

Little Ship Club and Little Ship Club Limited

Notice of Annual General Meetings Tuesday 2 March 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Little Ship Club Limited will be held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 18.30hrs, to conduct the following business. The meeting will need to be held virtually / electronically, in current circumstances, and members will receive details of the login prior to the meeting.

1. To receive and consider the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2020.
2. To appoint the Finance and Audit Panel ("the Panel") in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of the Little Ship Club; the Panel to comprise David Roache (President's Committee nominee), Geoff Quentin (Committee nominee) and Iain Muspratt (Chairman) to serve until the conclusion of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.
3. To transact any business of which Special Notice has been received.

Replacement of the reporting accountants is being implemented in the context of a revised structure for the Club's own accounting and administration function. Members will be advised of the reporting accountants selected by the Committee and approved by the Finance and Audit Panel when the selection and approval process is complete.

9 February 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Nick Long
Company Secretary

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Little Ship Club will be held on Tuesday 2 March 2021, at approximately 18.45hrs following the AGM of the Company, to conduct the following business:

1. To receive the Annual Report of the Flag Officers and Committee.
2. Election of Flag Officers and Officers - Commodore, Vice Commodores, Rear Commodores and Honorary Treasurer.
3. Election of members to the Club Committee.
4. Special Notice having been received, the following resolutions have been proposed:
 - a. That Rule 14.3 be amended by the addition of the following:
"The annual subscription which would otherwise be payable is waived at the beginning of the subscription year for a Member then serving as Commodore."
Proposed by David Roache and seconded by Paul Banks.
 - b. That Rule 21.1 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
"Five per cent of the Club's Guaranteeing Members, subject to a minimum of twenty Guaranteeing Members, present and entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum for an AGM or a Special Meeting."
Proposed by Jonathan Hague and seconded by Mark Turvey.

- c. That Rule 20.3.2 be amended by the deletion of the words “fifty Guaranteeing Members” and substitution of the following:
“five per cent of the Club’s Guaranteeing Members, subject to a minimum of twenty Guaranteeing Members”.
Proposed by Jonathan Hague and seconded by Mark Turvey.

- d. That the following be added as a new Rule 20.5:
“If the Committee considers it necessary or in the best interests of the Club, an AGM or a Special Meeting may, subject to Rule 21 and the other provision of this Rule 20, and with the agreement of the President’s Committee, be held electronically or virtually, with such arrangements for proxies, admission to, polls and voting at the meeting as the Committee deems appropriate.”
Proposed by Mark Turvey and seconded by Jonathan Hague.

Further information about these proposals is attached.

5. Any Other Business.

This item is included solely to afford members an opportunity for informal discussion. Any matters raised cannot form part of the official business of the meeting and nor may formal resolutions be proposed.

9 February 2021

Nick Long
Club Secretary

Proxy Votes: *A member unable to attend is entitled to appoint a proxy to cast his or her vote, in the event of a poll, at either or both of these meetings. Proxies, which will only be accepted on the form provided (which will be sent with this Notice or available on the website), must be received in the Club Office no later than 1700hrs on Monday 1 March 2021 (scanned or photographed versions are preferred).*

Proposals for changes to the Rules of the Little Ship Club to be considered at the 2021 AGM

- 1) That Rule 14.3 be amended by the addition of the following:

“The annual subscription which would otherwise be payable is waived at the beginning of the subscription year for a Member then serving as Commodore.”

Note: In practice this would mean that the Commodore’s subscription is waived eight months in arrears, but it avoids the administration necessary to process a refund and would still reward a Commodore with a year of free membership for each year in office. It is, in our view and that of the President’s Committee, an appropriate acknowledgement of the considerable burdens the office of Commodore entails.

Proposed by David Roache
Seconded by Paul Banks

- 2) That Rule 21.1 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Five per cent of the Club’s Guaranteeing Members, subject to a minimum of twenty Guaranteeing Members, present and entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum for an AGM or a Special Meeting.”

Note: The size of the Club’s active membership means that the present AGM quorum of fifty Guaranteeing Members has been only narrowly met at some recent AGMs. It is prudent to link the quorum to the number of Guaranteeing Members, subject to a minimum. This proposed rule change would affect any Special Meeting held after the 2021 AGM and any subsequent AGM.

Proposed by Jonathan Hague
Seconded by Mark Turvey

- 3) That Rule 20.3.2 be amended by the deletion of the words “fifty Guaranteeing Members” and substitution of the following:

“five per cent of the Club’s Guaranteeing Members, subject to a minimum of twenty Guaranteeing Members”

Note: This amendment is consistent with the amendment to the AGM and Special Meeting quorum proposed above.

Proposed by Jonathan Hague
Seconded by Mark Turvey

- 4) That the following be added as a new Rule 20.5:

“If the Committee considers it necessary or in the best interests of the Club, an AGM or a Special Meeting may, subject to Rule 21 and the other provision of this Rule 20, and with the agreement of the President’s Committee, be held electronically or virtually, with such arrangements for proxies, admission to, polls and voting at the meeting as the Committee deems appropriate.”

Note: This proposed rule change would affect any Special Meeting held after the 2021 AGM and any subsequent AGM. The present circumstances preventing large assemblies of people suggest that it would be prudent to make provision for conducting electronic or virtual AGMs and Special Meetings in future. The Club’s Rules already provide (Rule 6.1) for notices papers and reports to be sent by email to Members.

Proposed by Mark Turvey
Seconded by Jonathan Hague