



HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB



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Present: Brian Atkins, Larissa Barker, Jill Betts, Peter Betts, Paula Beveridge, Simon Bickers, David Blackburn, Ian Brett, Will Buckland, Derek Bunting, Gerry Burnham, Gillian Creaser, Clive de la Fuente, Paul Deakin, Rob Dunkley, Stewart Elder, Kate Everard, Tony Everard, Nicky Frost, David Gray, David Harris, Dave Heathcote, David Heggs, Roger Hobson, Janet Hobson, Dave Holyoak, Mark Hope, Martin Hudson, Issy Lambley, Keith Lancaster, Peter Jordan, Dave Mason, Mary Mallard, Kevin McAllister, Ivor McDonnell, Rachel McDonnell, Keith Miller, Mike Pipes, Helen Playle, Mike Playle, Tim Robinson, Carrie Robinson, Graham Smith, Anthony Stevens, Jenny Sturt, Stuart Wileman, Nicola Wilkinson (Chair), Allan Winters, Monty Vann.

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Andy Baker, Elaine Coulton, Jane Coverdale, Carol Halliday, Simon King, Russell Brayshaw, and Lawrence Creaser.
2. The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 2 March 2014 were proposed by Derek Bunting, seconded by Simon Bickers and unanimously approved subject to the removal of the word 'poop' in point 7 on page 5 to be replaced by 'pop'.
3. Commodore's Report - Nicola Wilkinson presented her report on the many achievements from another successful year at Hollowell.

On the Sailing front some form of organised sailing took place on 120 days. A total of 260 races were offered and 220 sailing members took part in these. We are still light on the involvement of women however, with just 28 adult women taking part in club racing of whom 17 of these were at the helm. Team Hollowell returned home from Northampton Sailing Club with the Warwick Trophy, stars of the day being Mike Harding and Morgan Smith. Our Youth and Slow Fleet were also celebrated at the Cransley Tiller, Spar and Daggerboard giving our fast fleet something to work for in 2015. Open meetings included the Windsurfer and Seavets, the Laser & Solo Open, the Anglian Water Junior Series, the Midlands Topper and Tera Open and the Iced Tankard Handicap meaning just five 'no free sailing' days in the year. The Annual Rutland Cruise in September, led by Mike Playle, saw one of the highest turn outs ever and Helen's famous strawberry scones made up in part for the lack of wind. Tuesday evenings provided a relaxed opportunity to sail and make the most of the increasing daylight, while Thursdays evening pursuit is still the most popular way to get into racing with 120 sailors taking part and more than 50 staying on for dinner most weeks. I would like to thank our Fleet Captains, Simon Bickers, Brian Atkins, Tony Everard, Keith Lancaster, Paul Mallard, David Harris, Larissa Barker and Simon King for keeping in touch with fleet members during the year enthusiastically spurred on by Rob Dunkley as Sailing Secretary.

On the Training front, some form of training or coaching took place on more than 85 days last year for juniors and adults. Clive de la Fuente has once again kept both the big picture and the fine detail in balance and played a key role in devising our new On-the-Water Safety Policy. We are particularly indebted to Carol Halliday for her determination over 10 years to increasing all our skills in powerboat and safety boat handling alongside playing a key role in Tuesday Tasters. Clive's report will mention many others who are vital to providing a comprehensive range of courses suited to sailors and windsurfers however I would like to thank two families in particular being the Kings and the Middleton-Smiths for covering many of the safety boat slots in support of several courses.

