



	<p>Irish Sea Branch</p> <p>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 15th January 2022 on ZOOM (virtal meeting) At 12.00 noon</p>
<p>1.0</p> <p>2.0</p>	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Andrew Robinson Clive Roberts Mark & Liz Cooper Don & Irene Campbell Peter Haslehurst Ken & Anne Timmis Colin & Pat Kendall-Tory Perri & Debbie Launders</p> <p>Present – Mike & Sally Ousbey Howard & Barbara Weeks Mark Godwin Phil Eccles Barrie & Sue Wilson Carol & Graham Woodcock</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Minutes of the last AGM 2021</p> <p>An overview of the minutes were read and members were asked if the minutes were a true and accurate record:</p> <p>Proposed by: Sally Ousbey</p> <p>Seconded by: Graham Woodcock</p> <p>All were in favour.</p> <p>It was not possible to physically sign the minutes but the secretary marked and dated them as approved, to be signed at the next opportunity.</p>

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Branch Captain's Report, Howard Weeks

- Howard reported that generally, 'sailing in company' was difficult to achieve due to the distances needed to travel in order to meet up coinciding with favourable weather conditions and that it was better for sailing events to be organised and take place locally. Barbara added that should groups get together locally for events then they can contact her to apply for funds towards them.
- Howard has received an email to inform him that the Irish Captain, Jimmy Kelly, is organising a rally from 4th to 6th June to Quoile Yacht Club in Strangford Lough. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jimmy for more information.
- An Autumn Laying up lunch was organised at the Cheshire Cat, Chester on Saturday, 23rd October 2022. 16 people attended from as far afield as Bangor, Derbyshire and Cumbria.
- The lunch on 23rd October was preceded by a Branch Committee Meeting.
- The Branch is still short of a committee member who is able and willing to keep the Branch page up to date on the Members' website. In the meantime, the committee can approach David Longhurst to upload information for us as an emergency. Mike mentioned that the Committee information on the website is out of date. Howard said that he would contact David to get that changed. Carol asked that he wait until the AGM minutes were ready so that they can be put on the website at the same time.
- Howard informed us that the National AGM is now to be held on Zoom on 27th February 2022 as last year. Notice to members has already been sent. Members wishing to join the meeting must Register so that they are sent the login details in due course.
- The membership subs remain at £22 for this year.
- It is intended that subs will be paid by Direct Debit in future and that membership will run from the date that members joined the Association. Currently, membership begins in January, regardless of when members joined. Information about the above has been given in the Compass magazine but as yet, members have not received individual emails.
- Howard thanked Don Campbell for the many reports that he has written in Compass.
- Howard thanked the Committee for their continued support and suggested that Committee Meetings would probably be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Most National Committee Meetings are now held on Zoom.

<p>6.0</p>	<p>Secretary's report - Carol Woodcock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol reported that the branch membership stands at 155 members, although Howard said that new members information was sent in September. Carol had not received that information. Howard would pass that information on shortly. • Carol reported that the AGM was cancelled at the Orrell less than a week ago but that the venue had been very understanding. It was discussed that we could leave the deposit in their hands and book again for next year, January 2023. Carol will contact The Orrell to make arrangements. • There was one Committee Meeting held during the year, on 23rd October 2021. <p>Howard asked members to accept Carol's report</p> <p>Proposed: Howard Weeks</p> <p>Seconded: Phil Eccles</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Treasurer's report - Barbara Weeks</p> <p>A copy of the Balance Sheet for Irish Sea Branch 2021 was sent out to all members on January 13th 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total MOA funds stands at £717 • Barbara explained that there had been very little income or expenditure during the year, mainly due to the continuing Pandemic and very little happening within the Branch. However she anticipated that there may still be a small subvention to carry into 2022. • Barbara explained that she had had to reapply for the MOA Branch bank account due to the many rules and regulations now governing the prevention of money laundering. She had managed to retain the account but that there are now hefty bank charges for its use, for example, the charge to cash a cheque is £5.40 per cheque. This has implications for the way we book events and make payments. She has asked that Howard takes the issue to discuss at National level to see if anything can be done. <p>Howard asked members to accept the accounts as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed: Sally Ousbey</p> <p>Seconded: Mark Godwin</p>

	<p>Election of Branch Officers</p> <p>Howard suggested keeping the Committee as it is for now since there is very little going on within the Branch due to Covid, the cancellation of the physical AGM, also due to Covid, and the lack of attendance on the Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Graham Woodcock</p> <p>Seconded: Mark Godwin</p> <p>The Committee is as follows:</p> <p>Branch Captain: Howard Weeks Vice Captain: Don Campbell Secretary: Carol Woodcock Treasurer: Barbara Weeks</p> <p>Port Officers</p> <p>Conwy: Perri Launders Whitehaven: Howard Weeks Liverpool: Dave Kitchen Pwllheli: Phil Eccles</p>
	<p>Discussion of any formally proposed business</p> <p>There was none.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol suggested setting a date for a Spring and Autumn lunch as in previous years. She would need to ensure that deposits could be repaid if the events are unable to go ahead due to Covid. • The Cheshire Cat was recommended once again and Phil Eccles also recommended The Fishpool at Delamere as an alternative. Those present were happy with either venue and the area. • Mike Ousbey mentioned that the Conwy Cruising Club were due to publish their sailing and events itinerary for 2022 and that there were many events in which Moody members could take part. • Sally also mentioned that the Conwy Cruising Club have an active Training schedule, with Mark Godwin, one of our own members, being their Training Officer. MOA members would be welcomed.

	The meeting closed at 12:50.

Signed by

Date