

Oxford and Cambridge Sailing Society

The 83rd Annual General Meeting of the Oxford and Cambridge Sailing Society held at Oxford Sailing Club on Saturday 30th September 2023 at 9.45am

Minutes

1. Apologies received from Stuart Robinson, Crispin Wilson, Patrick Gifford
2. Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting, as published on the OCSS Admin page of the website: *ocss.org.uk* were approved nem. con.
3. Jeremy Atkins welcomes new members recently accepted to the society and gives his president's report.
 - He highlighted the recent revival of the London Drinks Party in RORC as an effort to encourage those less inclined to get in a Firefly along to an event. While that was not the resulting demographic a good time was had by all and a successful port auction was held.
 - With the departure of Anthony Butler and Katie Nurton there has been some relearning of roles and responsibilities, along with formalising these descriptions for future committees.
4. Kathryn Rahemtulla gives the treasurer's report and accounts for the part year ending 30 June 2023 (Accounts are published annually via the OCSS Admin page of the website: *ocss.org.uk*). Approved nem. con.
5. Tom Low not present for investment report - although he has previously given report to the committee of a difficult year for investments, but current diverse portfolio working as intended.
 - Andrew Reid commented that it might be nice to have a brief summary of the investments as part of the accounts. Kathryn will look to include this in future.
6. Alex Baxter relays the port report for those present. Briefly summarised:
 - A large restatement of the port happened this year between Alex and Kathryn to understand where all the bottles were physically and update relevant documentation.
 - We currently have 152 bottles, with a drinking plan until 2045
 - The current valuation held by Berry Bros & Rudd is circa £5k
 - Due to the cancellation of the annual dinner this year, there may be an auction of the 1997 Smith Woodhouse.
 - i. Alex noted that he gifted his mother a bottle of this from the last auction and it was greatly appreciated.
 - Alex may seek to liquidate some of the assets to buy fresh stock this year.
7. The following officers for the coming year were elected nem. con.:
 - President - Jeremy Atkins
 - Honorary Treasurer - Kathryn Rahemtulla
 - Honorary Secretary - Gregory Sale
8. The following Committee Members for the coming year were elected nem. con.:
 - Callum Farnden (Web)
 - Tom Low (Investments)

- Ed Grieg-Gran
 - Alex Baxter (Port)
 - Hugh Tomkins (Generations) - *new*
 - Tiarnan Finney - *new*
9. This year the annual dinner proved to have reached a prohibitive price point (£75 / £65 for students), leading to a cancellation. As such the committee was keen to hear all points of view on what could be done in future.
- Jeremy kicked off the discussion by noting that the following year would be the 90th anniversary of the society, so it may be appropriate to hold a larger dinner in London, disconnected from Generations.
 - Then the year after we could reassess the price of a college dinner (draw on contacts with current students), or perhaps go to a more informal restaurant.
 - It was noted that an excuse to dress up was a draw of the dinner!
 - It was also noted that the move to attach the annual dinner to the end of Generations was after the numbers dwindled from the London dinner. This, generally, has been a success. However a one off event is a good excuse.
 - The demographic attending this year may have been slightly younger than in previous years which might have impacted uptake.
10. AOB
- Chris Pugh thanked Ben Rahemtulla for his work in organising Generations over the years
 - Andrew Reid thanked Jeremy for his most obliging conduct in the chair.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.10am as the wind filled in.