Our Maintenance team have responded to the unexpected turn of events arising from leaching of pesticides from neighbouring hillsides into the reservoir in the Spring. By late Summer water levels had been reduced to less than 50% and the opportunity was taken to extend and add to our existing slipways. More land drainage was carried out, hedges cleared and plans are in place to move rowers racks all to make better use of the available land for boats and trailers. The clubhouse insulation and electrical wiring has been upgraded, new picnic tables recently delivered and new radios added to the existing collection. A new pc and printer have also been installed and a vast array of tasks accomplished too numerous to list. We remain most grateful to all those involved with maintaining the club and grounds including Bryan Blake, Dave Holyoak, David Blackburn, David Gray, Derek

Bunting, Ian Collyer, Mary and Paul Mallard, Mike Playle, Olivia Montgomery, Peter Woolard, Phil Ireson, Tony Chambers, Will Buckland and Mike Pipes. Will Buckland has found himself frequently delving into drains and gutters providing essential cleaning tasks as well as making an art of our Prize-giving Ceremony each year meticulously arranging our trophies and awards and ensuring our child protection procedures are relevant. I would especially like to thank Allan Winters who has collected our fuel for more than 8 years and without whom we would simply have ground to a halt and Phil Ireson another long-standing club member for taking on this role. Seven sailors from the East Midlands had their exceptional volunteer contribution recognised by Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal in November. Our thanks go especially to Peter and Jill Betts who were awarded the RYA Volunteer of the Year Award for Lifetime Commitment and Stewart Elder for Outstanding Contribution.

Elaine Coulton has once again provided excellent support to all our members as Membership Secretary. In the Autumn a decision was made to move away from an Access Database to a membership software package designed by sailors for sailing clubs. This move has not been without its challenges and Nicky Frost was awarded the Commodore's Trophy in December in recognition of the enormous efforts on her part to transfer our data in time for our renewals to be issued in January. The success of the new renewals process has surprised us all as many more have signed up making use of the early bird discount than have ever by this time before. Elaine and Nicky are working hard to make sure members receive confirmation as soon as possible and for craft and trailers stickers to be issued via the red folder. Kate Everard produced what must be the best Mainsheet Newsletter ever in the Spring and our thanks to Bob Potterton for printing many of our publications during the year. Our Annual Programme and revised Rules are available in hard copy from Elaine and in the clubhouse but unless requested will not be sent out by post this year. This has been a hard decision to make but necessary in light of increasing postage costs. Nevertheless we want all our members to know what is going on and if you wish to receive hard copies of any of our publications please let Elaine know.

The envy of many sailing clubs, we have Robin Buxton to thank for another extraordinary year promoting the club via Yachts and Yachting articles, media interviews and newspaper contributions. Graham Smith has lent his exceptional expertise to moving us forward in the use of technology to improve our systems and processes for the future of the club. I am delighted that Rachel McDonnell and Jo Bradley have agreed to cover our Tea Bar and Bar which between them contribute enormously both to our social enjoyment and our financial health as a club. Anthony Stevens has provided a reassuring expertise and invaluable advice on matters relating to insurance, legal affairs and investments. It is thanks to him that we have a no-cost agreement with our landlords, Anglian Water Services Ltd to allow canoeing until 30 June 2015, something which he will continue to negotiate on behalf of the 10 or so canoeists who signed up last year. Kevin McAllister will report on our sound financial position so I will simply say thank you to him for providing us with assurance on our financial affairs, introducing Sage to streamline our accounting and to Dave Mason for auditing our accounts.

As we end one year and move on to the next we have to bid some fond farewells. A number of long term members have decided to move on and will be very sorely missed. John Smith has been one of our most intuitive safety boat instructors and always a most welcome smiling face on the water; Phil Hames has decided the distance between his new home forces him to seek new sailing grounds nearer Nottingham after serving the club for years as Membership Secretary, and of course Maurice Barnes who has moved even further afield and whose colourful spirit proved vital to the club and who was for many years our powerboat Engine Maintainer. For now, we bid them a fond farewell and the warmest welcome on any future visit to Hollowell's shores.

