

MINUTES OF MYA MIDLAND DISTRICT AGM
2A Burleigh Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham
4 November 2006

Present: Gordon Sears
Tony Edwards

1. Apologies: Clive Hartland and Mike Harris

Minutes of the last AGM 5 November 2005 agreed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

District Website has been compiled in Publisher by GS, but is not live and a volunteer is needed to run the site.

3. Midland District Councillor's Report - Gordon Sears

GS congratulated Leicester RYC for winning both the MDCS trophies during the year. This is the culmination of the six round event and provides a good opportunity for clubs to interact within the Midlands and to attract new members. GS apologised for the fact that for health reasons he has been less active on the sailing scene throughout the year, but nevertheless has attended and represented the Midlands at Council meetings. GS has had contact with the possibility of forming a new club based at Gloucester docks and will follow this possibility up.

4. Midland District Secretary's Report - Tony Edwards

There was no significant correspondence during 2006 to report. There have been occasional enquires generated through e-mail, but more in the way of directing people to clubs and contacts. A number of changes during the year have meant that there has been some difficulty in contacting clubs for events and indeed clubs in some cases have struggled with the necessary expertise to run events.

5. District Accounts

Tony Edwards reported that the deposit account balance remains at £42.83 there having been no calls on the account during the year. There will be a very tiny amount of interest accruing from TSB. It was agreed to retain the account as a reserve, but not to add to it. In future it may be necessary for this money to be held centrally by the MYA as Districts can make a case and draw down funds from the MYA to support District developments and initiatives.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were proposed and adopted:

Midland District Councillor - Gordon Sears

Midland District Secretary/Treasurer - Tony Edwards

The attendance of this meeting demonstrated the desperate need to bring forward new members to help administer the Midlands Area.

7. Race Dates for 2007

The meeting considered the race dates for 2007 and compiled the racing calendar as far as was possible on the day. The Secretary stripped out the Midland District events to circulate to clubs so that they could see what had been decided in their absence.

Consideration was given to a venue within the Midlands Area for the RM Nationals. Two Islands is a possibility but would need external assistance and there is insufficient time to arrange. Birmingham is basically too risky, leaving Watermead or Leicester as potentially the only venues.

8. Any other business

Health and Safety has been debated at Council and the MYA will be advising clubs to undertake risk assessments particular to their venue. It has been decided that information on individuals, with next-of-kin contacts, is to be requested of participants at open events. It is strongly advised clubs should have a sealed sheet of information on site with essential information in the event of emergency. There was a discussion about the racing calendar which is considered to be too full of events. This results in those sailing being spread too thinly rather than helping to develop the clubs. It is suggested that each club should consider its events with the object of rationalising the total numbers and promoting those events which reflect the trends in the current boats sailed, including provision for new classes.

Meeting closed at 1.30pm

Minutes prepared by Tony Edwards, Midland District Secretary

Agreed as an accurate record by:- Gordon Sears. MDC.