

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE 2020 – 2021

In accordance with Article 29a of the Club's Articles of Association **EIGHT (8)** members of the General Committee who were elected in 2018 and are still serving and due to retire.

A. MEMBERS DUE FOR ELECTION

1. **Barry Hill** offers himself for re-election
2. **James Smith** offers himself for re-election
3. **Jon Zinke** offers himself for re-election
4. **Martin Ganz** offers himself for re-election
5. **Sam Cheng** offers himself for re-election
6. **Stephen Perret** offers himself for re-election
7. **Matthew Johnson** is not seeking re-election
8. **Richard Walker** is not seeking re-election

B. THE ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN (18) ELECTED MEMBERS.

- 1) For the year 2020, **EIGHT (8)** are due for re-election, and **SIX (6)** will stand down at the AGM.
- 2) This has created **EIGHT (8)** vacancies in total for the General Committee.
- 3) We have received in due time **SIX (6)** re-election applications and **THREE (3)** new election applications.

C. THE SIX CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE :

1. **Barry Hill** offers himself for re-election
2. **James Smith** offers himself for re-election
3. **Jon Zinke** offers himself for re-election
4. **Martin Ganz** offers himself for re-election
5. **Sam Cheng** offers himself for re-election
6. **Stephen Perret** offers himself for re-election

D. THERE ARE THREE NEW CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AS BELOW :

- 1. Mr Christopher Tung nominated as General Committee Member**
Club member since 2015 offers himself for election
Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by Graeme Brechin
- 2. Mr Andrew Blank nominated as General Committee Member**
Club member since 2013 offers himself for election
Proposed by Alan Child; Seconded by Christopher Pooley
- 3. Mr David Rees nominated as General Committee Member**
Club member since 1996 offers himself for election
Proposed by Andres Hernandez Sanchez; Seconded by Claire Kirk

E. THE FULL LIST OF THE NINE CANDIDATES IS GIVEN BELOW WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIES :

- 1. Barry Hill**
Club member since 1994
Proposed by John Berry ; Seconded by Matthew Johnson

Biography

Member since 1994. General Committee Member since 1999 and served as Flag Officer in House and Building, and Sailing and Marine Committees. Vice Commodore from 2003 to 2006 and currently Vice Commodore again since 2019. Commodore from 2007 to 2011. Active sailor and current Chairman of Development Committee with responsibility for the development of Middle Island. Available for regular meetings as necessary.

- 2. Jon Zinke**
Club member since 1986
Proposed by Barry Hill ; Seconded by Martin Ganz

Biography

Jon Zinke has been a member of the ABC since 1986 and was the owner of the sailboat 'Naiad' from 1994 until 2020. He has served on the General Committee for many years and was the Honorary Treasurer from 1999 to 2001 and the Commodore from 2001 to 2003. He has served on both the Sailing and Marine and House and Building Committees and is willing and able to attend Gencom and sub-committee meetings regularly throughout the year.

3. James Smith

Club member since 2011

Proposed by Martin Ganz ; Seconded by Graeme Brechin

Biography

James Smith, member since 2011. With a boat in the Typhoon Shelter (not on a club mooring) a regular user of the club's bar and restaurants throughout the week. Keen on watersports being an irregular crew member, very active member of the Scuba Club and have newly taken up kayaking. As a member of Gen Com I try to take a positive but questioning approach looking at the broader interests of all members; keen to ensure that we remain a friendly club with some of the sacrifices to efficiency that may now and again entail. Qualified Accountant with extensive administrative experience I can help in in a number of broad roles and to date have no trouble in attending meetings.

4. Martin Ganz

Club member since 1994

Proposed by Chris Pooley ; Seconded by John Berry

Biography

Martin Ganz joined the ABC early 1994 after acquiring a share in a Junk end of 1988. He was responsible for sponsoring the Four Peaks Race with the Swiss watch brand TAG-Heuer from 1994 to 1996. In the first year, the time was very short ahead of the race but the following years the arrangements were quite elaborate with different TAG-Heuer branded items such as bags, shirts, hats etc. The media presence was also very strong, including 2 TVB crews covering the event, one of which from a helicopter.

Martin, born, raised and educated in Switzerland arrived in Japan 43 years ago and in HK in 1978, holding various managerial positions in the 2 renowned multinational companies he was working for. After a 5-year stay in Bangkok as managing director of the subsidiary of an old established trading house and a further 2 years in Singapore for the largest watch producing company in the world, he returned to HK in 2002 as vice president of the same company. He retired in 2018 and is now active as a shareholder in a distribution company for watches and related products.