As we look forward to the coming year, I would particularly like to see our use of technology simplifying systems, our membership increasing from the 445 individuals at the end of 2013, and our facilities adapting to meet our needs. I would like us to pay more attention to the sailing member with no craft and devise a better means of keeping in contact with them. We will be looking at the possibility of securing a £70k+ Sport England Inspired facilities grant to make an extension to the seating capacity of our clubhouse and we are looking to celebrate our 50th Anniversary by holding a special dinner on 8 October 2016 combined with our Club Championship two-day event and Rachel McDonnell will explain more about this later.

I joined Hollowell SC with my family in 2003 and remain in awe of the expertise on and off the water which continues to challenge me to sail better each year. Thanks to the inspiring legacy of those who have passed on the baton through the years we can all look forward to another great year of sailing ahead at Hollowell. Thank you all.

4. Treasurer's Report - Kevin McAllister proposed the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014. He highlighted that the Club is in a healthy financial position with the equivalent of one years' running costs in cash and investments. Gerry Turnham asked that an explanation about changes in annual members subscriptions be included in the Treasurers' Report. Nicola Wilkinson explained that the Membership Committee had proposed an increase of 3% to a number of categories but no change to the craft fees from 2013 and the introduction of an early bird discount for 2015. This had been following a review of previous subscriptions and other clubs in the area to ensure we offer accessible rates. The Accounts were seconded by Club Secretary Anthony Stevens and all those present unanimously agreed.
5. Sailing Secretary's Report - Rob Dunkley acknowledged the highlights covered in Nicola's report. He invited new Youth Fleet Captains Ivor McDonnell and Graham Smith to report on achievements of the younger sailors at Hollowell. They reported that the youth sailing aims to be inclusive taking young sailors right through from those who have not sailed before to national events and beyond. Highlights of the past year included Andrew Sturt, Morgan Smith and Gemma McDonnell moving into the Topper North Zone, Hazel McDonnell and Iris Singleton in the Midlands Oppies, Georgia King in the 4.7 and Eleanor Cranfield in the Topper Intermediate National Squads; Sophie Otter in the 29er National Squad and Caitlin Jones hoping to be; and Arran Holman competing in 420s and Laser classes. Reporting on activities planned for 2015 the International Topper Class Association held a two day training event in early January and were most impressed with the facilities offered by Hollowell SC.

Rob described plans for the coming year being to reduce the 'no sailing' days by running multiple activities on a number of days. He highlighted some changes to the prizes description in the back of the Annual Programme, hard copies available in the clubhouse and also via the website. Results of club series' will be posted on the website in such a way to promote competition between the Bronze, Silver and Gold allocations which were approved by the Sailing Committee. A list of the allocations will be posted on the clubhouse noticeboard and any queries may be directed to Simon King who will raise these at the next meeting of the Sailing Committee.

Rob asked for all to encourage the newer sailors out on the water whether they might end up upside down or not. He hopes all members will join in the racing on Saturdays and Sundays and not to be put off that it is more competitive on the Sunday stressing that even new sailors can get involved.

6. Training Principal's Report - Clive de la Fuente gave his report.

So a recap of the year...Firstly Adult Training. 2014 saw an increase in the total number of people being trained on PB and SB courses. Although the number of internal candidates has remained fairly static we have, for the first time, bussed in guinea pigs from York University and Northampton Rowing Club, who have been exceedingly complementary about the courses put on for them. Clearly they have also helped fill the HSC coffers. So a big thank you to ALL the PBI instructors who have made this happen, and especially Davids Grey and Harris, and Ian Collyer who ran the additional mid-week course for York.

The number of people on adult dinghy courses was very similar to last year, but with a slightly different mix of customer requirements. This year's star performers were BoW and the adult coaching who had 26 members on the courses between them. Another First was advertising our last Level 1 course of 2014 in the Northampton Adult Learning Brochure and website. For Hollowell this was great as we tapped into a whole new pool of potential sailors, while at the same time we received the full non-member price. From their side they get introduced to a new sport, and can be subsidised by the local authority. So a win-win situation. We will be repeating this this year.

