



## **41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Of the**

**UNITED KINDOM INTERNATIONAL DART ASSOCIATION**

**Held at the 2016 National championships, Stokes Bay SC,**

**On Saturday 28th May 1700hrs**

Previous minutes agreed: Proposed by Simon Morruzi, Seconded by David Groom.

1. Chairmans report: It's been another eventful and busy year for UKIDA. This season has seen another successful Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace, and the first 2 TT events have been well attended. Following on from the discussion at last years AGM, the committee took the difficult decision that UKIDA can no longer justify the expense of a full time secretary. As Jenni Donovan was looking to step down anyway, the decision was made and the committee members took on all the jobs that the paid secretary had previously done. Remember that all committee members are volunteers and give their own time freely to run the committee, so please don't get too impatient if things don't always run as smoothly as they should. My particular thanks to Darren and TA who have taken on the two biggest jobs - running the accounts and managing the membership renewals as well as their existing roles on the committee. These changes save UKIDA well over £3k per year. As always, the committee has a lot to do, and many hands make light work, so if anyone feels able to volunteer to serve on the UKIDA committee and help in any way please talk to any committee member. Any help will be welcomed with open arms!

From my own point of view, I have decided that it's time for me to step down as chairman after 5 years and pass the baton on to somebody else. Sean O'Connor has offered to take over, and with his experience on both the UKIDA and IDA committees over a good few years I am sure he will do a good job. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me over the past 5 years, and I look forward to some more relaxed sailing!

2. Honorary Secretary's Report:

Afternoon everyone

I've got a few stats that I am pleased to say show positive signs for the Dart 18 class.

### **2015 stats**

- TT's Total number of competitors that took part in TT's in 2015 is 114 as opposed to 88 the year before
- Average turnout per TT in 2015 was 26 again 22 the year before

- After 2 TT's so far this year we have had 58 different competitors, 29 turned up to Dee and 42 to Netley
- **Europeans** held in Grosseto attracted 67 competitors of which the Brits had the most entrants from anyone Country with **18** boats, with **3** brits in the top **5**.

**UK Nationals** was a disappointing turnout with only **37** boats, this could be attributed to the location and the closeness to the Europeans.

On the whole numbers are rising and we appreciate any input into keeping this trend happening.

As some of you might be aware we now have a new Facebook Group Dart 18 UK, this is a public group that anyone can see but only members can post on, we hope that this will help promote Dart 18's. We would like to encourage Dart 18 sailors to use the new Group so that non Dart 18 sailors can see what a great class we have.

On a different note I would like to thank Geoff for his commitment and hard work during the last few years and hope he stays active on the committee.

### 3. Treasurers Report:

The United Kingdom International Dart Association (UKIDA) committee present the UKIDA accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The accounts have not been audited, but both the accounts and records are available for inspection by members on request.

#### Income:

Subscriptions are slightly up based on increased levels, actual member numbers is ?. The Nationals profit was down due to a low turnout of 37 vs 2014.

Advertisement was slightly down and there was no Teach in last year. The Worlds early bird UKIDA payment cost us due to Euro exchange rate declining between offer and payment. So total income was down £696 over 2014

#### Expenses:

Overall expenses reduced mainly due to lower magazine costs, this was because only 1 magazine was paid for in the 2015 accounts. The Dec issue was rolled into 2016. Also 2016 Dinghy show expenses were held over to 2016 when normally paid in Dec prior. IT charges continue at similar levels and may no longer represent value for money given changes in this market.

Affiliation and other costs associated with the Dart16s continued to be paid. Expenses were better accounted for with "Sundries" eliminated.

Stationary and post continued to increase.

#### Summary:

This year more or less broke even despite significant expenses being rolled into 2016, without this a significant loss would be seen

With the increase in membership fees from 2015 and the removal of Secretarial fees from Jan 2016 we should be in a better position at the close of this year.

A better turnout at the Nationals is also expected to boost income.

A new phone deal has been agreed to save £120 per year, but further savings could be had with the elimination of a UKIDA phone, is this really necessary?

However, looking forward we need to ensure more members are paying the correct fee, we are losing around £2000 due to members paying less than £40. The removal of secretarial fees will help boost the balance short term, but this situation may not be sustainable without help from more members to ease the burden on the committee. We should plan to reintroduce a secretary role with a lower salary to reflect the lower membership once UKIDA accounts are in a healthier state.

4. Election of officers:

Sean O'Connor	Chairman
Mike Gomme	Honorary Secretary
TA Wood	Treasurer
Des Barnes	Fixtures Secretary
Darren Wood	Handicap Secretary
Vacant	Webmaster
Mark Robson	Trophies Coordinator
Vacant	Technical / Exhibitions
James Head	Youth Representative
Geoff Lloyd	Past Chairman
Hayley Smith	Magazine
Adrian Parsons	Training Coordinator

5. UKIDA membership fee's, Current membership fee's £45 Full (£40 SO), £35 Junior (£30 SO) and £5 temporary membership for home club members at their own event.

Discussion was held David Groom suggested that temporary membership at home events should be free to promote class, after much discussion a vote was taken and it was voted to remain the same. But temporary members do not qualify for handicap prizes.

6. UKIDA trophies: many trophies need major repair / refurbishment or replacement, After much discussion it was decided to list the trophies in most need of repair and re-visit at next AGM.

7. Any other Business:

David Lloyd suggested that UKIDA pay a nominal fee of £500 for a membership Secretary.

The committee decided that they would see how this year went and would look at a later date.