



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 3rd November 2014 at 1930 hrs.

Present

J. Samuel, M. Gregory, D. Blanning, A. Biggs, S. Hewett, C. Dudley, J. Bolitho,
H. Ibotson, D. Brandreth, M. Buckley, J. Skewes, P. Greensmith

Apologies

C. Symes,

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Heather Ibotson and seconded by Clive Dudley that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 6th October 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

The Commodore said that sailing for the season had now finished and a few boats were still to come out. The stewards' vacancy had been offered, following interview, to an older couple as a preferred choice. A request had been received for the Club's RYA inspection which was being dealt with which is somewhat unusual at this time of the year when all boats are out of the water.

Vice Commodore

Mark Buckley reported on revised Club opening hours which had come about due to lack of use of the clubhouse.

Rear Commodore Sailing

No report

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported on progress with the items on the snagging list. The three trees had gone, and the gutters had been cleaned. The new plaque will be hung soon. The kitchen door had been replaced with a fire door which is a lot safer. New locks had been fitted on the conservatory windows. He said that the remaining items are being attended to.

Honorary Treasurer

Sue Hewett reported on the current account balance which stands at £21,357.51 and the Scottish Widows account at £21,202.01. The new washing machine had been purchased and fitted. Some insurance matters as raised previously had been looked into and she confirmed that the pontoon, dinghy park and jetty are covered all the year round. She was also asked to investigate further an extension of cover for the use of parents' own boats when assisting with junior sailing for Club purposes only. Sue Hewett said she had looked into replacement furniture for the clubhouse and a brochure was circulated. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that she proceed with the purchase of 3 sofas and 12 chairs for a sum not exceeding £2,000. She said she is investigating an administration package for the office for membership. This had been devised by Chichester Sailing Club and, if adopted, will include training. As requested previously enquiries for the installation of a car park barrier which

would include a maintenance contract had been undertaken. An estimated cost would be approximately £5,000. After discussion it was agreed that this would not be proceeded with in view of the cost. Following on from a Member's request concerning the loyalty card scheme, she said that she had spoken with the RYA legal department and it appeared that the reservations expressed are unfounded. It was agreed that when formal confirmation is received from the RYA she and the Honorary Secretary would reply to Patrick Hill.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory said that following on from the offer made to the new stewards, he had prepared draft agreements and these are with them for consideration. A few points had been raised informally and when they had taken advice a further meeting will be arranged so that matters can hopefully be finalised. The Notice to Quit procedure on the flat had been formalised and because he had been able to help with some of the solicitors' work a 20% reduction in the quoted fee had been negotiated. Mark Gregory reported on some complaints he had received regarding the loyalty card scheme and two letters received from Members were read out. After discussion he was asked to reply appropriately. Arising from observations by some Committee members regarding elections at the AGM, it was agreed that he should put an explanatory item in the newsletter over and above that which appears on the notice included with the newsletter. Finally he reported that Simon Walker had notified the Club that a further 5 drying moorings will be coming up for sale. These are for boats up to 20ft and are just off the Club pontoon and the price will depend upon condition. It was agreed that Dave Blanning should look into the feasibility and report to the Committee at its next meeting.

Captain Yachts

Clive Dudley reported that there had been one race in October and unfortunately this had been voided. There are no further races this season. The Durgan mark had been lost but the buoy was being recovered and all the other marks are now in. The Q20 will come out soon. Prize giving has been arranged for 21st November. He said that he was sorry to report that activity with the PY fleet is very quiet at present.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs was pleased to report that 7 boats had been out for the last race of the season at the end of October. The wash up had taken place. When the new stewards are in place it is planned to have a winter programme to include an introduction to sailing, first aid and safety boats. He said that clarification was still required on the insurance aspects of the safety boats, for example, the driver could not act as first aider if driving although he could be qualified in both skills. First aid courses are to be promoted and Paul Greensmith will be able to run these over the winter months.

Captain Moorings

Dave Blanning reported on some concerns he had regarding insurance for Members using moorings. He felt that the Club should have a record of insurances held by Members. This was debated with several ideas being suggested and culminating in the proposal that 'a signed statement of insurance be attached to the mooring application form each year for all boats on Club moorings and premises'. Proposed by Dave Blanning and seconded by Clive Dudley. All in favour.

Captain Juniors

Dominic Brandreth reported on the very successful prize giving on 17th October with a very good attendance. Parents were very appreciative of what was being achieved and the children very excited. The boats are coming out this weekend. The RYA inspection is scheduled for 29th/30th November 2014.

Captain Social

Heather Ibotson said that the recent golden wedding party using the new room had worked well. On yacht prize giving evening there will also be a talk by Paddy Macklin. Jack and Sophie’s last night will be on 29th November and Steve Stevens will entertain with a Help for Heroes collection. Last Saturday’s quiz night was very well attended and another is arranged for 6th December. A Christmas party is planned for 20th December and at lunchtime on 24th December a barbecue and magic show has been arranged.

Captain Safety Boats

Paul Greensmith said that the boats are coming out of the water this week and will be prepared for winter.

Captain Amenities

J C Skewes said he had nothing further to add to John Bolitho’s report.

POFSA

Mark Buckley had attended the last meeting and reported that Falmouth Week is staying as a 7 day event which means we are guaranteed our day. Yearly payments are staying the same. There are plans for more promotion of the event. A new handicapping system is to be introduced and the website will be upgraded. Windward and leeward courses were not popular but it was planned to include a bay race during the afternoon. Finally the POFSA AGM will be held at Flushing next weekend.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

- Miss G. Le Fricc CAD
- Mr. & Mrs. Bradbury MIJ

It was proposed by John Bolitho and seconded by Clive Dudley that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

No items.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th December 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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