

## Milton Keynes Sailability 2020 AGM

**Date:** Wednesday, 15<sup>h</sup> October 2020

**Location:** Via Zoom Attendees: Committee and members

**Attendees:** Jon Osbiston, Tim Harpin, Anna Ross, Jill Bury, Adrian Solesbury, Mick Farmer, Patricia Crowe, Colin Crowe, Debbie Kirkham, George Fordyce, Tom Nicholls, Greta Chang, Peter Crane, Don Searson, Paul Cannon

**Apologies:** Madge Carey, Marion Edwards, Barrie Lyman

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### Chairman's Report (Tim Harpin)

It's been a tough year for us all and we've had no choice but to curtail activities. Thanks to the commitment of volunteers we were able to sail a little. However, there doesn't yet seem any likelihood of an effective vaccine anytime soon and I think we may have to consider next season closely.

Over the closed season the committee will look at the best way to schedule next season's events, what we may learn from other groups and how we might recruit more volunteers and support. There will need to be some work done on our boats and equipment and I hope we will be able to call on members and volunteers for help as needed.

This will be my last Chairman's Report as I will be handing the role on to my successor. I would like to thank everybody for their support over the years. I could wish that the future was clearer but I know that the club will continue to be in good hands and that it will be taken forward with new energy and enthusiasm.

I will continue to be involved with the club but in a different role. I intend to be an ambassador for MK Sailability visiting other clubs to share best practice and meeting other groups to raise awareness. I am looking forward to this very much and hope that we are all able to get out and about in the not too distant future.

I hope you all stay well and enjoy Christmas and the New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

### Treasurers Report (Jon Osbiston)

A very unusual year, with almost no sailing, however we have been fortunate in receipt of significant donations from John Lewis and Denbigh school students.

Also the raffle and quiz at Shenley was really well supported last November. We finish the year with a surplus of £996 over expenditure of £1,599

Membership income was from several people who paid prior to COVID. However as they did not sail, then I propose that they be exempt from paying next year.

We purchased new boat covers, and a few little bits for Pippa. We have been fortunate in that MKSC did not charge us for this year, which has really helped get through a difficult year.

We have kept the insurance going as we really didn't know if we would sail or not this year. We may decide to review our cover in 2021 if we are not sailing very much. We will need to purchase a few items of safety equipment for Pippa before next season.

**Action Jon/Adrian: Discuss minimising cover in winter with the insurers.**

Please see the Income / Expenditure report at the end of the report

### Secretary's Report (Anna Ross)

First of all I would like to thank Tim Harpin for all his outstanding work as Chairman of the club. Without his hard work and dedication M.K Sailability would have ceased to exist long ago. Tim has also been very supportive to me personally in my role as Secretary.

I would also like to thank Jenny Brown who took the initiative and organised a fund raising activity at her school that raised £400.00 for the club. The John Lewis Partnership has also been very generous and has donated £1,000.00. As we have not been sailing this season and therefore have not collected membership fees these donations were vital.

I would also like to thank the Buddies that have assisted with Pippa and for Jon who has done so much with her this season.

None of us know what 2021 will bring but I do hope that we can all meet and sail again soon. The Committee will do everything we can to see if we can make this happen.

### Election of Officers 2020

**Chairman:** Jon Osbiston

Anna Ross proposed, Tim Harpin seconded

**Treasurer:** Adrian Solesbury

Anna Ross proposed, Mick Farmer seconded

**Secretary:** Anna Ross

Tim Harpin proposed, Gill Bury seconded

The above officers were duly elected.

### Matters Arising

**Sailing Days:** It has been noted by several volunteers that having two sessions in a week, (a Wednesday followed by a Saturday), can be quite intense and exhausting. Jon suggested dropping Wednesdays and have alternate Monday and Saturdays. This would be very much be dependent on the amount of volunteers we have. We would also need to discuss with MKSC to avoid clashes with other groups on the lake. To be discussed in the off season.

**Action Anna: Discuss switching days with Tower Drive.**

Wednesday maybe their only activity day.

**Training sessions:** Anna suggested we always have a training session prior to the start of a season. In particular, ensure Buddies are confident in the use of the hoist. Don Searson suggested that we ask both sailors and Buddies/volunteers what training they would like to receive so that we may put something together.

**COVID Procedures:** The procedures can be found on our web site under the Documents tab. To access [click here](#).

Many of our club members are vulnerable and as such we have had very few interested in sailing this year. Jon queried how many would be likely to be interested in 2021 due to the lack of responses we have had this year. We need to possibly widen the audience for the club to other groups of people.

**RYA Beyond Sailing:** Jon and Jake will attend this on line course regarding social media and how we can use it.

**Hoisting:** Debbie asked about hoisting this season. Jon explained that due to Covid the hoisting would have to be done by someone in the members bubble. We can instruct and advice from a suitable distance.

**Volunteers Skills:** Paul suggested we produce a skills matrix so that we can be clear who is qualified/confident for each task at a session. The meeting agreed that this would be a good idea.

**Volunteers:** As always, we still need more volunteers. John suggested we approach neighbouring clubs to seek out a few more.

**RYA Grant:** Jon has put an application in for £5,000.00 for social media.

**Winter Maintenance:** To be held after Christmas in a group of six.

**President:** Tim Harpin will become our President and advocate for the club.

#### **AOB**

Mick thanked Tim for all his work and dedication for over ten years. The meeting agreed.

Patricia queried Paralympic sailing etc. and Jon stated that we have no one in the club currently sailing competitively.

*There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.26*

<b>Income and Expenditure Report</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Subscriptions and Membership Fees	£ 280.00	£ 350.00
Day Subs	£ -	£ 672.00 (inc Teas)
Local Giving Receipts	£ -	£ 398.51
Gift Aid via Local Giving	£ -	£ 85.50
Includes Day Subs and income via Local Giving		
<b>Donation</b>		
Denbigh School	£ 413.16	£ 500.00 (Magic little grants)
John Lewis	£ 1,614.87	
<b>Tea Money</b>		
Quiz Night	£ 287.85	£ 183.00
Misc.	£ -	£ 23.00 (Mugs)
	<b>£ 2,595.88</b>	<b>£ 2,212.01</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Insurance	£ 629.54	£ 655.98
MKSC Group Membership	£ -	£ 780.00
Local Giving Membership	£ 96.00	£ 96.00
Hoist Inspection	£ -	£ 90.00
RYA Affiliation	£ 130.00	£ 125.00
MK Sport	£ -	£ -
Maintenance & Repair	£ 632.16 (Boat covers)	£ 322.79
Web Site Charges	£ 111.75	£ 86.06
Misc	£ -	£ 20.00 (keys)
	<b>£ 1,599.45</b>	<b>£ 2,175.83</b>
Net Income (Deficit) for Year	<b>£ 996.43</b>	<b>£ 36.18</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank Balance as at 9/9/20	£ 4,551.07	
Available Funds	<b>£ 4,551.07</b>	