

ACBOC AGM 2025

6 October 2025 at 8pm

Wivenhoe Sailing Club

Present:

Keith Phillips, Steve Watts, Anthony Vickers, Grahame Hill, Brian Sinclair, David Hayes, Paul Killick, Simon Shreeve, Bernie Hetherington, Rob Maloney, John Griffin, Rodney Griffin, Sue Giles, Ray Giles, Julie Hoskyns, Kevin Hoskyns, Rodney Griffin, John Walker, Steve Clough, Dave Barnet, Peter Hyett, R Wells, David Bailey, P Crane, Dave Souch

Apologies: Ian Barrett, John Carter, Paul

1. Welcome and apologies: Keith gave the welcome. Twenty-three members attended.
2. Approval of the Minutes from Previous AGM: Ray Giles proposed the Minutes to be accepted and seconded by Dave Barnet. A majority acceptance was given.
3. **Chair's Report:**
 - a. Keith gave a report as a powerpoint presentation (attached). This included the proposal for changes to the policy on share ownership; **namely to equalise share ownership to the minimum tranche of Shares 450 one pound shares.** The details are contained in the report slides.
Shareholders present voted in the majority to approve the proposal.
Some associate members expressed interest in purchasing shares.
There was some concern regarding the waiver of the annual fees for those who are shareholders.
 - b. Dave Hayes gave a brief report of the social and sailing events. The Tollesbury event was attended by 5 boats and 13 people for dinner. The next event was at Heybridge with four boats attending and 12 attended the dinner. The trip to Bradwell did not occur although at least 1 club boat sailed over. It was noted that the Arlesford Club will be 50 years old next year.
 - c. Keith gave thanks to Committee members for their work over the year, in particular Peter who stood down from his committee roles during the year.
 - d. Looking ahead we wish to increase shareholding membership. Engage associate members more, fill gaps in the committee, and continuing to work for the long-term sustainability of the Cooperative.
 - e. Challenges for the next year include committee membership, mooring occupation, cruises, disposal of boats.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. For the period 2024-2025
 - b. Slides were presented (attached)
 - c. Questions.
 - i. Does the 'ACBOA' fund generate interest? Yes. It was clarified that the 'ACBOA' fund is integrated into ACBOC funds in a savings account earmarked for special purposes agreed by the committee. It was originally generated as a legal fighting fund when there was a risk the right to moor could be lost.
 - ii. Do we pay business rates? We are assessed for rates but ACBOC is nil rated..
 - d. The accounts for 2024-2025 Proposed and seconded by Brian Sinclair and seconded by Bernie Hetherington. **All approved.**

- e. This year so far (2025) - figures on slides.
- f. Proposal for increase in fees to £10 per foot inside and £5.50 per foot. Mooring fees are proposed to go to £100 per year. Proposed by Steve and seconded by Simon Shreeve..**Approved by a majority.** A full set of new charges will be published.
- g. This year we have set a fee for any boat that has not launched this year.
- h. A budget for 2026-27 was presented (on slides)

5. Elections:

- a. Committee members have agreed to stand again. Dave Hayes is stepping down after a long service. A round of applause was given to Dave. John Griffin, Andrew Blakeston, James Houghton were nominated for committee positions..
- b. Dave Barnett proposed the new committee, seconded by Ray Giles. The new committee was voted in by a unanimous show of hands.

6. AOB:

- a. No AOB.