So on the financial side we netted over a £9000 profit.

On top of that we had the Tasters as last year administered by Carol initially and then Steve Jolley successfully took over the reins.

This year Tim Robinson, Jenny Sturt, Abbie Caldwell and Carol Halliday passed their AI course, and Andy Biller and Steph and Mike Harding passed their coach course. Later in the year Izzy King and Freddie Cranfield successfully completed their Dinghy Instructors courses and we have 4 more people going for their DI course in the next couple of weeks.

Youth Training. This year we had a total of 175 Children-Sunday morning sessions over 10 weeks throughout the year, which is down just a little bit from the previous year's high of 200. However the Junior Start Sailing was a great success, as we managed to time it just right after Open Day. Last year I reported that we had the largest number in recorded history on dinghy sailing week ...this year we surpassed that by two...up to 43.

Again a big thank you to our volunteers who deliver such high quality training, Larissa, David Grey, David Harris and Andy Biller. Although Simon King has recently stood down as Youth Fleet Captain, his shoes have been filled by two people in the form of Ivor McDonnell and Graham Smith. They ably coped with their baptism of fire holding a Topper training day in January.

If testament is needed to the strength of our Youth programme not only do we now have two new DI, but we also have Morgan, Andrew and Gemma in the Topper N zone squads, Georgia in the Laser 4.7 squad and Eleanor in the Topper National Squad.

Another first for Hollowell this year was gaining RYA Windsurfing Accreditation, along with 3 'new' ... Assistant windsurfing instructors in the form of Mike, Paul and John, and two new Windsurfing Instructors Eleanor Bickers and Robin McAllister. Thanks guys for getting this off the ground.

Last year saw us win a £10,000 grant from Sport's England for the purchase of a new Wayfarer and the Hartley H12/2. These have been used heavily by our members, especially the H12/2 that seemed to have become the boat of choice for masters Sturt and Smith for a good half of the year.

I'd like to thank the Wrinkies for all their hard work in keeping the ship afloat. Without all the 'behind the scenes' work on buildings, grounds and boats we would not be able to sustain such a full and varied training and sailing programme. The new training room is now an excellent facility, with heating, overhead projection and Internet access.

In 2015 we intend to supplement the sail training by offering 4 'Go Sailing' Saturdays, which will be strategically placed a couple of weeks after L1 courses. These courses will be free to attend and will allow people to turn up and be given a bit of informal help and advice to get on the water.

We have a rules evening next week, Tuesday evening 3rd March ...so most of you should go on that! We also have 3 Saturday sessions where there is on-the-job training to learn how to run races and become a race officer. You can sign up for this by putting your name in the Trainee DO spaces in Dutyman.

For PB2 and SB courses they now become 2.5 day courses. The intention being that the extra half a day is to help provide safety cover on an Adult Dinghy course. Not only does this help with respect to the administration of the course but it also allows the newly qualified members to practise their new skills, with a knowledge that there are only going to be < 6 boats on the water, and an SI on hand to answer any questions.

A couple of special mentions, first to Larissa Barker who received the Founders Cup for Services to training trophy last year for her total commitment over many years to youth coaching. On a sadder note we say good bye to John Smith, who was the first recipient of the Founders cup, an excellent PBI and windsurf trainer. We are sorry to see him go and hope that he comes back soon.

Finally I would like to thank all those that have made a sustained contribution to the Training at HSC whether they be the Trainers themselves or all those that support the training, such as the co-ordinators, wrinklies, or those that volunteer for safety boat duty. And lastly a plea to all those trainers in the room. I'd be exceedingly grateful if they could say when they are available to help with the training, as it is so much easier to administer if we have something to work from.

7. Membership Secretary's Report - in Elaine Coulton's absence Nicola presented the Membership Report. On the Membership front, we started out last year with an extremely windy Public Open Day in early May which benefited from the RYA Push the Boat Out promotion and attracted over 100 visitors for a taste of sailing and windsurfing. A month later on our New Members morning, more than 30 new members enjoyed a thoroughly informative club tour and excellent lunch provided by Elaine Coulton.

