



AGM of RYA National Hornet Class
Held on 18TH August 2013, 6.00 p.m. at Brightlingsea Sailing Club

Attendees:

Kevin Burt (Treasurer)	Chris Bines
Michael McNamara	Dave Gibbons
Dean Saxton (Membership Secretary)	Eric Styles
Steve Cooke	Toby Barsley-Dale
Dick Garry	Duncan West
Eric Marchbanks	Jon Silk
Mike Owen	Pippa Rogers
Strangler	Jo Powell
Jim Ingram	Gary Haylett
Geoff Furlong	Tim Coombe

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Clint Styles, Harry Ashworth and Tom Guy

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 19th August at Brixham Yacht Club, published via the website and available at the meeting, were agreed. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Dean Saxton and seconded by Toby Barsley-Dale

3. Committee Members Report

- Brixham Championships. The success of last year's championships was noted. In terms of entries, finance and format it was agreed to be very good. The venue is a favourite with many and we return in 2015.

- Dinghy Exhibition

Thanks to John Shelton for exhibiting his boat, and to Tim Coombes whose skill resulted in it winning the Concours d'Elegance prize.

- Open Meetings. The Final Fling at Carsington was a success (if very windy) with 8 boats entered. However 2013 has been a poor year for many reasons with diary clashes, cancelled meetings etc. Clint has asked that this be discussed at the meeting.

- There was lots of interest from builders at the Dinghy show and Simon Hipkin brought a Merlin to show at the club as he is willing to build wooden boats.

Eric Marchbanks stated that the Devon Composites moulds might be available dependent on circumstances.

4 Election of Officers

There was a change to the published nominations for Officers.as follows.

Chairman - Eric Marchbanks

Vice Chairman- Mike Owen

Treasurer- Kevin Burt

Secretary- Jim Ingram

Nominated by Dick Garry, Seconded by Chris Bines and elected unanimously

5 Nominations for the Committee:

Strangler, Dean Saxton, Clint Styles, Tom Guy, John Shelton and Jim Ingram. Nominated en bloc by Dick Garry and seconded by Chris Bines.

6. Treasurers Report and adoption of the Accounts

The class made a profit on the year of nearly £1400. A large part of this was due to the excess from the 2012 Brixham championships but subscriptions were slightly up again and we have a healthy £5000 in the bank. Thanks are due to Kevin Burt for his continued work on the accounts.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Strangler and seconded by Dave Gibbons

7. Open Meetings

A wide ranging discussion took place on the subject. It was not felt that we would be able to get sailors to commit earlier to enter events but that a range of events round the country should still be offered. The main conclusion was, that as well as a few Opens, we should focus on a small number of open regatta events such as Thorpe Bay regatta, Exe regatta, Rutland and a Menai Straits event. These would take place regardless of the class and our entry numbers but we could offer our own trophies and points for a Travellers Trophy. It was agreed to ask all members to submit ideas and offers as soon as possible so that the committee could suggest events that we could concentrate on.

8. A.O.B

- J.I. reported that in addition to Tim Coombes the class now had an offer of new wooden boats from Simon Hipkins as well as the possibility of foam sandwich boats from a local builder at a reasonable mould cost. This sparked a debate on the effect of a new builder on the class. It was agreed that the new boats must be strictly within the rules and preferably not be so radical as to affect the competitiveness of the existing fleet. Mike Macnamara gave warning examples from the Albacore and Wayfarer fleets. (It has since transpired that Simon is likely to build a boat on spec, Chris Bines has lent a hull for lines to be lifted and Mike Mac will be involved in the development.)

- J.I. thanked Bishop Skinner for their sponsorship of the beer mats despite the lethal effect that they had on the dinner.

- Jo Powell asked that for future championships there was a limit on the race length particularly on 3 race days. The meeting was not strongly in favour of either 8 or 10 but the 10 race format needed to be subject to time limitations.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm