

CITY BARGE

Annual General Meeting
Sandford-on-Thames Village Hall, Henley Road, Sandford-on-Thames OX4 4YN
Sunday, 2 February 2025 at 11.30am for 12.00noon

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minutes for AGM 2024
3. Matters arising from the above minutes
4. Approval of Accounts for 2024
5. Reports of Committee Members
6. Election of Officers
The following members have offered themselves for election:
 - Chairman - John Russell
 - Vice-Chair - Pauline Dobbs
 - Standing Captain - Pauline Dobbs
 - Hon Treasurer - Alun Evans
 - Secretary - Daniel Shelley
 - Social Secretary - Vacant
 - Membership Secretary - Laura Hutchins Payne
 - Shallop Liaison - Andrew Thomson
 - Honorary Printer - Dek Cordingley
 - Venetian Liaison - Piero Bortoli
 - Committee Members - Sue Burton, Richard Robinson and Tim Williams
7. Subscriptions
8. Programme for 2025
9. Any other business (Please submit any items to the Chairman by 12.00 noon, 26 January)
10. Awards



AGM Meeting Minutes 18th February 2024

Date	Sunday 18th February 2024
Time:	12.00 noon
Venue:	Sandford Village Hall
Attending:	Richard Robinson - Chairman, Katie Balfour, Sue Burton, Dek Cordingley, Pauline Dobbs, Laura Hutchins Payne, John Russell, Tim Williams, John Kinahan, Richard Bailey, Piero Bortoli, Juliet Blackburn and 22 other members and guests. 32 people sat down to lunch.
Apologies:	Adrian Bullock, Lady Clarke, Angela Evans, Richard Heffer, Ian and Jane Hall, Alex Martin, Sandy Nairne, Richard Nissen, Francis Phillimore, Julian Popple, Robin Privett, John and Diana Rew, Daniel Shelley, Caroline Swanborough, Andrew and Janice Thomson, Jeremy Thomson
Minutes:	Pauline Dobbs

<u>No.</u>	<u>Items/Actions</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Approval of 2022 AGM minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved, proposed by Caroline Bleackley and seconded by Penny Kendall	
2.	Matters arising from the 2023 AGM's minutes. There were no matters arising.	
3.	Approval of Accounts for 2022. There was some discussion of the club's public liability insurance and what the liability of members might be. RHR offered to send members a statement on this within a month. JR also offered to send members a copy of the club's insurance policies. It was noted that members' household insurance may already provide them with additional insurance cover. Membership of British Rowing offers individuals additional specialist insurance cover in British Rowing club boats. The accounts were unanimously approved, proposed by Simon Cowan and seconded by Ann Holden	RR/JR
4.	Matters arising from reports by committee members. Reports were circulated to members, and there were no questions. The Chairman thanked Committee members for their reports and hard work over the past year, noting also the assistance the Poppiers give Pauline Dobbs as Standing Captain by leading the rows. The Chairman also	

	thanked Richard Bailey for his long service to the committee and John Kinahan for his work as Secretary for the past year, and the meeting also them a round of applause in thanks.	
5	Reports of Committee Members These reports were circulated in advance. There were appreciative murmurs but no questions	
6	Privacy Policy The club now has a privacy policy on the website should members wish to view it.	
7	Constitution 6 & 7 CONSTITUTION AND PRIVACY POLICY John Kinahan prepared a revised constitution and a privacy policy before he resigned as Secretary. The new documents were unanimously accepted and the Club wishes to thank John Kinahan for his hard and detailed work, revising and introducing policies for the club.	
8	Presentation of Allegra, forcole, oars and trailer by Richard Bailey The Chairman thanked Richard for his most generous gift of his beautiful boat Allegra, complete with trailer, oars and forcola to City Barge. This much loved and beautiful light blue sandolo, sister to the sandolo Serena, purchased by the club from Richard Heffer to make a racing pair. So an enormous thank you to Richard Bailey.	
9.	Election of Officers The following members offered themselves for re-election: Chairman - Richard Robinson Vice-Chairman - John Russell Standing Captain - Pauline Dobbs Hon Treasurer – Alun Evans Secretary - vacant Social Secretary – vacant Membership Secretary - Laura Hutchins Payne Shallop Liaison - Andrew Thomson Honorary Printer - Dek Cordingley Venetian Liaison - Piero Bortoli Committee Members - Sue Burton, Tim Williams, Committee members were unanimously re-elected, proposed by Caroline Bleackley and seconded by Ruth Kinahan.	
10.	Subscriptions The rise in subscriptions is linked to the recent rise in inflation. Acceptance of the subscriptions was unanimous, proposed by Judi Jennings and seconded by Alun Evans.	RR/JR/L HP
11.	Programme for 2024/5 This has been distributed to members, and Pauline highlighted for the meeting some of the significant events planned this year. These include: - March Training in Venice – 4 days this year. Club day in Oxford at the boat house May Morning The Voga Longa The CIVV rally in Treviso which many rowers from France, Germany, the	