By the end of 2014 we had a total of 461 members. Of these 115 were single sailing members, and 306 were family members. There was a clear shift away from members joining as single social adults with a junior member which is seen as a positive move and income from membership remained similar to 2013 at just over £40,000. Just 14 people joined last year as social members able to enjoy our excellent meals and constant on-the-water entertainment as well as the social activities of the club.

To support the extremely comprehensive sailing programme we need to fill almost 1000 duty slots importantly including over 100 duty officer slots. In 2014 we offered training for club race officers separately from club security officers hoping to attract a number of new people to this role. Ideally those who have been club members for two years will consider taking up the training courses on offer this year. We have Stewart Elder to thank for administering the duty rota via Dutyman and for constant upgrading of our Website which benefitted from a transfer to web host Heart Internet at the end of the year. This year will see a move to 'the cloud' and increased access especially for fleet captains to editing their own pages.

Thanks to Graham Smith's recommendation we decided to offer an early bird incentive to encourage our members to renew by the 1 March 2015. Subscriptions have been kept at last year's rate until today after which the new 2015 rates will apply reflecting a 3% increase for most memberships although no increase to our very reasonable craft fees. By the end of last year we had the highest number of registered craft at 245 dinghies and 27 sailboards in addition to the Hollowell Scullers' rowing boats. Our rent due to Anglian Water Services Ltd will reflect this increase although we are grateful for a one-off contribution to remedial work on our slipways of £500 during the year following discussion with Jake Williams from Anglian Water.

In the boat park, I would like to thank David Blackburn for allocating parking spaces and Ian Brett for selling abandoned boats and trailers. We do intend to clear more of these during the year to make more room for our existing members. Please make sure your boat stickers, which are non-transferrable this year, are easily visible and attached as soon as possible but no later than May. If you have a separately parked trailer please put clear identification on these including the sticker as many of the abandoned trailers will be removed this year.

For the past few years the Membership and Social Committees have been run together although at the end of 2014 it was agreed that these would operate separately for 2015 particularly in preparation for the 2016 50th Anniversary Celebration. Our thanks go to Elaine Coulton for expertly chairing this committee for the past 5 years and for her continuing efforts to attract new members to the club each year and her ongoing offer of support.

Finally, of more than 230 membership renewal invitations we already received far more renewals than expected with 140 memberships already in by this morning. Some of you will already have received your renewal confirmation but Elaine asks for thanks for such an excellent response and your ongoing patience as she works through the remaining renewals together with Nicky Frost's expert administrative support on the Medusa database. Stickers will be issued for craft over the next few weeks and will be available in the red folder by the Tea Bar as soon as possible.

8. Maintenance Report - the highlights of our club maintenance had been covered in Nicolas' report.
9. Committee

Nicola Wilkinson proposed a number of changes to the Committee for 2015 having contacted each person to confirm their willingness to stand. Clive de la Fuente seconded the proposed Committee which had been agreed at the recent General Committee and all those present approved.

Simon King stepping down as Youth Fleet Captain and handing over to Ivor McDonnell and Graham Smith. Simon planned to continue as Race Results Officer for 2015;

Rachel McDonnell who had agreed to take on the role of Tea Bar Manager already having organised a very successful Christmas Lunch at Ravensthorpe in December 2014;

Ray Hunt stepping down as Bar Manager and handing over to Jo Bradley. Thanks particularly to Ray for supplying some of the popular local brew from his own brewery at the Mill in Towcester (well worth a visit) and hopefully will continue to do so.

Elaine Rivers Jolly who stepped down as Social Secretary during 2014 after putting on a memorable safety performance at the Christmas Lunch at the end of 2013. The role of Social Secretary is not yet filled and anyone interested is very welcome to talk to Nicola.

