

# Hansa Class UK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Registered Number 1165467

## The 2023 Annual General Meeting

2023 Annual General Meeting of Hansa Class UK was held on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 5.30pm at Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HJ.

### Minutes

Total Number of full members present = 23

Email votes received = 0

Proxy votes received = 0

**Attendees:** 4 Trustees + 19 Members

**Apologies:** None.

#### 1. Chair's Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for coming.

#### 2. Minutes of 2022 AGM and Matters Arising.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the 2022 AGM. There were no matters arising.

#### 3. Chair's Report

To receive a report from the Chair of the board of Trustees for Hansa Class UK

The 2022 Annual report was circulated with the Notice of AGM. The report was unanimously accepted by the members present. For the full report **see Appendix 1** below.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report:

To receive a presentation of the 2022 Annual Accounts from the Treasurer and to receive and approve the accounts of Hansa Class UK for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Paul presented his report and discussed the details of income and expenditure through the year.

**Resolution 1:** It is proposed that the accounts of Hansa Class UK presented by the Treasurer are accepted and approved by the Members.

The result of the vote was as follows:

For = 22. Against = 0. Abstained = 1 (The Treasurer). The resolution was therefore carried.

#### 5. Election of Trustees:

There has been one resignation (Ron Sawford) from the Board of Trustees during the past year. At this time, there are no new nominations as a Trustee. All remaining Trustees (David Durston, Paul Phillips, Philip Hall, Ivor Barrett) are willing to continue in their current Trustee roles.

David Durston thanked Ron Sawford for all his work to build the Charity over many years. Ron was presented with gifts and a signed "thank you" card on behalf of the membership.

The members confirmed their acceptance of the Trustee Board unanimously.

#### 6. Elections to the Management Committee:

There have been three retirements from the Management Committee (Ron Sawford, Pat Crowley and John Figures). David thanked them for all of their input in running the Charity over many years.

The remaining members of the Committee (David Durston, Paul Phillips, Philip Hall, Ivor Barrett, Lindsay Burns, Mike Everitt, Steve Sawford and Marie Pears) are willing to continue in their current roles.

There are two nominations to join the Management Committee: Katie Apse and Max Rumball.

The nominations were proposed by Rory McKinna and seconded by James Woosnam.

The membership voted unanimously for Katie Apse and Max Rumball to join the Management Committee and for the existing members to continue in their current roles.

**7. AOB:**

a. Paul Pearson commented that financial support for the 2023 Hansa Worlds in Portimao has been achieved through fundraising. He felt that the Hansa Europeans in Holland in 2024 may not get the same level of support. David and Paul advised that options were being considered, albeit in the early stages, as to how financial support for the 2024 Europeans could be achieved.

b. Mike Everitt asked whether HCUK were considering increasing the number of Hansa boats available for charter, especially Libertys and 2.3s. David replied that this wasn't currently being considered as there were a number of obstacles to increasing the fleet, namely financial resources, human resources to transport and manage more boats and storage of the fleet when not in use.

**These minutes are a true and accurate record of the Hansa Class UK 2023 AGM.**

Signed - Trustee 1 ..... Date .....

Signed – Trustee 2 ..... Date .....

**Appendix 1:**

**Hansa Class UK Annual Report January 1st – December 31st, 2022**

At the AGM in 2021 it was agreed that a membership fee would be introduced for the class association in March 2022. A link was set up on the HCUK website where people could complete their registration and pay. Two levels of membership were available, full membership with voting rights, and associate membership for those who just wanted to be kept informed. It was made a condition that sailors who wanted to compete in HCUK events must be a full member. The exception to this was for sailors who would only sail at their home club's event, they were only required to be an associate member. The cost for full membership was £10, associate membership was free. In 2022 there were 102 full members and 36 associate members.

During the winter HCUK continued to run Virtual Regatta events which were supported by a zoom meeting for those who wanted to get involved with the banter. Not only is this quite useful for tactics and knowledge of rules, it is a good fun forum to keep regular contact with a few from the community.

A full programme of 10 Traveller events was put together. Unfortunately, because of damage to the pontoon facilities at Oxford SC that event had to be cancelled. The remaining 9 events all took place as planned and were well attended. Building on the inclusion of Birmingham SC in 2 fun regattas in 2021, they successfully hosted their first TT event, albeit in difficult circumstances due to low water levels following a drought. Over the season, 54 boats took part in one or more of the regattas: 7 2.3s; 21 303 1-person; 15 303 2-person; and 11 Libertys.

The HCUK National Championships took place at Carsington Sailing Club 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June. Numbers were still slightly impacted by the pandemic, seeing 29 boats entered across all the fleets. There were a few travelling sailors from Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands, Oman, Singapore, and from Australia. The host club put on a very well organized 3 days, with all 8 races completed.

We were very fortunate to have crossed paths with an Olympic performance coach who discovered Hansa sailing. Pete Conway offered his time and knowledge to attend all of the events to share his wisdom, taking pre sailing briefings, followed up debriefings on zoom. This has been invaluable and the standard of sailing in all fleets improved.

The Hansa World Championships 2023 will be held in Portimao, Portugal. HCUK would like to support a team of sailors of all levels to attend. This will require significant fundraising, and initial conversations have started to galvanise interest and enthusiasm amongst the team.

At the AGM Ron Sawford announced that he would like to reduce his involvement with the class association, with somebody else taking on his duties. Ron formed the class association in 1999 and has been instrumental in its growth and smooth running ever since. Ron's position will be hard to fill as he has worked tirelessly above and beyond his position as Secretary. We are very grateful for all that he has done for all of our members over the years.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees David Durston Chairman**