

# Port Edgar Yacht Club



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at 7.30pm in the clubhouse

## 1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum

The meeting opened at 7:30pm. More than forty members were present, the meeting thus being quorate.

## 2. Minutes of the AGM held Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

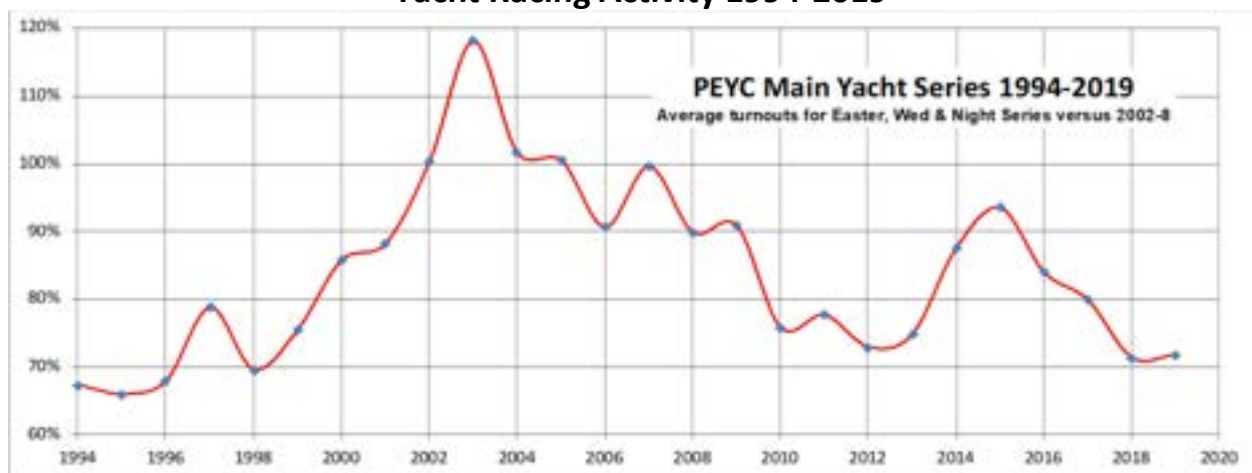
These minutes were accepted without change.

## 3. Review of club activities in 2019 and a look forward to 2020

(Jim Scott, Sailing secretary)

