

Hi Everybody,

What a difference a day has made! We have finally managed to successfully hold our Annual General Meeting via Zoom. And we managed it without the angst that technology might ambush us once we settled down with our coffees and bacon sandwiches. I have to say that participating in these meetings from home can be so much more relaxing than sitting around a table at the Club. If you're nose, great way to find out how the other half lives!

My only problem was putting the clocks forward that one hour! Aargh!!! That was not a good thing to do.

Have a look below to see what was talked about and what was decided when we finally got underway. In accordance with the Rules it is only the last years minutes that can be published when they are formally approved at the next AGM, so November 2020 will be on the website in due course.

Now that we have a new Committee and we are being told that we can open or meet people in various stages, I popped down to the beach this afternoon and was delighted to see the first swimmers of the season outside the Club! Brave ladies as it really cannot have been that warm.



I think that was Phil Plume, one of our windsurfing members in the background? I'm sure he'll let me know one way or the other. It really does feel like summer today (despite the breeze) and we still have tomorrow of even higher temperatures before reality clicks in. Well, come on, this is England!

Extraordinary and Annual General Meeting

Maybe the clocks going forward meant many of you slept in on Sunday morning (or maybe it was just technology), but 28 members (20 voting) joined the EGM Zoom meeting, plus 11 proxy votes.

At the AGM, there were an additional three members joining, (only one additional voting member), plus a maximum of 9 proxy votes, as some members chose not to vote on some

issues.

The low turnout was a little disappointing, but huge thanks to Kevin Harris and Carol Gale who steered the Commodore through the procedure, and it progressed smoothly on the whole. Members logging in were identified quickly and their names were typed up and shown on the screen by the Commodore so everyone knew who was speaking and who was eligible to vote. A good, smooth test that proves we can do it again if we have to. Heaven forbid that Covid makes this happen but at least we are prepared for any event that may arise where we need to do so, for instance, a county or regional meeting. We mustn't deny to ourselves that we need to move ahead in all areas where we can.

The most important issues that were decided on at the meetings were:

EGM: Both proposals were passed.

AGM: All proposals were passed with an exception to the wording of the Rules of Section 2 – Officers.

This section will not be implemented and will be further discussed prior to the AGM in November 2021:

3. There shall be a President and Vice-President of the Club, both of whom shall be entitled to vote. The position of President will, unless he/she so desires be held for life. The position of Vice-President elected annually will be filled by either the retiring or a past Commodore.

This was due to Chris Page only being elected for 5 years. The members questioned why?

Please see website for full details of the proposals raised.

Membership

From Andy Day, our (re-elected) Membership Secretary:

The time has come! Following the agreement at the AGM last Sunday I am pleased to announce that you can now apply to renew your membership.

Thank you to those that have already applied, you will shortly receive your membership cards. For all those of you that have not yet applied to renew membership and boat park fees, please visit the website:

<http://www.paghamyachtclub.com/Membership/>

Here you can download the 2021 membership form and view the membership fees. Those waiving refunds will see the fees in black (same as last year) and those taking advantage of the refunds will see the new fees in red. **It goes without saying that if you are able to, a decision to waive the fee refunds will greatly help the Club, but it is also appreciated that not everyone is in the same position at present.**

Our preference is that renewal of fees takes place online by way of BACS if that is possible, so that the transfer of cash or cheques is minimal. Payments of cash and cheques are currently difficult for the Treasurer to bank for Covid-19 reasons. That said, if need be, post or deliver cheques to the Club post box at Pagham Yacht Club, 1 West Front Road, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 4SY. It is suggested cash is only paid at the Club when we are open.

Please complete the membership application form, and return with the remittance, online, or to the Club post box. This is a volunteer-based Club, so we are asking for all those

renewing to complete the application form so that we can update member details, but also to update our volunteers list and to try to capture some information about member skills that might be helpful to the Club.