Allan Winters handed over mid-year as Fuel Coordinator to Phil Ireson after almost a decade of ferrying fuel for the Club. This is a task which needs to be carried out on a regular basis or things will quite literally come to a stand still.

Harry Bartlett continued to lend his expertise and time to cutting back hedges in the Autumn even when no longer a member at Hollowell. The role of Grounds Manager has been absorbed into Mike Pipes' already large list of tasks so all help here is appreciated.

Caroline Cranfield handed over responsibility for Coordinating Adult Training to Andrea King and Wendy Middleton-Smith who between them and their families ended up providing much of the safety cover themselves last year, something that we hope will not be repeated again this year.

Caitlin Jones stepped down early in 2014 as Youth Squad Leader and this year's leader is yet to be appointed (*to be confirmed*).

Dave Holyoak spotted the IT Hardware Maintenance vacancy and offered to fill this role straight after the 2014 AGM and brings a wealth of valuable history to meetings and discussions;

Graham Smith has pushed our technology forward with some excellent work on assessing our needs. While the formal role of ICT Development is not envisaged to continue in 2015 there will still be further work done to develop use of technology.

Steve Jolly has stepped forward to fill part of the Taster Session Coordinator role previously handled so well by Carol Halliday. Steve is able to coordinate sessions but not meet and greet on the Tuesday evenings so we are inviting anyone who would like to take on this role to speak to a committee member.

Mike Pipes provided years of support for the Onboard Scheme and we are looking for someone to take on this role. Please speak to Clive or Mike for more information.

Ian Brett has his work cut out selling a varied range of abandoned or donated boats and trailers and this year the hope is to create more boat parking space by removing much of the unsalable items.

Two new posts have been created for 2015 being the 2016 Jubilee Dinner Coordinator and a Reporting Officer. Nicola asked for a Jubilee Dinner Coordinator to come forward.

Last but not least, Rob Dunkley has agreed to step into the role of Vice Commodore with a view to becoming the next Commodore when Nicola steps down in March 2016. During 2015 he will continue as Sailing Secretary although aiming to find a replacement before the 2016 sailing programme is put together in the Autumn.

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| OFFICERS: | | Other Committee members: | |
| Commodore | Nicola Wilkinson | Harbourmaster | David Blackburn |
| Vice Commodore | Rob Dunkley NEW | Fuel Coordinator | Phil Ireson NEW |
| RYA Principal | Clive de la Fuente | Powerboat/Engine Maintainer | Mike Pipes |
| Rear Commodore | Russell Brayshaw | Grounds Manager | Mike Pipes |
| Secretary | Anthony Stevens | Chief Instructor (Powerboat) | David Gray |
| Treasurer | Kevin McAllister | Chief Instructor (Dinghy) | Clive de la Fuente |
| Sailing Secretary | Rob Dunkley | Training Coord (Powerboats) | Carol Halliday |
| Membership Secretary | Elaine Coulton | Training Coord (Adult Bookings) | Andrea King |
| FLEET CAPTAINS: | | Training Coord (Adult Crews) | Wendy Middleton-Smith |
| Laser | Simon Bickers | Training Coord (Juniors) | Jenny Sturt |
| Handicap Assymmetric Double hander | Brian Atkins | Training Coord (Sailboard) | Paul Mallard |
| Handicap Symmetric Double hander | David Harris | Tasters Coordinator | Steve Jolly |
| Handicap Single hander | Tony Everard | OnBoard Coordinator | VACANT |
| Solo | Keith Lancaster | Child Protection Officer | Will Buckland |
| Sailboard | Paul Mallard | Race Scoring Officer | Simon King |
| Youth Training Coordinator | Larissa Barker | IT Hardware Officer | Dave Holyoak |
| Youth Fleet Captains | Ivor McDonnell NEW | Database Administrator | Nicky Frost |
| | Graham Smith NEW | Youth Squad Leader | To be confirmed |
| Other General Committee voting members (7): | | Prizes Secretary | Will Buckland |
| Maintenance Manager | Mike Playle | Marketing Officer | Robin Buxton |
| Tea Bar Manager | Rachel McDonnell NEW | Publications Editor | Kate Everard |
| Bosun | Peter Betts | 2016 Jubilee Dinner Coordinator | VACANT |
| Bar Manager | Jo Bradley NEW | Webmaster | Stewart Elder |
| Duty Coordinator | Stewart Elder | Tea Bar Purchasing | Mary Mallard |
| Social Secretary | VACANT | First Aid Supplies Monitor | Olivia Montgomery |
| House Manager | Mike Pipes | Hollowell Scullers Liaison Officer | Tim Joint |
| | | Reporting Officer | VACANT |
| Honorary Members: | Charles Brett | Boat Sales | Ian Brett |
| | Simon Cray | Tasters Meeter & Greeter | VACANT |
| | Ian and Joyce Hall | Trustees: | Charles Brett |
| | Don Howard | | Martin Hudson |
| | Len Humphries | | Mike Playle |
| | Barbar Oakes | | Mike Pipes |
| | Roy Richardson | | Larissa Barker |
| | Angus Westley | | |
| | Monty Vann | | |