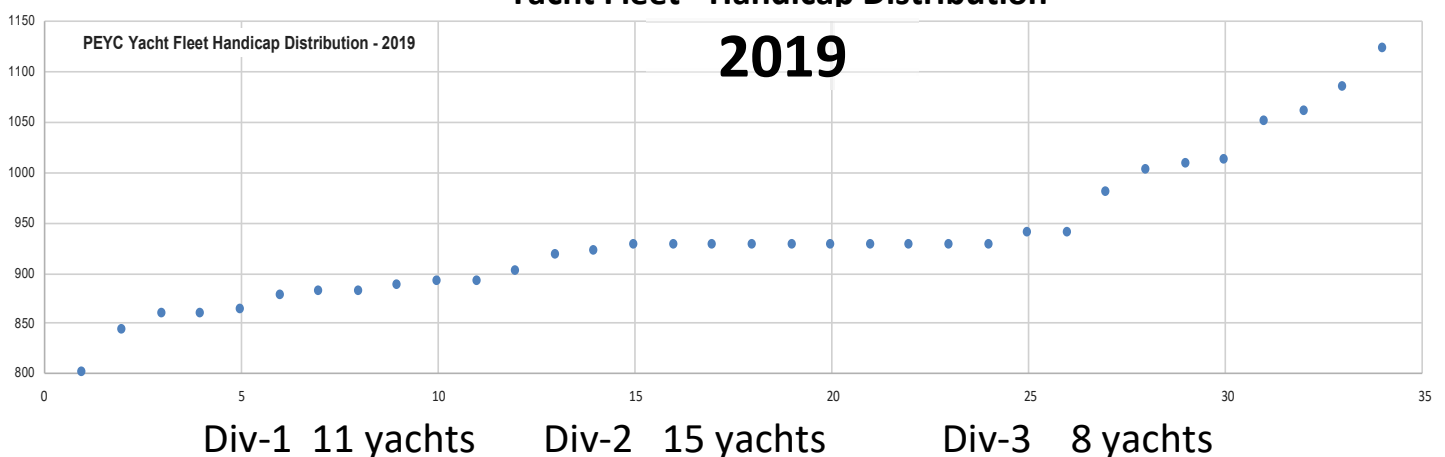
### Club activities 2019 –

#### Yacht Racing Activity 1994-2019



Average turnout for Easter-Night series was 1% improved from 2018. Easter and Night increased turnout. Wed A reduced, Wed B identical.

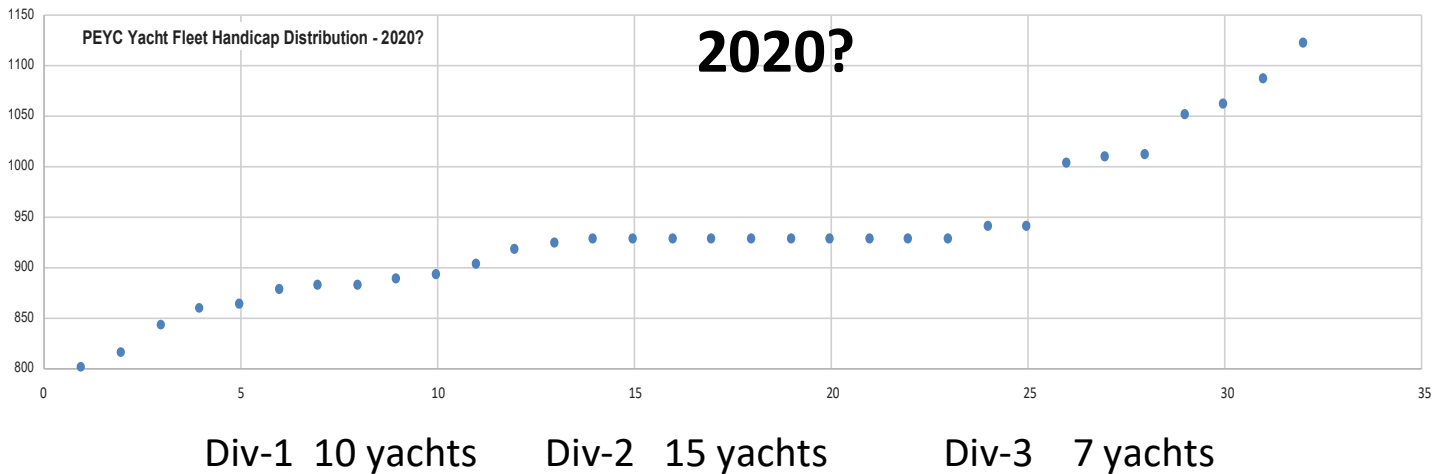
#### Yacht Fleet - Handicap Distribution



Div-1 11 yachts

Div-2 15 yachts

Div-3 8 yachts



- Looking at possibility of combining divisions
- Policy: Wait and see how many boats enter each series, then decide
- If combined fleet with wide (>25%) handicap range: use hybrid courses
- Otherwise use standard fixed length courses

### Yacht Racing Activity in 2019

- 24 Wed evening races 10<sup>th</sup> Apr - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct initially planned
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr OOD training; 15<sup>th</sup> May racing rules seminar
  - 8<sup>th</sup> May & 7<sup>th</sup> Aug abandoned or cancelled for weather
- Night series extension to 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct proposal made in July
- Positive support from yacht owners surveyed
- 3 extra Wednesdays: A-series 5 races; B-series 4 races
- 18:45 start time for B-series with combined fleet
- Well supported: A-series 26 yachts; B-series 20 yachts
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct cancelled because of extreme gales
- Safe to start at night off Port Edgar thanks to QC lights

