



## Dovey Yacht Club / Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi

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### **Annual General Meeting held at DYC/CHD (with Zoom option offered): 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Present** (as signed in on register of attendance):

Des George, Bob Usher, Jo Hickson, Grant Hickson, Brian Hickson, Laura Fisher, Dave Bartlett, Deb Bartlett, David Mason, Sue Mason, Darren Lloyd, Karen Lloyd, Jennie Druett, Robin Druett, Steve Bedder, Natalie Green, Will Bedder, Paul Parson, Diana Parson, Neil Plater, Don Gillespie, Sue Gillespie, Freddie Collier, Juli Collier, Helen Hardman, Steve Hardman, Jonathon Thompson, Jennie Thompson, Ellie Thompson, Clare Faith, Tom Coombe, Kate Stevens, Huw Jones-Williams, John Green, Rhian Cooper, Josh Cooper, Terry Whitburn- Plus numerous social members.

**No members attend via Zoom which was made available to members**

- 1) Meeting opened by Commodore Des George and all welcomed. Des explained that the AGM meeting would take place with full members entitled to cast votes, but that after the meeting, discussions could take place involving all members. All reports (Commodore's, Membership and Finance) had been circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting.
- 2) Apologies received from John Tildesley
- 3) The minutes of 2022 AGM were made available in advance and at the meeting. Questions were invited by the membership. No matters arising from these minutes. Minutes to be accepted were proposed by Grant Hickson and seconded by Terry Whitburn. Unanimously agreed by a show of hands.
- 4) Commodore thanked all of the volunteers and employed staff for their hard work and efforts post-Covid to move the Club forward.

Thanks were given to 'Team Strange' for their contributions to the Club with the successful running of the bar so far this year.

The Commodore drew attention that the Commodore's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Des reiterated that he was prepared to stay Treasurer and Commodore until someone stepped forward for either role.

Members in attendance applauded their thanks to Commodore Des for his tireless work in ensuring the Club's survival.

Membership report provided by David Mason – headlines shared. Positive increase in numbers – current memberships are 253. Social membership is currently 36% of the total numbers and the increase in social activity, bar opening times and communication is having a positive effect.

- 5) Commodore drew attention to the finance report which had been circulated in advance. He shared the financial headlines and reiterated that the generation of funds is important for the Club's growth.

Expenses have gone up and Commodore drew attention to the report and asked members to consider ways in which to help save money.

Des drew attention to the application for the Grant from Sports Wales and thanked those Huw for driving this project.

**Question asked:** How do Let's SUP contributions work for their use of the facilities? **Answer:** Des explained that Let's SUP clients receive temporary membership as part of their booking to enable them to visit the bar after their session. They contribute per person to the use of the changing rooms. It was felt that having the collaboration with Let's SUP was valuable and strengthened the 'Water sports for all' approach endorsed by the Club.

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Karen Lloyd and seconded by Robin Druett. All in favour by show of hands of accepting the accounts.

- 6) Commodore Des explained that as the all Officers and Directors were voted on last year, the rules of rotation do not work at present. To ensure transparency and fairness, all current Officers and Directors were voted onto the Board again. Des George prepared to remain until someone else steps forward. Directors/Board: David Mason, Mark Crossley, Huw Jones-Williams, Steve Bedder, Karen Lloyd and Jo Hickson. Proposed by Des George and seconded by Terry XXX. All in favour by a show of hands from the membership.

Des reminded the membership that the Board can co-opt eligible members on if needed and that it could have a maximum of 10 Directors. He appealed to the members to consider joining the Board.

A written intention to join the Board had been received in advance of the meeting from Kate Stevens. Proposed by Des George and seconded by Rhian Cooper. Kate was unanimously voted on by the membership. She will be the Senior Instructor (SI) and in charge of Youth Development.

- 7) Des announced that the Auditor at present is Major Evans in Machynlleth. He explained that they provide independent scrutiny of the finances and manage the payroll, submit returns to Companies House as well as finalise our accounts.

Des explained that the Club also use the services of a bookkeeper – Lucy Frank to act as a 'buffer' between the Treasurer (Des George) and the Auditor (Major Evans) to ensure transparency and robustness. Lucy Frank receives the accounts every three months for checking.

Des appealed to the membership for a new Treasurer and stated that he felt the role would be best suited to someone who lived locally due to the daily handling and banking of monies from the till.

The appointment of the Auditor was proposed by Darren Lloyd and seconded by David Mason. Membership unanimously agreed by show of hands.

- 8) No AOB received in advance of the meeting.  
9) Formal AGM meeting concluded and closed at 8:13pm