

**Minutes of the 2009 Met & Southern District AGM, held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Byfleet Boat Club, Old Parvis Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6LE.**

**District skippers present.**

Gordon Edmondson	District Councillor / Woking MYC
John Male	District Secretary / Three Rivers RYC
Charles Smith	Frensham Pond MYG
Grahame Palmer	Phoenix MMC
John Shorrocks	Reading MYC & Woodley MYC
Tony Brailsford	Reading MYC
Ron Perkins	Woodley MYC
Pat Dubock	Hove Lagoon RYC
Dale Broad	Burghfield SC RYD
Farquhar Matheson	Burghfield SC RYD
Colin Trower	Hampton Court MYC
Laurie Bower	Hampton Court MYC
Robert Hobbs	Gosport MY&PBC
Paul Midgley	Guildford MYC & Woking MYC
Simon Jeffs	Woking MYC
Derek Yardley	Burghfield SC RYD
Brian Coatsworth	Woking MYC
Martin Houlton	Solent RCMYC
Roger Stollery	Guildford MYC

**Item 1:**

**Apologies for absence.**

Jamie Blair	Medway RC Laser Club
Mike Marchant	Ryde MYC
Rob Cavell	Canterbury MBC
Pat Cushing	Frensham Pond MYG
John Galyer	Emsworth Slipper SC
Peter Crisp	Swanley MYC
Keith Tyson	Eastbourne MYC
Ian Mackenzie	Three Rivers RYC

The meeting started at 14.03.

**Item 2:**

**2008 AGM minutes.**

John Male circulated a copy of the 2008 minutes to the meeting. These were read and accepted as correct.

**Item 3:**

**Matters arising from the 2008 minutes.**

“Frensham Pond MYC” corrected to “Frensham Pond MYG”

**Item 4:****M & S Committee Report.**

We are very pleased to report that the M&S District has successfully completed all the commitments we were entrusted with by the MYA.

We would particularly like to thank all the club members and committees for their hard work in hosting these events and turning them into enjoyable competitions. In particular, thanks are due to Eastbourne club members for the magnificent effort they made in running the IOM Nationals over three days at the end of August. Their efforts certainly set the standard for the rest of the District.

Next year's programme is well under way and it is anticipated that we will again be heavily involved in MYA events. This is a great advantage for district skippers since it offers the opportunity for top class racing simply by travelling a comparatively short distance to a local club. If you have never competed in National or Ranking events, talk to colleagues who travel to open events and you will be surprised how much they have enjoyed the experience. There are district events spread throughout the year, so if you are interested, check the M&S website for forthcoming competitions, or why not try Inter-Club competitions, which are more relaxed and great fun.

The IOM series for the District Championship continues to attract skippers from all corners of the district and provides exciting and competitive sailing. This year Woking, Hampton Court, Three Rivers and Eastbourne have been the mainstays of this event. Three of these clubs, however, are situated to the north west of the district, necessitating long journeys for some skippers. It would be more suitable if a centrally based venue could be found to host at least one of the championship race days. All ideas will be welcomed by the committee!

Weed continues to be a seasonal problem at many club waters and with the outright banning of chemical treatment, even barley bales, we will have to resort to more natural methods, such as populating the lake-bed with short stemmed plants that are dominant over the longer stemmed varieties. This problem is not going to go away, so with the owners of the affected waters permission, clubs should seek scientific advice from the water authorities e.g. Thames water, on the subject of weed control by natural means.

Many skippers have yet to try "Team" racing, which we can thoroughly recommend. All you need is a team of three, practice against other teams in your club and then you can try your luck against other teams in the district. You don't have to get first place to win – it is the team position that counts and that's why this form of racing is so enjoyable.

LOOK OUT for the District IOM and RM Team Championship in the MYA YEAR BOOK 2010

The above report was circulated to the meeting.

**Matters arising from report:**

John Male added that clubs would be advised to check the accuracy of their entry in this year's MYA Year Book Diary. If there are amendments to be made or additional information to be added please contact Damian Ackroyd who is responsible for printing the 2010 Year Book Diary and updating the MYA web site.

Laurie Bower commented on the effectiveness of the Hampton Court electronic weed control system and described various mechanical devices for cutting weed.

A request was made to the MYA web master for a facility that showed if emails, sent via “changes”, had been received.

Gordon Edmondson outlined a system for the rotation of District officers. All District clubs will be asked to identify potential candidates for councillor/secretary. Officers will serve for a period of two years. District committee to produce job descriptions for councillor and secretary. New proposals to be adopted from end of 2010.

Gordon mentioned possible new MYC in the pipeline - Springbok Mariners

**Item 5:**

**Election of Officers.**

Councillor - Gordon Edmondson - proposed Guildford, seconded Hampton Court

Secretary - John Male - proposed - Reading, seconded Gosport

Being no other nominations the above were elected.

**Item 6:**

**Proposals.**

(1) “The District RM Championship to be organised using the same format as the District IOM Championship, i.e. four races with three to count. The four races to be run in conjunction with the existing RM Inter-club series”

Proposed: Dave Andrews    Seconded: John Male

This proposal was withdrawn

(2) “All M & S District clubs shall endeavour to have two accredited and registered measurers”

(Note change in wording from proposal listed in agenda)

Proposed: Paul Midgley    Seconded: Gordon Edmondson

This proposal was adopted by the meeting

(3) Proposal from Roger Stollery:

“An annual trophy to be presented by Guildford MYC for RM inter-club racing”

This proposal was adopted by the meeting

**Item 7:**

**A.O.B.**

Roger Stollery showed three “Newly found” trophies: R36” District Championship, RM District Championship and 10R District Championship. These will be presented at the 2010 championships.

Roger announced that 2011 will be the MYA centenary year. Series of events being planned including a District “Presidents Day” - ideas to Roger or anyone on the Council. Also a District Regatta to be organised - form & venue to be negotiated.

Roger also informed the meeting that the MYA had been invited to set up a stand at the Model Engineer Exhibition 11/12/13 December 2009

Laurie Bower - 2009 RM inter-club at Hampton Court (race 4) - seeks possible alternative venue due to likely low water.

Robert Hobbs - Possible Laser "Global" Championship at Gosport (13-19) July 2013. Robert also encouraged all skippers registered with IOMICA to visit their web site and vote on the resolutions.

Simon Jeffs reported problems with the MYA web site. In particular accessing and downloading information.

Charles Smith asked:

Is there a competition for disabled skippers?  
What is the present situation for "sailability" for disabled skippers at District clubs?  
The District to investigate and report.

Pat Dubock, Hove Lagoon, asked: Does the M&S District support Fiesta Racing meetings. Yes - if you wish to organise an event details to District secretary.

Pat Cushing, Frensham Pond, enquired as to the extent of cover provided by the MYA. A copy of the policy can be found in the 2008 Year Book.  
"Walker Midgley" insurance brokers specialise in model boat insurance.

The committee proposed a vote of thanks to Phoenix MMC and Byfleet Boat Club for hosting the meeting and for the refreshments provided. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 16.20.

#### **Dates & Venues for District Events 2010.**

This discussion started at 16.25 and finished at 17.10.

The meeting reached agreement on all of the District events for 2010.

John Male will summarise event dates and venues and circulate to clubs for confirmation.

John Male to allocate Radio League status.

Many thanks to all clubs that offered to host events in 2010