### Yacht Race Management

- New improved design for LED lights on race marks for Night Series
- Queensferry crossing exclusion zones to be removed

### Yacht Planning for 2020

- 30 Wednesdays during British Summer Time (Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Apr - 21<sup>st</sup> Oct)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: too little daylight; 8<sup>th</sup> Apr, 6<sup>th</sup> May & 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun: too little water
- 26 Races: Wed A - 6; Wed B - 6; Trophies - 4; Twilight - 5; Night - 5
- 5 Sunday afternoon Easter series races: 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - 24<sup>th</sup> May
- 3 Sunday morning pre-BBQ races: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> Jun & 30<sup>th</sup> Aug
- 3 Sunday afternoon back-to-back mini-series: 7<sup>th</sup> Jun, 12<sup>th</sup> Jul & 9<sup>th</sup> Aug
- 3 Sunday cruises: 31<sup>st</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> Jul & 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug
- Bosun's Locker 17<sup>th</sup> May, Queen Margaret 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, Last Cup 13<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Autumn series - 5 (4<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov); Winter series - 5 (8<sup>th</sup> Nov - 6<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- 707: Edin. Cup 18/19<sup>th</sup> Apr; Nationals 13/16<sup>th</sup> Aug; Sprints 26/27<sup>th</sup> Sept

## Dinghy Planning for 2020

- Saturday Easter series (2 races/day) 4<sup>th</sup> Apr - 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Queensferry Bay racing now on Thursdays instead of Mondays Same evening as cruising events and 707 training
- Thursday A, B & C series + Sternchase 16<sup>th</sup> Apr - 27<sup>th</sup> Aug
- Saturday A, B, C & D series (3 races/day) 9<sup>th</sup> May - 26<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Monday 'fun' dinghy sailing every 2-weeks: May - Sept
- Sailing Instruction option of using a smaller dinghy rig, in strong wind conditions, and combining the results in a series will be continued.

## 4. Membership Analysis (Charlie Simpson)

### PEYC Membership 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

	Mar – 19	Leavers	Joiners	Jan-20
Male	231	50	48	229
Female	85	26	15	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>303</b>

### PEYC Membership Including Affiliated Clubs

	PEYC	Affiliated Clubs			Total
	Jan – 20	<u>EUSC</u>	<u>QRC</u>	<u>Dragons</u>	
Male	229	54	35	3	321
Female	74	51	39	25	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>510</b>

### 2 Things we want from members in 2020

- All existing members to try to bring new members to the club.
- Try and move all members to pay by direct debit.
  - 2/3 pay by DD presently
  - 1/3 pay manually online (80% pay late !)

## 5. Treasurer's Report (Peter Collings)

The Draft Accounts for the financial year ending 31 October 2019 have been passed to Gordon Sheppard for his approval.

They have been published on the club web site prior to this meeting.

The key points about our finances are:

- Excluding clubhouse donations we made a surplus of £8,322 last year.

