

# HORIZONS (Plymouth)



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## MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HORIZONS (PLYMOUTH) COMPANY NO. 4592593 AND CHARITY NO.1096256

Held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 18:30

at the Marine Station, Plymouth University, Queen Anne's Battery, Artillery Place, Plymouth, PL4 0LU

### **Attendees:**

Trustees: Rory Anderson, Jo Byrne, James Hill, Michael Malric-Smith, Tara Vassallo.

Members: Graham Adnitt, Debbie Bender, Derek Blackmore, Gary Brokenshire, Peter Carpenter, Hannah Cash, Clara Chan, Will Clancy, Ray Clarke, Mike Cookson, Mary-Jo Cookson, Andrew Eccleston, Rod Gonzalez, Sam Hicks, Jon Keeping, Shane Macdonald, Joe Mann, Tim Marler, Catherine Martin, Naomi Monteith, David Oatway, Susy Putnam, Richard Robinson, Dave Sanderson, Jean Taylor, Janet Trevanion, Emily Willsher, Phil Whitby.

In Attendance: Simon Mace (Staff), Lois Noyce (Staff), Kathy Impey (Staff). Sheila Eccleston (Minute taker).

Apologies: Peter Bone, Jennie Richardson, Marie Beaven-Smith, Josh Gallagher, Marco Ho Yin Ma, Steve Mogford, Stephen Oliver, Andrew Pascoe, Stuart Richardson, Vicky Rodriguez Martinez, Alison Thatcher, Geoff Tucker, Isaac Vassallo, Jon Worster.

The meeting was chaired by James Hill, Chair of Trustees, who welcomed everyone and said that Horizons is in good shape ready for the new season, when we hope our activities programme will be as full as possible.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were given from the 14 members of Horizons listed above.

### **2. Minutes of the 2021-2022 AGM held on 31/03/2022:**

The minutes were approved. Agreed unanimously. They were signed by James Hill. There were no questions.

### **3. Chairman's Report: (available on Horizons website)**

James Hill gave his report. He thanked Lois and Simon for organizing the AGM. James stressed the important contribution made by all the volunteers, who are really the core of the organization. He said we are nearly back to 'pre-Covid' times and functioning much more normally. Staff changes: Simon was made the CEO of Horizons last year and has taken on more responsibilities. Annette retired in December after 10 years as Business Manager. Kathy Impey was appointed as Partnerships & Funding Co-ordinator last year and has had a good first six months with us. Lois as Chief Instructor, has taken on more responsibilities. During last year Horizons managed to run many sessions on the



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water, and have been busy maintaining the boats and keeping them up to date. Our entrants in the Eddystone Pursuit had a boisterous sail and raised about £14,000 of sponsorship. Thanks must go to our treasurer Rory Anderson who works tirelessly in the important role for Horizons. We are rather short of volunteers to cover all the sessions we aim to provide for children, and hope to find more this year.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

## 4. Treasurer's Report: (available on Horizons website)

Rory Anderson gave his report and said that the last two years have been challenging but we also received business support grants to help keep us afloat. Last year we were able to do a reasonable amount of sailing, but our fundraising income was impacted. The accounts for 2021-2022 (year end June) are signed off and on the website. The Balance Sheet is respectable and overall, everything is in good shape financially. Expenditure has increased this year because of the overhaul of Friendship. The cost of this was estimated at £12,000 but was in fact nearer to £22,000 because the rotten deck needed replacing. We do aim to fund projects such as new boats through fundraising and grant applications, rather than dipping into reserves. Thanks go to all the people and organizations who have supported us.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

## 5. Appointment of Trustees:

| Existing Trustees    | Date of appointment     |                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| James Hill           | Confirmed 22 June 2018  | Ex-officio as Chairman    |
| Rory Anderson        | Confirmed 24 March 2016 | Ex-officio as Treasurer   |
| Peter Bone           | Confirmed 27 April 2018 |                           |
| Jo Byrne             | Confirmed 12 July 2019  | Due to retire by rotation |
| Michael Malric-Smith | Confirmed 13 March 2020 |                           |
| Jennie Richardson    | Confirmed 16 March 2021 |                           |
| Tara Vassallo        | Confirmed 16 March 2021 |                           |

Jo Byrne was happy to stand for re-appointment this year. She was proposed by Will Clancy and seconded by Michael Malric-Smith, and therefore re-appointed.

It was noted that Iain Oag had resigned as a Trustee on 27 May 2022.

All the above Trustees were accepted unanimously.

## 6. Any Other Business:

There was none.

**The meeting was closed at 18:50.**