10. The motion, proposed by Kevin McAllister and seconded by Anthony Stevens that Dave Mason, having expressed willingness to continue, be re-appointed as Auditor was passed unanimously.
11. Any other business
 - 11.1. Hand dryers - Will Buckland proposed an upgrade to the hand dryers and a discussion on the matter covered several points. It was concluded that one new high speed hand dryer should be installed in the gents and one in the ladies to address hygiene concerns. Helen Playle and Carrie Robinson concurred that the Health and Safety recommendation for the Tea Bar is in the form of a centre feed paper roll next to the hand basin and this would be re-installed. It was agreed by all present that the Maintenance Committee would seek quotes for these upgrades and Graham Smith also offered to obtain prices. Nicola thanked Will for raising the matter which was clearly of interest to all. She also explained that some years ago a decision had been reached to set aside £6k each year for future club development and that the budget for capital expenditures was calculated annually on this basis. The costs of upgrading hand drying facilities would be in addition to the existing capital expenditure budget for 2015.
12. The meeting having commenced at 1100hrs ended at 1205 hrs after which an informal discussion followed.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION POINTS

13. 35th America's Cup Bus Trip - Stewart Elder asked for a show of hands as expression of interest to go in a bus trip for the Saturday 25 July 2015 to watch this event to be held at Portsmouth. Around 15 people present were interested.
14. Rob Dunkley and Simon Bickers provided recommendations from the Sailing and General Committees not to move to a Hollowell SC bespoke handicap rating and to remain with the PY ratings. This recommendation followed the objective analysis presented by Simon and discussion of a range of points. A vote of thanks was expressed to Simon for his work on carrying out the analysis of results over past and most recent years.
15. Rachel McDonnell invited all members to save the Saturday 8 October 2016 for the 50th Golden Jubilee Club Anniversary dinner which would be held over the two-day Club Championship event. All members will be invited to attend a dinner with entertainment and special guests. Past members will also be contacted subject to numbers expected to be 250-300 at a venue near to Hollowell SC. She asked for offers of help and in particular for someone to come forward as Jubilee Dinner Coordinator.
16. Mark Hope asked whether a three minute start might be considered. Rob explained the Sailing Committee had recently agreed to do this in the colder months and that he would raise it again to see if this would meet with agreement for other events also. He asked for feedback on this in the meantime.
17. Ian Brett added that everyone should spread the word about Hollowell Sailing Club to whoever they meet and pass on information about what is available. A promotional leaflet is being produced by Elaine Coulton and this will be available for members to pass on. A promotional poster was considered to be essential also for members to hand out although a simple black and white printed format was preferred by many.

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