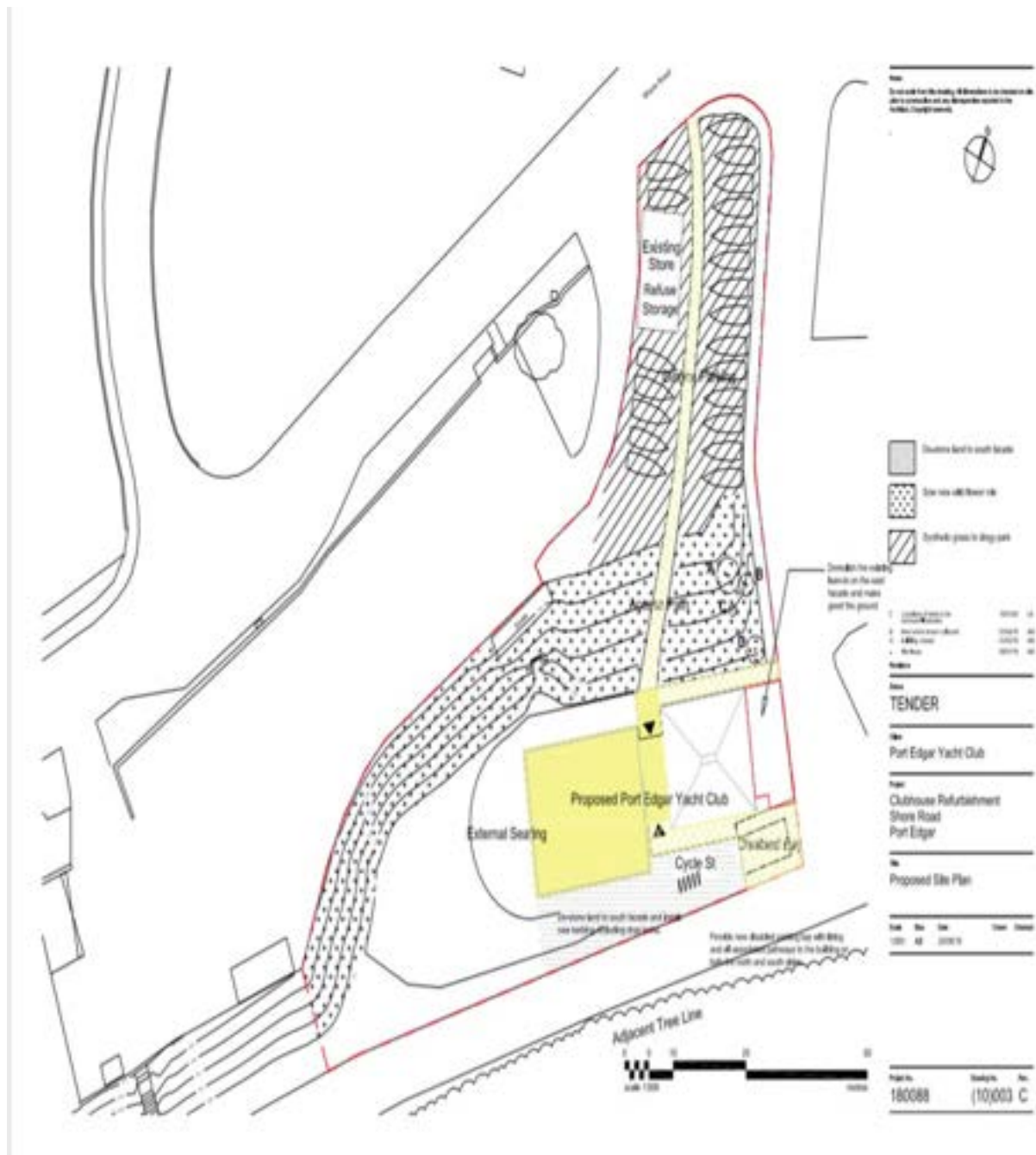
- **Highlights:** 707 events and bar, clubhouse lets
- **Lowlight:** subscriptions, cleaning

Had £186,000 in bank - now down to £164,000.

