



Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Minutes for the**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2 pm**

**Venue:** Arnside Sailing Club, The Old Customs House, The Promenade, Arnside LA5 0HD

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologises**

Geoff Kirkham, Chris Stanger, Jim Jackson, Dave Hayes, John Hall, Diane Chesworth,  
Craig and Joe White, Justin Rickards (9)

**Present 15**

**3. Minutes of the 2024 AGM**

**Proposed - Tom Robinson**

**Approved - John Stride**

**4. Trustee's Report.** (Review of last year's activities and plans for 2025)

Charitable Objectives stated.

Membership 2024 -123 a decline on 2023 from 149, levels returned to pre-covid,  
Nationally decline is 5%

Income roughly as before due to increase in membership

Training numbers are down though more training on sailing being done.

Sailing – had 15 races and several cruises, 60 clients on try-out day.

Kayaking & Paddle Boarding – now Paddle UK club. Ran family paddle fun day, time  
trials and trips away from the bay.

Killington – club nights were held at Killington June-September with 20-25 members per  
session.

Restoration of Severn – recently received £40,000 from 2 trusts toward the cost of  
completing the restoration. Hope the boat will be on the water in 2025.

Will be obtaining an insurance valuation.

Held several regattas and a singing festival.

Schools & Youth – try out days for 4 schools, 2 Youth Groups and had 157 participants overall.

Clubhouse – held several musical events over the year as well as private hire of clubhouse. Revenue down on clubhouse. Committee are actively promoting the clubhouse for the coming year.

Plans for 2025 - Introducing an Assistant Instructors Scheme – to help older teenagers and give them life experience. Assistants will aid professional instructors

Hope to get involved with RYA Youth Racing Pathway – to join with Coniston SC

Set up sailing Buddy scheme – to allow less experienced sailors the chance to sail.

Dutyman app – to organise volunteers.

Bursary Scheme – have funding available for a Trust to assist with families on low income.

Sailing pathway was shown for Adult and Youth

Paddle Boarding & Kayaking – hoping to offer several paddling events throughout the year.

Paddle Leader volunteer – hoping to train up 2 volunteers to do this

Paddle Pathway was shown.

Details of possible clubhouse events shown.

## **5. Accounts**

AD went through the accounts for both Sailing Club and Clubhouse.

Sailing Club - Overall income slightly down from 2022-23, showing a deficit of £2,651 for 2024-25

Old Customs House – income down from previous year. Gross profit down by £4000

Members queried elements on accounts and AD answered.

Training income is lower than cost of employing person to run courses, If wish to adhere to our objectives to offer sailing to wider, disadvantaged people need to offer training or will not attract members.

Propose to change padlock code yearly? AGREED

## **6. Approval of Accounts**

**Proposed – Andy Smith**

**Approved – Martin Metcalfe**

## 7. Election of Trustees (committee members)

The existing committee are happy to continue as trustees as below:

Commodore	Alasdair Simpson
Treasurer	Alan Dawson
Secretary	Jane Caldwell
Welfare Officer	Marianne Lueking
Other Trustees	Chris Stanger, Andrew Pringle and Rosemary Richards
President (Honorary)	Andy Smith

We would be interested in hearing from anybody else who wants to join the committee with experience in areas such as marketing, water sports, arts promotion, building maintenance and from parents of youth sailors

**Proposed & approved - John Stride**

## 8. Membership and boat park fees for 2025

It is proposed not increase fees in 2025. Current rates are

### Membership Fees

- Joint / Family £90 (partner and children)
- Individual £80 (does not entitle partner or family to take part in club activity or club discounts)
- Low Income, Junior (aged 16 to 18), student (18 to 25 in full time education) from £25

### Boat park fees

- Boats: under 18 feet £35, Boats 18 feet or over £50,
- Kayak £15

### Club Boat Use Fee per year

- £20 per year per membership (family membership where only the children sail, under 18s, students and low waged free)

**Proposed – Tom Robinson**

**Approved – Karen Pringle & John Stride**

## Non AGM Business

1. Update on Proposed Changing Facilities  
Jane Caldwell talked about the proposed facilities.

Paul informed the meeting he will be finishing looking after the Dinghy park end of March. Alasdair thanked him and all volunteers and officers

Meeting closed at 3.25pm