



RHBOA Annual Report - Spring 2002



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
Rye Harbour Boat Owners Association



held at
Rye Harbour Sailing Club
on
Sunday 24th February 2002

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APOLOGIES

Peter Jobling, Colin Marsh, Stuart Pope

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Approved. No Matters Arising.

OFFICERS REPORTS

CHAIRMAN

We are working on three things at present. Closer association with *Rye Harbour Sailing Club*, partly to obviate *Environment Agency* from dividing us on matters. *Strand Quay* dredging used to be every 4 years. This was stretched to 12 years and lately had not been done at all. *EA* are still hedging for various reasons. We are working to produce our own scheme for improvement. This is costed at £ 100 000 and involves landscaping etc. This was presented to a *Rye Partnership* public meeting and will go forward to *HORAC*. Funding is available. The *Millwood Scheme* for a marina and housing off *Rock Channel* is under consideration. Millwood will make a joint presentation to *RHBOA* and *RHSC* at which all members will be welcome. The proposed bridge is contentious. The *Secretary* will circulate details of the meeting. *Rye Town Council* had not heard of the plan. The *Secretary* will let the *Deputy Mayor* have *Millwood* address. It is believed to be not in a development area. A Vote of Thanks was given to Peter Davison for his work on *HORAC*. Three names have been forwarded as possible replacements. Lack of information often holds us back so if members hear of any bits and pieces please let the committee know.

SECRETARY

The Village Hall has been refurbished and is for hire at £ 3.50 per hour. Mike Alford has offered to raise our flag on the Harbour flagpole whenever we wish. We have two suggestions so far: Remembrance Day and Jubilee Day. Any other suggestions will be welcome. Peter Etherden is not standing for re-election as *Magazine Editor* and is also stepping down from the committee to avoid conflicts of interest. A newsletter will be produced quarterly by the *Secretary*. Membership is around 160. *RHBOA* is dropping its *Inland Waterways Association* affiliation as the subscriptions have risen and the committee no longer felt *RHBOA* received enough value from *IWA* as they deal only with inland waterways. *RHBOA* is rule-bound to retain its *RYA* affiliation. We will not have a *Fitting Out Supper* this year due to poor attendance last year. The *Barbeque* will go ahead. There was a discussion as to whether we should go more upmarket for the suppers or not. There were mixed feelings. Another suggestion was to have a Special Guest for the supper. We could possibly have a joint Jubilee do with the *RHSC*.



OFFICERS REPORTS (continued)

TREASURER

Small surplus for 2001 of £ 157 and an increase in the bank balance from £ 1 113 to £ 1 271. Bank balance currently stands at around £1 700. The accounts were adopted.

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Producing one instead of four magazines has saved the association £ 700. Increased spending on the magazine in 2000 and 2001 failed to attract new members and was heavily subsidised through free illustration, design and publishing services which is no longer sustainable. Reverting to the old format of a quarterly newsletter. This served *RHBOA* well and John Morgan will do a first-rate job. Budget of £ 250 for one final magazine approved. A vote of thanks was given to Peter Etherden for his work on the magazine.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR

It was decided that the appointment of an auditor was not needed.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Colin Marsh and Anne Wall were elected *Life Members*. Peter Etherden is standing down and there being no other nominations, the existing committee were re-elected: *President*: Dennis Davies; *Chairman*: Mike Berry; *Secretary & Newsletter Editor*: John Morgan; *Treasurer*: Ted Bird; *Social Secretary*: Stuart Pope; *Other Committee Members*: Charles Bronsdon, Mike Roud, John Shearn.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Alford suggested *Press Releases* to the local press stressing that membership is not confined to boat owners but to anyone interested in the harbour. Any *Press Releases* concerning the *RHSC* will in future be drafted jointly with the *RHSC Commodore* Derek Phillips. Mike Alford thanked the *Committee*.

PRESIDENT'S CONCLUDING REMARKS

RHBOA exists to monitor what is going on in the river and harbour and needs to cooperate with the *RHSC* and other users. *RHBOA* should sponsor more projects. The *Strand Quay Improvement Project* is an excellent example. Thanks to Charles Bronsdon, Stuart Pope, Peter Etherden and Connie Lindqvist for their work on this.

The meeting concluded with soup, bread & cheese and wine.
John Morgan, RHBOA Secretary



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RHBOA Accounts 2001

BALANCE SHEET - 1 January 2002 (up to 31.12.2001) (£ UK)

HSBC (31/12-2000)	1413.44	HSBC (31/12-2001)	1333.32
less uncleared items	(299.79)	less uncleared items	(62.14)
Opening Balance (1/1-2001)	1113.65	Closing Balance (31/12-2001)	1271.18
plus Income (1/1 to 31/12)	1416.77		
less Expenditure (1/1 to 31/12)	1259.24)		
BALANCE	1271.18		1271.18

PROFIT STATEMENT - 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001 (£ UK)

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
AGM Buffet	36.00	Membership Subs	687.00
Fitting-out Supper	396.10	Fitting-out Supper	282.92
Barbeque	70.00	Barbeque	140.00
Laying-up Supper	258.00	Laying-up Supper	289.00
Newsletters	199.00	Sale of Burgees etc.	14.75
Stamps & Stationery	87.00	Interest	3.10
Secretary's Expenses	44.14		
Inland Waterways	32.00		
RYA	62.00		
Donations	25.00		
Miscellaneous	50.00		
TOTALS	1259.24		1416.77

STOCKS - 1 January 2002 (up to 31.12.2001) (£ UK)

Stickers	208	£ 0.25p	52.00
Ties	11	£ 7.00p	77.00
Badges	21	£ 2.00p	42.00
Burgees	11	£ 5.00p	55.00
TOTAL			226.00