Martin is married to Teresa, a HK Chinese, and with daughter Jenny, the family very much enjoys time on the Junk which he still co-owns. They are frequently seen at the ABC. Martin is also an active member of Rotary International.

- 5. Sam Cheng**
Club member since 1990 and rejoined in 2015
Proposed by Barry Hill ; Seconded by Stephen Perret

Biography

Sam has over 30 years of working experience in various sectors of the construction industry. He has been working for various building and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. He is also well respected by his fellow professionals. He served various posts and was elected as a Chairman of the Quantity Surveying Division of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors in 2004 and was appointed as Director of the Hong Kong Green Building Council until the end of 2017 and Director of BEAM Society Ltd from, both are public bodies to promote green buildings in HK.

Sam was a nominated member of the Club in 1990 and rejoined the Club four years ago. He has actively participated in sailing and joined the Opening Regatta and Waglan series last year. He enjoys the facilities within the Club and would like to participate and contribute to the new development of Club House in Middle Island.

Sam understands if he is elected, he will attend the General Committee meetings (usually 3rd or 4th Tuesdays) regularly through the year.

- 6. Stephen Perret**
Club member since 2014
Proposed by John Berry ; Seconded by Martin Ganz

Biography

I am a retired pilot who has lived in Hong Kong since 1989. During that time I crewed on various sailing boats and currently own a Lagoon yacht, Samara. I joined the general and sailing committees 4 years ago and am the ABC representative on the Hong Kong Sailing Federation Council. I have enjoyed serving the club and its members during my time on the committees and hope to continue in those roles for the next 2 years.

- 7. Andrew Blank**
Club member since 2013
Proposed by Alan Child ; Seconded by Christopher Pooley

Biography

Mr Andrew Paul Blank cares deeply about the Club and is committed to ensuring its long-term vitality. The Club has become a second home in Hong Kong to Mr Blank's young family and he is keen to give back through service on the General Committee. He has a particular interest in preserving the Club's family-friendly nature, as well as expanding this into new areas both on and off the water.

Mr Blank has been a member of the Club since 2013. He and his wife, Jingyi, have been active sailors since joining. They own the J/80 Javelin and race it out of Middle Island. Mr Blank is also a regular participant in the Club's dinghy racing. In addition, Mr Blank enjoys supporting the Club both on and off the water. He has served as a co-opted member of SailCom since February 2019 and is a regular volunteer at events such as the Four Peaks Race, Southside Regatta and Opening Regatta.

Mr Blank and Jingyi have two young children, Theodore and Elena, who enjoy the Club at least much as their parents. Mr Blank's background is in finance.

8. Christopher Tung
Club member since 2015
Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by Graeme Brechin

Biography

Chris was born in Hong Kong and has been a keen boater since early childhood. He skips a classic sports fisherman and heads out around our southern and western waters in winter and Sai Kung and offshore in the summer. He is passionate about water activities and has competed in dragon boat races and has been a certified diver since the early 90s. He is a commercial litigation lawyer and also specializes in construction, engineering and environmental matters. Chris is an active member of the House Committee and Sail & Marine Committee of the club.

9. David Rees
Club member since 1996
Proposed by Andres Hernandez Sanchez; Seconded by Claire Kirk

Biography

Having arrived in HK 30+ years ago, I've been fortunate to raise a family here with much of our time centered in the ABC alongside our friends and boaters for 24 years. I am an active member as is my family. I own a boat on a club mooring in Aberdeen, frequently volunteer for the Club, set up ABC Cruisers for non-racing outings and am in the fortunate position to contribute my time over the next several years to pay back some of what the ABC has given us and our community.

Over the years I have been in many groups including the family circle (my eldest son took his first steps poolside to the cheering of lifeguard, patio staff and kids alike), foodies, sailors and those that love Middle Island. Dinghy sailing was important to us for many years with kids in lessons with my younger son forming a school sailing club and bringing it to the ABC for Friday afternoon sailing. Yet it's larger boat sail-cruising for us today as we frequent waters and islands on the south side of HK every couple of weekends.

I am hopeful that my professional experience in property facilities and operations in HK and around the region can offer some benefit to the diverse day-to-day needs of the ABC in addition to my general love of the club, members and staff. I look forward to serving, keeping the club special for all of us.