Many thanks in anticipation. AD

Sailing and Angling Report

Our RC Sailing remains Kevin Mason who will be aided by Andy Grout. Andy will be putting his many years of sailing to good use to assist Kevin in the administration and general running around part of this post, leaving Kevin free to organise and supervise sailing and, just as important, take on the essential role of Boatswain. Not an easy task to do and help out when asked.

Steve Essery is our new RC Angling and is keen to get as many members from all ages interested in fishing/angling both from the beach, or from boats. The calendar is out for competitions and I'm sure he's keen to surpass his son's achievement as, I'm sure you will already have seen the photos of Tom's catches over last season, he needs to do! Enough said about that.

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Social Membership

I am sure you will be relieved to know that Jo will be carrying on as dealing with social matters but now under a new title – she will now be RC Social and Fundraising! Any suggestions you can make to her to promote our Club to raise funds to enable us to continue a portfolio of entertainers with a wide range of music and entertainment I am that Sue would be very grateful to hear. We have the summer coming up when members cannot get away to those continental places outside Bognor (?) so let's look forward to see what is coming our way.

I know that Sue has already planned a Charity Day in late May for a local family who have lost a baby, using Malc and Sean who have offered us a reduced rate to perform. You may remember them as Malc de Reding and Elvis? Oh yes! That is an extra one that is being looked at to raise money to contribute to a headstone and the Chestnut Tree Hospice. We'll let you know more about that. And don't forget The Smileys performance on the afternoon of 28th June to get us back into the real world!

On another note, some of you will remember Pebbles (in what was originally in our tiny galley), that the Dynamic Duo, Sue and Kerri, used to provide tea, coffee, snacks and basic meals during the sailing season. Pebbles has been moved to a better location in the main Galley, but regrettably, due to other commitments, Sue and Kerri can no longer devote enough time to fully run it. This means we would welcome volunteers willing to take over, or perhaps to assist Sue to sort out a rota to make it work for this summer.

Do have a think. Sue is keen to carry on the ordering and the rota, but she knows she will have limited hours. She needs a co-worker. Do you have the time and energy to spend a few hours at the weekend in the Galley when our weather-beaten members need something to boost their energy? Over to you. Please. Pleeeeeeease. xxx



Ok, it really is time again for the intellectual part ...

Ready for my favourite. Another name for Talus? Strong, vicious dog? I really liked this but, no. It actually means that the tarsus forms the lower part of the ankle joint which is the one I fell over on! I state my case, My Lord.

Did you work out what the Mentum refers to? I did say that it is facial and it does NOT refer to your brain capacity. OK – this is a bit simple, well not interesting. In the human face, the mentum refers to the protruding part of the chin. Yes, I know, bit boring.

Moving on, what is the Hallux? We all have two of them and they can be essential for balance. Could be anything! Big Toe!!! Doesn't Hallux sound more interesting? Oh? Never mind.

Back onto two of these. What are your pollex? I gave you so many clues.....if you didn't get this – groan! They are your thumbs!

Finally, last but not not least....what are the cupids? I love this! Did you get that? You may have thought that it referred to the Cupids Bow on your upper lip. Quite right but, I was looking at the cuboid bone is one of the seven tarsal bones located on the lateral (outer) side of the foot. That's what made me fall over. Gotcha!

So thats it for the Lockdown Quiz ... I think that Jo can now take over with her plans or we can be open with more photos that are more entertaining than my feeble efforts over the past few months.

Hoping that you all are still well and that we will see you on our beach opening from 14th April.

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New Committee Membership

Commodore - Paul Palmer
Vice Commodore - Rocky Robinson
Hon Secretary - Jill Palmer
RC Sailing & Boatswain - Kevin Mason
RC Angling - Steve Essery
RC Building - Paul Haynes
Social & Fundraising - Jo Ruane
Child Protection Co-Ordinator - Lesley Haynes
Treasurer - Rosie Dennaahy
Membership Secretary - Andrew Day
Club Member - Mick Bentley
Auditor - Simon Tomsett