



## Star Club 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 20.00hrs At Star Club

The meeting was chaired by the Club President, Simon White.

38 people attended the meeting in person, 5 people over Zoom.

Election Runner was used for voting purposes. A total of 69 members voted out of our current eligible membership of 150 (68 electronically via Election Runner, and one by paper vote on the evening). The voting was therefore quorate.

### **1. Welcome; Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Bob Clark/Iain Blackley/Kath Clark/Stephen Crowther/Chrissy Boggis/Mark Appleton/David Dixon/Nigel Pollard/ David Gowing.

Simon requested details of any matters to be addressed under “Any other business”.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM**

No questions were raised. 65 members had voted to approve the draft Minutes (with 4 abstentions and 0 votes against). The draft Minutes were therefore proposed for acceptance by David Rainbow and seconded by Andrew Thomson.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the SGM of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

No questions were raised. 66 members had voted to approve the draft Minutes (with 3 abstentions and 0 votes against). The draft Minutes were therefore proposed for acceptance by George French and seconded by Clive Thompson.

### **4. Approval of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

The accounts have only just been completed and distributed. In order to allow time for members to examine them and send any queries, they will be held for 2 more weeks after which they will, subject to any corrections, be signed off by Simon White as the relevant President and then filed. Any queries should to be addressed to Guyon Bedward, the outgoing Treasurer<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please email [Treasurer@starclubrowing.co.uk](mailto:Treasurer@starclubrowing.co.uk) – questions will be passed to Guyon.

## **5. Retirement of current President, Simon White, and welcome to new President, Chris Callow (currently Deputy President)**

Simon White reported that it had been a curious 3 years as President as the club had been shut for nearly half of it. He welcomed Chris Callow as his successor and looks forward to his tenure.

Chris Callow introduced himself as a Member of the club for the past 21 years. He gave his thanks to Simon for his 3 years as president while also being active in the club as a junior coach and a member of the management board. He presented Simon with the traditional present between presidents.

## **6. Nominations and Voting**

- **Appointment of Vice Presidents**

Dave Kempzell: 53 members voted in favour. 7 abstentions and 9 votes against.

David Rainbow: 65 members voted in favour. 2 abstentions and 2 votes against.

Dave Kempzell and David Rainbow were, therefore, both approved as new Vice Presidents.

- **Deputy President**

No-one has yet been proposed from among the Vice Presidents. It has been decided to delay this for 1 year, as has happened with previous appointments.

- **Appointment of Management Board Members** (wholesale vote as no contested seats)

Chair: Clive Thompson

Treasurer: David Rainbow

Events and fundraising: Ian Donald and Simon White (shared post)

Secretary: Liz Appleton and Janet Williams (shared post)

Assurance: David Dixon

Welfare and Safeguarding: Amber Dorkin

Premises: John Coowar

Equality and Diversity: Andy Chillingsworth

Membership: Rebecca Watters

Communications: David Sogan and Alex Totty (shared post)

Junior Liaison: Freya White

66 members voted in favour of the appointment of the above members to the Management Board. 3 abstentions and 0 votes against.

The new Management Board was therefore approved.

## **7. Any other business**

- Alex Totty reported that there is a Blazer fitting at 12.30 on 16th October.
- Simon White proposed a vote of thanks to MB members standing down, and also thanked those now stepping up to take roles.
- Simon White sent out a plea for more people to stand for roles in future and for more volunteers to run the next Star Head as it is a very important fundraiser for the club. He also urged people to volunteer for other club events such as quiz nights.
- Simon White also spoke briefly about the proposals regarding subs and volunteering, which were alluded to in the papers for the July 2021 SGM. Simon stressed that the Club relies on volunteers. The Club is therefore looking at giving a discount on subs next year to those who volunteer to an acceptable level. The full details and principles are not yet finalised, but any discount will depend on volunteering that happens in this current club year and is likely to rely on members self-reporting their volunteering efforts. Those who do not wish to volunteer can of course pay the full amount; members were however urged to try volunteering as it's fun and enables you to meet more club members.
- Members were reminded that the Star Club 60th Anniversary Dinner is on 30th October. Tickets are still available until 18th October.

## **8. Announcement of results of voting**

See item 6 above.

**Meeting closed at 8.20pm.**