

DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
CLUBHOUSE ON SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 20.00 HOURS

Vic Prior, the Commodore, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and pointed out that non-members were not entitled to be present, and Cadets, although most welcome to attend the meeting, were not allowed to speak or vote. Fifty members were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Allen Vince, Steve and Jo McDonough, Dennis Foster (who had sent a donation of £25 to the Club), Peter Benny, John Langton, John Hearn, Mike Allpress, Hugh Hutchings, Mervyn Dands, John and Penny French, Ted Fellows, Vince Lawford, Pete Newman, Jack Davis.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25 November 1995

It was PROPOSED by Don Procter and SECONDED by Terry Rowing that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. All were in favour and the motion was CARRIED unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4. COMMODORE'S REPORT - Vic Prior

The Commodore reported another successful season for the Club, with membership being maintained at a healthy level. He hoped the new Committee would endeavour to involve as many members as possible in the Club's activities, both sailing and social. The Club's sailing and social successes were the envy of clubs near and far, and the Commodore appealed to all members to volunteer any services they could offer to the club, to spread the load beyond the regular team of loyal helpers.

The Club's accounts illustrated that running costs had risen, due to members having less time to give to the Club, therefore paid staff had to be used. If this trend continued, then subscriptions would have to be increased substantially in future years to cover this extra expense. There were no plans to host Nationals in 1997, so no extra income would be generated from such an activity.

Mersea Week had been a very popular and viable event, with entries the highest for three years. It was hoped that the 1996 sponsor would also be prepared to sponsor the event in 1997. Another support boat had been purchased, primarily for use with the Optimists on Wednesday evenings, but it would prove a valuable asset for use at other events. The Cadets had maintained a very high standard, both within the Club and nationally, and Dinghy sailing was becoming more popular.

Our affiliation with the RYA provided valuable support to the Club in obtaining refunds on VAT on membership, fuel and dinghy park charges.

The future of the bar had been the subject of many hours of discussion and investigation by the Committee. A decision had been made to

