



MYA Midland District.  
2020 Annual General Meeting via ZOOM.  
15:00, 1st November 2020.

### Minutes.

#### Introduction.

The committee continues to meet successfully via ZOOM, without any technical problems, using a meetings licence. We are happy to create a MD clubs meeting invitation if you feel that this would be beneficial, maybe one of the subjects would be how you are working within the Covid 19 guidelines.

Following the Government's recent announcement of a 4-week lockdown in England it is evident that club sailing will be cancelled from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at least until the end of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Meeting out of doors is permitted in groups of two and work like cutting the grass may continue.

I am including a lot of detail in the minutes to provide the fullest picture possible.

Since the MYA subscription fee remains at £14, I know that several clubs are already collecting it from members, to avoid any delay at the end of the year and the late posting of the MYA Year Book to their clubs.

Similarly, can club secretaries please now confirm their contact details to me to go into the MYA Yearbook.

#### Apologies.

Mick Chamberlain, Lincoln, Laurie Brown, Market Bosworth RYC

#### Present.

MYA MD Councillor Mr Bill Green. [billcgreen@icloud.com](mailto:billcgreen@icloud.com)

Chairman Mr Stephen Hodgkinson. [shodgkinson0@gmail.com](mailto:shodgkinson0@gmail.com)

Secretary Mr Colin Walton. [colingwalton@gmail.com](mailto:colingwalton@gmail.com)

Senior Measurer Mr Mike Ewart. [mikeewart@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeewart@btinternet.com)

District Trustees. Mr Gordon Sears, and Mr Chris Cook. [cookcsn@sky.com](mailto:cookcsn@sky.com)

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Paul Barton, Whitefriars SC, [paulbarton556@gmail.com](mailto:paulbarton556@gmail.com)

Clive Bardell, Watermead MBC, [clive.bardell@ntlworld.com](mailto:clive.bardell@ntlworld.com)

#### 2019 MD AGM Minutes.

The minutes from the 2019 MYA MD AGM were circulated and read, and with no amendments required they were accepted by the Committee.

#### 2020 MD AGM Reports.

Committee members reports were posted to the website prior to the meeting, and those not available were given verbally to the meeting.

#### 2020 MYA MD Committee Election.

The 2019 Midland District committee had indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election and their names were added to the documentation which was sent to all Midland District clubs.

There were no other names put forward for election and after the nominations were in it was decided that we have a block vote to elect the committee. This was sent out to all secretaries and details were posted to the website.



Following the E votes, with a return of **225 for, none against**, and the rest either not having sent a club voting return or objection, the new committee for 2020/21 is:

<u>District committee.</u>	<u>Name.</u>
Chairman	Stephen Hodgkinson
District Councillor	Bill Green
Secretary/Racing Sec.	Colin Walton
District Senior Measurer	Mike Ewart
Webmaster	Gordon Sears
District Trustees	Chris Cook, Gordon Sears.

The Committee also took up the offer of help from Paul Barton and so he is being setup as a second webmaster. Paul has a lot of experience with this platform and will be a great help in getting the District message out to all. Welcome aboard Paul.

#### District Committee Motions.

The Committee had drafted a new District Constitution and Officer Terms of Reference based on the recently updated one from the MYA. This was included in the E voting form and received the same level of positive votes as the new committee. Both documents are now on the MD website under "District Administration".

#### Club motions to the AGM.

There were no official club motions submitted for consideration.

#### MYA Midland District 2020 race calendar.

The Midlands District will issue a full calendar and cancel ahead in the same way as this year. This at least means that as things do re-open, we are ready right away. The MYA Yearbook will only contain National Events, leaving District events only on the websites.

If last year was the (non-existent) **Covid 2020 Series**, then Colin would like these events to occur as the **Vaccine 2021 Series**.

*The planned National events in the Midlands carried over from last year are:*

- 2 days 10R Ranking
- 1 day, IOM Veterans
- 2 days, 36 Vane Nationals
- 2 days, PRACC, one of which is our District Championship.
- 2 days, IOM Ranking
- 1 day, BLBB
- 2 days, Footy
- 2 days, A class Nationals
- 1 day 36" District Championship.

Following several conversations during the year regarding the level of event attendance and the number of events in the Midland District, we thought that this break in the sailing program to be an ideal opportunity to review what would work best for us going forward.

A framework based on the following is thus proposed, and a draft calendar for 2021 is underway.

*The planned Midlands events are:*

- 4 days, MD6MCS



5 days, IOMMDCS  
3 days, MDMCS  
1 day, DF District championship

#### Club Measurers.

Mike Ewart is the senior measurer for the District so if you have any questions please contact him direct.

Colin mentioned how the task of measurer was becoming contentious. The rules for the IOM are set internationally, so those wishing to participate in travelling events must comply. The paperwork and requirements now include joining the RYA, plus a 2-day course, at the MYA expense. We hope that measurers will take this opportunity to meet and refresh, even though it will be delayed. While nearly all our IOM sails are made professionally, they still need to be remeasured and signed, continuing to prove that no one has ever found any out of size. The Df65 and Df95 classes are independent of these regulations and growing rapidly.

Bill will seek more clarification in council.

#### Another Other Business.

Paul Barton talked briefly about Whitefriars, new to the District along with Chelmarsh. They have 35 members with 28 or 29 sailing 3 times a week. I think that this makes them the biggest and most successful club. Five or six members have joined in the last 3 months. He says that the Df65 is becoming less popular with the Df95 continuing to grow. They have planned with John Tushingham for a Df95 event in 2021 when possible.

Clive Bardell mentioned the situation at Watermead MBC saying that the site continues to have some further redevelopment work either underway or planned and this has led to them sailing on a Sunday at present. He also mentioned that the water levels were well up and this was making the fixed landing stages difficult to use.

Bill Green did however wish to remind all Midland District clubs that there is an annual MYA district fund of £600 to help with promotion of the sport and if you wish to discuss this for 2021 please get in contact with Bill directly.

Last year this was used to help Lincoln towards a large lawn mower and Bournville towards a duck mess cleaner-up device.

#### District Championship Winners.

No District series trophies have been awarded due to the number of completed events not meeting the minimum required.

#### Documents

Gordon has added a lot of documents and information to the website, so this is the place to search and keep up to date.

#### Sailing

I know that many of the clubs have managed to continue sailing in one way and another. One member has now built 3 new yachts this year, extending his fleet to about 12. I hope that the remainder of you are sorting out your yachts and staying in touch too. Setting up the Df classes, from the German website, is a new challenge and is working well for us on the water. We have printed out a sheet if anyone is interested.

Colin Walton, MD Secretary.