



# COMET CLASS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 27 August 2023 at Ogston Sailing Club  
This could be any time during the day.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM 2022(on the website in the members area)
3. Reports by Officers
  - Chairman – Peter Mountford
  - Secretary – Liz Hossell
  - Membership Secretary – Steve Gregory
  - Events Co-ordinator – Eddie Pope
  - Results Co-ordinator – Ben Palmer
  - Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator – Nigel Fern
4. Treasurers Report and Adoption of Accounts (on the website in the Members area) – Rhian Bevan
5. Builder's Report
6. Consideration of motions: -

#### Six Motions to Change the Constitution

1. **Change throughout the constitution:**

- "Chairman" with "Chair".
- "He" with "They".
- "him" with "them".
- "Him or them" with "them".
- "He/she" with "they".

*Explanation: The aim of this proposal is to make the constitution gender neutral.*

**Proposed: Committee. Seconded:**

2. **Change rule 5.d.ii by replacing:**

**"The Secretary shall also keep the National Association Register and be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Committee or General Meetings to the Members of the National Association."**

with:

"The Secretary shall also be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Committee or General Meetings to the Members of the National Association and shall ensure that the National Association Register is kept up to date."

*Explanation: This allows the task of keeping the National Association Register to be delegated to another committee member. Note that according to rule 3.d.: "The National Association Register" shall mean the register of owners of Comets with their addresses, name and number of boat to be kept hereinafter provided.*

**Proposed; Committee. Seconded :**

3. **Change rule 5.b. by replacing:**

**"The Committee shall consist of eight Full Members of the Association elected annually at a General Meeting of members, or by postal vote, as Committee Members."**

with:

"The Committee shall consist of at least eight Full Members of the Association elected annually at a General Meeting of members, or by postal vote, as Committee Members."

*Explanation: This allows the Committee to have more than eight Full Members.*

**Proposed : Committee. Seconded:**

4. **Delete in rule 5.b. "The Committee will include representatives from the Mino and Xtra fleets."**  
*Explanation: This rule was introduced when the Mino and Xtra rigs sailed separate races with their own prizes. Now that all the rigs sail in one fleet separate representatives are no longer required.*

**Proposed: Committee. Seconded:**

5. **Change rule 5.h by replacing "At least three weeks' notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting must be given in writing by the Secretary to each Committee Member. Any business conducted by correspondence shall always be circulated through the secretary and any committee Member not answering a motion communicated to him in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have abstained from such a motion."**

with:

"At least one weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting must be given in writing by the Secretary to each Committee Member. Any business conducted by correspondence shall always be circulated through the secretary and any committee Member not answering a motion communicated to them in writing within one week of the date of sending shall be deemed to have abstained from such a motion."

*Explanation: This reduces the notice period that needs to be provided for a Committee Meeting from three weeks to one week. Three weeks was originally specified when the agenda had to be posted and Committee meetings were in person. Now that email is used and Committee Meetings use videoconferencing a shorter notice period is feasible and makes it easier for the Committee to respond to unexpected matters.*

**Proposed: Committee. Seconded:**

6. **Change rule 6.b. By replacing "The making of payments shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer and the Secretary or Chairman."**

with:

"The authorised signatories shall be the Treasurer, Secretary or Chairman."

*Explanation: Makes the rule clearer now payments are made online rather than by cheque. As the number of authorisations required is stipulated by the bank, so it is not explicitly specified.*

**Proposed: Committee. Seconded: Rhiaian Bevan**

7. **There has been no uplift to the membership fees for the Comet Class Association since 2018 however due to rising costs to the Association it is proposed to increase the membership fees to the following for 2024 by £2 across the board. Suggested Full & Associate Membership: £22, Junior: £12, Family: £28, Temporary: £12.**

**Proposed: Committee                      Seconded: Rhiaian Bevan**

**7. Election of Officers and Committee**

**8. Appointment of Auditor/ Independent Advisor**

**9. Any Other Business**

- **Comet RYA Portsmouth Yardstick**
- **Publications and Communication with the Membership going forward.**