



MINUTES OF THE MYA MIDLAND DISTRICT AGM
Manor Park Sailing Club
17 October 2009

Present: Gordon Sears - Graham Allen - Tony Edwards - Pete Beddows - Craig Humphreys - Andy Stevenson - Graham Whalley - Laurie Brown – Don Charlesworth – MikeWeeks – Steve Rudd – Bill & Sandra Smith – Andy Easton – Keith coxon – David Staniforth – Darin Ballington – David Alston

Apologies: Jim Marsh – Clive Hartland – Mike Bridgeman – Paul Davis - Clive Bardell – Dave Melville – John Newey – Mike Harris- Vic Bellerson – Derek Warrinner

- **THE 2008 AGM MINUTES**

The 2008 AGM minutes were read out. Nothing was selected to discuss so was where passed as a true representation of the 2008 AGM

The minutes were then signed by GS

- **MIDLAND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

GS read out a written report on the activities around the district for 2009. Gordon was thanked for his efforts during the year.

MIDLAND DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORT

GA read out a written report, thanking everyone for their help and support during the year and looking forward to 2010.

- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

No new nominations for the following positions were received before the AGM

The following officers were proposed and adopted:

Midland District Councilor	Gordon Sears, proposed by AS and seconded by ALL
Midland District Secretary	Graham Allen, proposed by AS and seconded by ALL
Midland District Web Master	Laurie Brown continuation from 2008
Midland District Publicity	Laurie Brown, Darin Ballington and Graham Allen agreed to continue for the next year.

Vic Bellerson and Mike Harris agreed to continue as Midland District Trustees. GS proposed them and GA seconded them.

- **RACE DATES FOR 2010**

The 2010 District race calendar was discussed with the following proposals made. The district has been offered the RA nationals at the end of August and will be hosted at Manor Park. Manor Park is happy to host the nationals with help from the district to run it. Leicester has agreed to host the RM Veterans National on the 25 April as well as the MD RM ranking on the 24th October.

Dates for the 2010 calendar were read out and confirmed with clubs. Two minor changes were made to make the entry to national events easier for district members.

We have been offered an IOM ranking on the 3rd and 4th of July. We are looking at possibly Two Islands RYC if they can negotiate the far side of their lake or Watermead.

The Midland District Champion Skipper and club series dates have been discussed and will be released to clubs shortly along with all the other sailing dates set for 2010.

Bournville will be running their usual Vane national events. Detail will be in the Calendar soon.

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SEMINAR 2010

The district has been asked to hold another seminar in Feb next year. There was a discussion as to what skippers would like to have covered at this event. Ideas discussed were making it a practical day with sail making, looking at protest hearings with a

view to making them less daunting. More ideas will be discussed before a final decision is made. The venue was agreed to be Manor Park.

THE DEED OF GIFT FOR MD SERIES

Gordon went through the current DOG and then proposed the changes that have been suggested during the year to make it better for all involved. The major one is the change in the number of counting events. The changes were voted on individually and accepted by all present with votes. Details will be found in the attached document.

It was agreed to use the DOG for the summer series to produce one for the winter series as it has gone from an inter club friendly to a fully organised winter series with a trophy.

Gordon Sears will write it up and send it out to clubs soon..

MacColver Cup

Graham Whalley proposed that we move the MacColyer cup be moved around the District, going to a different club each year. We had a general discussion where GSA pointed out that this had been planned, with Manor Park holding the event this year.

Graham Whalley also proposed a £1 levy on the cost of entering the event to cover the price of engraving the cup. It was decided to look at other ways of having the cup engraved. GSA will speak to Mike Harris and Poole RYC about the use of their engraving machine.

GSA asked TE to let him know what years had names missing.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN MYA SUBS- AN EXPLANATION

Keith Coxon, the MYA Publicity Secretary gave a power point presentation on the reasons for the increase in MYA fees for 2010. In the presentation the structure and what the MYA do was shown, followed by what the increase will mean if excepted or not.

A discussion followed with a few points raised:

TE suggested it would be good to put the MYA point on the MYA forum
LB raised his disappointment that the MYA had not responded to the threads on the MYA forum in the last month, Keith pointed out he was on holiday at the time.

DB thanked Keith for putting the case of the MYA with a suggestion that it be done to other districts before the AGM.

GORDON HANDED THE "CHAIR" OVER TO TONY EDWARDS

DISTRICT PUBLICITY

Gordon Sears read out his proposals for the district publicity strategy (copy attached).

This was followed by Laurie Brown talking about his view of why the web was set and the ideas behind its current format. (Copy attached)

A discussion followed on where the web site goes from here and how to get the information to put on the site. GS suggested getting clubs to send in details on a regular basis. KC suggested the idea of having roving reporters around the district events and beyond. Or having the PRO do a write up for the events they run.

No decisions were made apart from Laurie being asked to continue.

At this stage the 2009 publicity team Darin, Graham and Laurie were asked if they were willing to continue in 2010. All agreed.

DISCUSSION ON R.A.T.

Darin. Read out his thought on the Race Assistance Team. (Copy attached), followed by GS explained the reason for, and how it works. A discussion followed with the general view that the RAT was a good idea and should continue. The central booking in for MDCS events was thought to be a good system and should be carried on during the winter series and on into 2010.

SOCIAL EVENT 2010

Laurie Brown made a suggestion that we hold a social event next year. Ideally it would be open to any "sail boat" big or small from any club in the district including vane boats. It was decided to have a discussion early next year after getting clubs views beforehand.

The 2009 AGM was closed at 5pm with thanks given to Manor Park for their hospitality during the day, especially Graham Whalley and Darin Ballington

Minutes prepared by Graham Allen, Midland District Secretary

Agreed as an accurate record by: _____