



Councillors Report to the 2018 Midland District AGM

The role of Councillor is the conduit between the Clubs and Council and vice versa. Since I took over the role there has been clear communication between myself, Colin and Gordon and our focus has been to get the Midland District functioning more effectively. The MD has been represented at the April, July and September Council meetings and the reports to them can be seen on the MYA website section dealing with Council meetings. Through the work that Colin has put in organising the calendar and Gordon has with the website we now have a fully functioning District with events in all the major classes. Attendance at this year's events has been good, however the brilliant summer had its down sides with low water levels and high levels of weed taking their toll. As a District we seem to have fared better than some in this respect and not many events had to be put on one side. I know that Colin will have more to say on this subject. We have published the events on the new web site and the old web sites closed down. Please keep an eye on it as it is our prime means of communicating with all in the District.

Let's now look at what has been happening in Council. There is a view that Council is distant from the club scene and that there is little relevance to the average Joe in the clubs who sails on a Wednesday and sometimes a Sunday with his mates. Council recognises that and has worked hard to open up the association to all its members. An updated Constitution is being worked on that will reflect the vast changes that have occurred since the present one was put in place. Views of all the membership will be sought to provide input into the way forward. The 2019 YearBook will be having a face lift and its distribution will reflect the changes made from lessons learned from the problems experienced earlier this year.

Some time ago the MYA set aside monies to go directly to the Districts to help with specific projects and up until this year very few Districts took advantage of that. This year The MD recognised that Measurement across the classes was becoming an issue. Bournville, which has always been considered a lead club in most of the MYA classes needed to update its displacement measuring kit as it was getting past its sell by date. Part of the MYA funding was allocated by the District to help with its upgrade that not only serves the District but is a National resource. It is our intention to get all the local measurers together so that we can update everyone concerned with the changes made to Rules, methods etc.

The District has seen a couple of clubs making big efforts to get kids involved in this sport of ours and again funds have been made available to Abington club to help further their work in the local community. This is something that all the clubs in the District should consider because the kids are a major part of the future of the sport.

There has been a suggestion made to encourage all of the clubs to get together in the form of regular event's, but Colin will update you there.

The work in the District has only just started and please expect me and to be in touch with you all. Whether that's at the lakeside or by direct contact. If there is anything you want me to bring up to Council, please contact me through your club secretary. My contact details are listed on the MD website.