	Netherlands, and Italy. The International Regatta The details for these and other events will follow as arrangements become clearer.	
12.	Any other business Nothing was raised	
13..	Awards for 2022 Flowers were presented to Katie Balfour, Laura Hutchins Payne and Pauline Dobbs, in recognition of their great contributions over the past year to the Committee and the club. Helen the Brave forcola (most improved rower): Penny Kendall Drawing of a gondola, presented by Richard Heffer: Chris Turner Boat miniature of the Ashley Clarke - Dek Cordingley Murano Golden Glass Lion: Richard Robinson Ganser: Sue Robinson Brass gondola:	
The meeting ended at 13.25		
Richard Robinson - Chairman		Pauline Dobbs - Standing Captain
Signed		Signed
Date.....		Date02/02/2025.....

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Treasurer's Report on 30th November 2024

Income & Expenditure

	2024			2023		
	Income	Expenditure	Year to Date	Income	Expenditure	Full Year
Subscriptions	£7,145		£7,145	£6,833		£6,833
Donations	£600		£600	£95		£95
AGM	£616	£135	£480	£685	£339	£346
Barn Rental	£2,320	£2,702	-£382	£3,550	£2,702	£848
Events	£1,174	£537	£637	£5,415	£2,097	£3,318
Lake rowing	£392	£175	£217			£0
Venice training week	£745	£493	£252			£0
Vogalonga	£1,050	£990	£60			£0
CIVV Treviso	£775	£755	£20			£0
Regatta	£395	£466	-£71			£0
Sales of Calendars and other Goods	£214	£160	£54			£0
Sundries	£15		£15	£290		£290
Interest received	£253		£253	£113		£113
Boathouse running costs		£4,228	-£4,228		£3,974	-£3,974
Boathouse licence amortisation		£212	-£212		£211	-£211
Boat expenses		£1,205	-£1,205		£3,245	-£3,245
Insurance		£2,703	-£2,703		£1,915	-£1,915
Admin & website		£1,523	-£1,523		£1,084	-£1,084
Shirts/medals/gifts		£11	-£11		£975	-£975
Purchase of goods		£0	£0		£255	-£255
Sundries		£0	£0		£875	-£875
Charitable donations		£502	-£502		£500	-£500
TOTALS	£15,693	£16,798	-£1,105	£16,981	£18,172	-£1,191

Notes:

This is a new style of report analysed from our bank records and presented with income and expenditure matched where possible to show surpluses and deficits on individual activities - for example, calendars, lake rowing, and AGM.

This report is made up for the 12 months to the end of November, with comparatives, where available for 2022-23.

Subscriptions for the year total £7,145 (2023:£6,833). There were donations of £600, and we have made surpluses on the activities of the club including the AGM, events, lake rowing, the Venice training week, the Vogalonga and sales of merchandise.

There have been significant expenses for barn rental, insurance, website development, boat licencing and maintenance which were as budgetted.

At 30th November the balances in our current and savings accounts totalled £16,651 (Nov 2023: £18,064), a reduction of a reduction of £1,413 compared to November 2023.

The report shows a deficit for the year of £1,105 (2023: deficit £1,191).

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Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET			
	2024 £		2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Boathouse licence	£ 21,000.00		£ 21,000.00
Less: Amortisation	-£ 5,727.00		-£ 5,515.00
Net Value	£ 15,273.00		£ 15,485.00
 Boats, Trailers and Equipment	 £ 96,380.40		 £ 96,380.40
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	£ 520.00		£ -
Current account	£ 2,690.85		£ 156.76
Savings Account	£ 13,960.29		£ 17,907.60
Total	£ 16,651.14		£ 18,064.36
TOTAL NET ASSETS	£ 128,824.54		£ 129,929.76
RESERVES			
Reserves brought forward	£ 129,929.76		£ 99,520.76
Surplus/deficit on activities	-£ 1,105.22		-£ 1,191.00
Revaluation of Fixed Assets	£ -		£ 31,600.00
Reserves carries forward	£ 128,824.54		£ 129,929.76



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM

LOOKING FORWARD

Today's AGM gives us an opportunity to look forward to 2025. Plans are in place for visits to Venice in March and June, plus trips to France for the Grand Tour de Paris in May, to the River Marne and to Sucé-sur-Erdre for the CIVV rally in June. In addition, we have planned the usual domestic events for the year including Club Days, a May Morning rowing breakfast, the Eights Ferry and the Richard Bailey Memorial Club Regatta in September.

