new gangway lighting at Elizabeth, but some pontoon fittings were loosening again, creating a tripping hazard. *Noted and also must advise that a problem with the junction boxes means the lights will have to be off for 16 days whilst repairs are carried out.*

When will compulsory 3rd party insurance be introduced? *The law is still with the law draftsmen for re-working & then has to go back to the Privy Council. Unlikely to be ready before June 2012 at the earliest.*

How close is the law to legalise the yacht club ensign? *Not sure.*

What can be done about invoices from a trader, which included use of the hoist, that have been delayed & not itemised? *It is Harbours policy to invoice hoist use to traders, rather than owners, but happy to discuss the specific case privately.*

MS raised the issue of fee increases for 2012, saying that whilst there was no increase for parking, after the sharp rises over the last 3 years, drying moorings would again rise by 20% as required by the Minister. His personal view was that as the States were holding pay rises, fees should not be increased. *MSh said summaries of 2012 fees could be collected after the meeting. Elizabeth & St Helier marinas would go up 5.5% & La Collette 6.5%. Of the £200k to be paid in lieu of fuel duty, the fee increases would raise £70k & Harbours would find the rest internally. She referred to recent & planned capital investment, including Elizabeth lighting - £55k, Wi-Fi - £28k & Sth Pier moorings - £140k.*

	<p>How can the monthly parking permit increase from £15 to £50 be justified? <i>To bring them into line with the 3 year increases for annual permits.</i></p> <p>Are there any plans to renew the mooring chains further up the old harbour? <i>Yes, but there are no funds in the 2012 budget, so it will be 2013. Harbours now have an annual programme & the pile of chain on South Pier is for Gorey replacement.</i></p> <p>Any news on improvements to the boat park? <i>The original budget was inadequate & has since been withdrawn by the Minister. Not much hope in the near term.</i></p> <p>Any news on the introduction of fuel duty? <i>Not at present, to which MS added that we won the battle, but not the war.</i></p> <p>Does diesel supplied in French marinas contain bio fuel? <i>PDD said his research suggested that the predominant source was standard road diesel, i.e. with up to 7% bio and, interestingly, there appeared to be no reports of problems.</i></p> <p>There being no further questions, MS thanked DB & MSh for attending and called on the Hon. Secretary to say a few words.</p> <p>PDD said members may have heard that Martin Colligan, the marine engineer at Fox Marine & formerly D K Collins, had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer at the young age of 42. Friends were organising fund raising to help make his remaining time as comfortable as possible and collecting boxes would be available after the meeting, for those who wished to contribute.</p>
Termination	<p>MS then thanked St Helier Yacht Club for the use of their premises and reminded anyone who was not a Yacht Club member to sign the visitors book. He advised that the Hon. Treasurer was ready to receive subscriptions and had House Flags available for sale. He wished everyone a happy Christmas and good boating in 2012 and he invited members to participate in the buffet.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2040.</p>

Addendum:

Chairman's Report 2011

Last year I opened my report with a quote from Senator Alan MacLean (2010 would be the year of listening and consultation)

I am pleased to say in general that has been the case with numerous meetings being held with the marine Leisure Group and the newly formed Marine Development Group.

This Group being made up of two members of the States appointed Shadow Board, Alan Smith as Chairman the former Chief Executive of the Channel Islands Cooperative, and Margaret Llewellyn.

Margaret has a wealth of experience in the industry. The group also includes two representatives of St. Helier Yacht Club, two of the marine traders and two members of your association that being Nick Wood and myself Three meetings have now A taken place I am very encouraged with the positive attitude of all concerned.

So you may ask what else have we been involved with over the year.

Ground Chains South Pier It was first noticed that the ground chain nearest the wall was broken. Inspection made it clear that it was beyond repair. Within days it was found the bigger chain further down the beach was in need of attention. A meeting was held on site with marina staff to decide a way forward. Within a week a further meeting took place and a decision was taken to replace all ground chains and relay the moorings. Considerable

consultation took place and a plan of action put in place. Unfortunately the draw back that has come about is the loss of a fairway between the dinghy pontoon and the closest boats. Again we have been working with harbours on how to rectify this problem and I am hopeful this will shortly be resolved.

Myra hopefully can give us further information on this.

Relaxation on dogs Following concerns from a member agreement was reached with harbours to allowing boat owners in Elizabeth Marina to carry dogs down to their boats. This was introduced on a six—month trial period and I believe there have been no problems. Dogs are not permitted to roam on the pontoons.

Island Plan Peter Donne Davis represented the association at the public hearing regarding the Island Plan. As to the detail of the island plan it prevents any encroachment of the foreshore for marine leisure for a ten-year period. This we strongly opposed this, but the outcome has not changed.

Bio Diesel Following the concerns of many members about the effect of bio diesel on marine engines we took up the matter with the Fuel Companies. After a lengthy delay Nick and myself meet with the very top representatives from Rubis. We had an excellent meeting although it was highly technical. The outcome was very positive stating bio diesel is not currently being imported to the island,. An assurance that should the situation change and bio diesel has to be imported we will be informed before hand. My thanks must go to Steve Huelin and Chris Parlett for their assistance and hard work on the issue.

Elizabeth Marina Parking The phone was hot, and aggression was high when Web staff suddenly painted out 20 marina parking spaces on a Friday morning. When I received the first call I called Myra. Without going into what had gone wrong we managed to get these spaces reinstated the same day. Consultation has since taken place, I can confirm the status quo remains and I am pleased to say with no increase in parking charges for 2012.

Cycle track/shared area. Peter and myself attended a meeting with TTS regarding the proposed cycle track. Some of the work has already been completed but the intention is to take away 3 m of the two slipways and build over it so the cyclists are off road, in fact inside the current railings. Our only comments were how many parking spaces will be lost as it would no longer be possible to have chevron parking on the slipways. Secondly what a waste of public money. The matter is yet to go to planning.

La Collette Marina I need to say little about this, as I write the work is already underway. New pontoons and hopefully an improvement to the lobby at the top. Unloading and disabled parking is also being looked into.

Web site my thanks to Peter for updating the Website. All committee minutes are available for member's information. We try to keep up you as up to date as possible.

Reorganisation at Jersey Harbours is currently going through major changes, which we hope will be for the better. Both Harbours and Airport will operate as one.

Finally what is in the pipeline?

Old Harbour entrance berthing. This is on going with site investigation to be carried out.

St. Helier Marina link span bridge removal and additional pontoons. Site investigation to be carried out. Intention is to remove the ramp, and create additional berths.

Other projects on going, St Aubin's dredging early 2012

Additional mooring at Gorey early 2012

Concern for the future My main concern for the future is the rising costs of boating. So many people are calling it a day because of the rising charges. We need to start looking closely why we have 40 or so marina berths vacant in Elizabeth.

I can't close without giving my thanks to the staff at Jersey Harbours that I communicate with on a weekly basis. They could make my job far more difficult and I do appreciate the assistance that gives me.

Lastly your committee is my backbone and I can't thank them enough in supporting me.

That completes my report for 2011.

Mike Stevens, Chairman St. H.B.O.A.