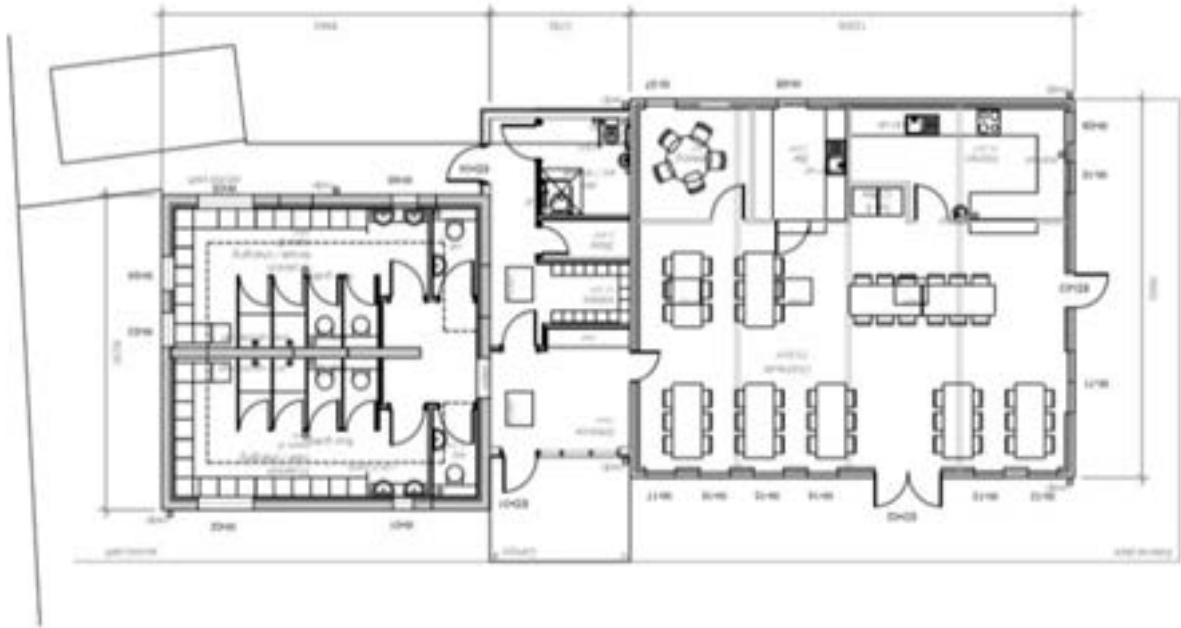
After a short discussion these accounts were approved unanimously (subject to Gordon Sheppard's inspection)