LOOKING BACK

We mourn the deaths last year of Richard Bailey, late chairman and captain, and Claire Norton, widow of our co-founder, in the last ten months. We remember them today in our memories and in the prizes, memorabilia, clothing and books here today. Richard Bailey's family were well-supported by club members at his funeral service and wake in England, and in Venice by rowers attending the Vogalonga. The Bailey family held a remembrance of Richard in September, with his ashes being scattered at Longbridges with a club-wide salute "Alza Remi, Ricardo!" They most generously entertained us all at the Four Spires Hotel afterwards.

We can look back now on 2024, the second wettest year since 1767! The events of 2024 have been well described by my fellow committee members in their reports. Our events are characterised by good preparation and humour. Outings are well organised, there is good support for visitors and always memorable catering.

COMMITTEE

Once again, the club's activities have been led by our able, hardworking committee members, who complement an enthusiastic and keen body of members. I would like to thank all committee members for their help this year, working together as a team. John Russell has been Vice-Chairman this year and has been involved in all parts of the club, rowing, towing, repairing, insuring and more. I am grateful to our Standing Captain, Pauline Dobbs for her commitment and enthusiasm to our rowing. Her initiative in rearranging the International Regatta was astonishing! She along with Piero Bortoli, Sue Burton, Dek Cordingley and members of the poppieri group led our Venetian rowing outings. In addition, a sitting-down entry in the 2024 Vogalonga, rowing from Querini was organised by Derrick Holden.

Alun Evans has introduced a new rigour to the role of Treasurer, his reports are a model of clarity, showing all too clearly the reality of the club's finances in a time of rising costs. We continue to be grateful to Printer Extraordinaire Dek Cordingley, who is most generous in his support and sponsorship of the club. Laura Hutchins Payne is Membership Secretary and we benefit from her eye for detail in the club's records. She too brings great energy and enthusiasm to the club's activities. Piero Bortoli is our Venetian Liaison member. He keeps us



informed about developments in Venice. Andrew Thomson is our shallop liaison member and updates us with developments in the Drapers' Company. Sue Burton and Tim Williams are committee members without portfolio and help us by sharing their experience. Richard Bailey was also a committee member without portfolio until his death last April. The workshop team also repaired and refurbished boats. We remain grateful to Nan McElroy for her help and expertise in IT matters, and congratulate her on the excellent City Barge website. We are so pleased to welcome Daniel Shelley as the new Secretary.

I am stepping down as Chairman, and hope to become a committee member without portfolio. I would like to thank club members for their help and support in the past, and know that you will similarly support John Russell, the chairman-elect.

Richard Robinson

Chairman

2 February 2025



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VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

- 1 A Vice Chairman's role does not tend to be a busy one, save for standing in occasionally for the Chairman when he or she is not available, and it is more the extra roles the VC takes on which merit a Report.
- 2.1 One of the tasks I have had this year is acting as City Barge's representative on the Colleges' Boathouse Management Committee ('BMC') which met roughly quarterly at Hertford College. A number of the items discussed at such meetings do not directly concern the Club (such things as racking for their eights, missing keys, the provision of an exercise bike in the ergo room and so on), but others do, and I report back to the Club's committee in such cases.
- 2.2 Some of the items are of less importance: for example this year, the untidyness of the students in and around the clubhouse and the site, the fact that the electric gates periodically malfunction, the ownership of and condition of the towpath between Folly Bridge and Donnington Bridge, the attempts to have moved by the EA the mostly submerged boat by Long Bridges.
- 2.3 Other matters concern us more, particularly maintenance of the Clubhouse and Workshop, because we pay 10% of such costs, which, as can be seen from the Accounts, is the largest single debit item. This coming year, the BMC proposes to repair and repaint the windows around the workshop, and to refurbish the balcony outside the Clubrooms. This latter is a health and safety issue, as it is feared that a small child (or perhaps an inebriated student) might fall from the balcony and be injured, or worse. Quotes have so far been received in the region of £26K and £36K for this latter work. Tim has suggested a much less expensive alternative, which the BMC are prepared to consider, and work on this is ongoing.
- 3.1 As one of the workshop 'team', which mainly comprises Richard Robinson, Chris Turner and myself, with other members helping from time to time, (.....others are most welcome to join !), I will also report on our activities throughout the past year.
- 3.2 Our job involves carrying out repairs where these are necessary, repainting boats from time to time and trying to prevent damage when the workshop floods.....twice in the last 12 months ! Rot was found in Regalo's floor, and this had to be cut away, new wooden sections made, and then glued into place, waterproofed and then painted. This took some months. Also this year we looked at all the usable oars belonging to the Club (over 40) and repaired these where required and repainted and revarnished them, then applied transfers (which Dek very kindly supplied). We also carried out minor repairs and did some painting.