## 6. Report on the Clubhouse Redevelopment (Neil McDougall)

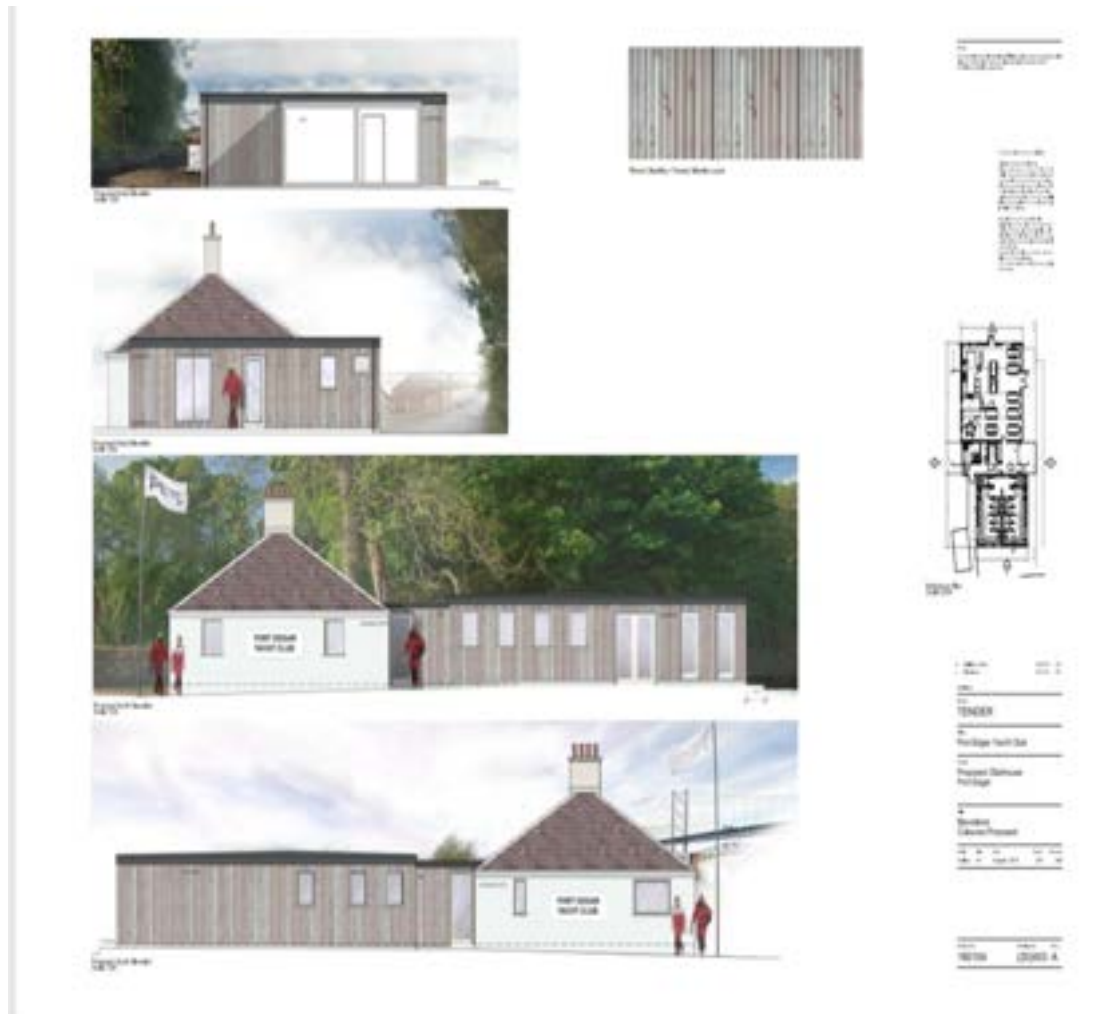
### Site Layout



## Internal Layout



## Elevations



- Work progressing well on modular building
- Cottage stripped back and design finalised
- New windows installed in the workshop/store (brick built building)
- Tenders out March/early April for work to complete project
- Envisaged work will start April/May with completion Sept/Oct

## 7. Donations to Date and Request (Charlie Simpson)

### Donations 15 Months to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020

No. of Donors	Amount donated	Gift aid @ 25%	Total raised
58	£46,400	£11,600	£58,000

### Summary of Funding the Build Cost

Grant	£75K
Own cash	£212K
Shortfall	£37K
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£324K</b>

### Raising the additional £37K

- We are looking into small amounts from raffles, small grants, corporates. Likely to only amount to a few thousand
- Most likely we will fill the majority of the gap from :-
  - Members donations (with 25% Gift Aid)
  - eg. £30K donations =£7.5K Gift Aid = £37.5K
  - So we need only to donate £30K !!

## 8. Request for member agreement to allow the Committee to contract for the completion of the clubhouse redevelopment provided that the Committee considers it prudent to do so ( Peter Collings)

- Spend to date £62,000 capital, £10,000 current
- Spend to complete £262,000
- Funding Gap £37,000
- Aim to get tenders in over next 3 months and will continue fundraising.
- Seek the agreement of members that the Committee can let contracts to complete the new clubhouse if it is financially prudent to do so.

This proposal was approved unanimously.

## 9. Subscriptions for 2020 (Peter Collings)

- although we made a surplus in 2019 recommended across the board increase of £5 on all membership categories except student membership.
- This should enable the club to start rebuilding its cash reserve after expenditure on the new club house,

Category	Existing Subscription	New Subscription	First year discounted rate
Racing	£130	£135	£75
Cruising	£50	£55	
Cruising berth holders	£25	£30	
Student	£30	£30	
Family*	£155	£160	£100
Junior	Free	Free	Free

\* Family covers one Racing member, plus one cruising member, plus all students and juniors at the same address.

The new level of subscriptions was approved unanimously

## 10. Election of 2020 Committee

The proposed Main Committee for 2020 is as follows –

Commodore	Charles Simpson
Vice Commodore	Bill Blyth
Rear Commodore Shore	Doug Ross *
Rear Commodore Sail	Geoff Bowerman *
Honorary Secretary	Keith Baker
Honorary Treasurer	Peter Collings
Membership Secretary	Justin Venton
Special Projects	Neil McDougall

Doug and Geoff wish to stand down this year. But will remain until we can find volunteers to fill these positions. The new committee was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm.