



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 12th May 2014 at 1930 hrs.

Present

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

Apologies

J.C. Skewes, J. Samuel, P. Greensmith, C. Symes

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that a correction is required to the Vice Commodore's report, under item Two Tills and the words 'credit card machines' should be substituted for the word 'tills'. Subject to this it was proposed by Clive Dudley and seconded by Heather Ibotson that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 7th April 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

No report

Vice Commodore

In the absence of the Commodore the Vice Commodore chaired the meeting. Mark Buckley reported on a recent house meeting with the stewards and particularly their decision to run the kitchen on a no grease policy which may save the Club the cost of fitting a grease trap, and working practices were explained. As there had been no response from St. Mawes Sailing Club regarding a proposed visit on 17th/18th May, it was agreed this should be followed up and prior bookings with the stewards must be made. There had been comment about the price being charged for wine in the clubhouse and this had been cleared up. Mark Buckley had attended the last POFSA meeting at St. Mawes, and reported on the ongoing lack of sponsorship for events and handicapping problems. The next meeting will be on 11th October 2014 at RCYC.

Rear Commodore Sailing

No report

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho said that he was arranging to repair the broken fence outside the office and that he would speak with JC regarding the provision for rubber dinghy storage which still needed to be done. He had looked again at the jetty steps and these would be repaired this summer. Alternatively this area would have to be fenced off to make the jetty safe. It was unanimously agreed that the repair should be carried out as soon as possible. Window locks had been purchased for fitting in the conservatory. Other ongoing items are on the list for his attention.

Honorary Treasurer

Sue Hewett reported on the present balances on the Club current account at £19,836.98 and the Scottish Widows account at £41,122.22. The recent stocktake had been satisfactory and was already showing an improved position on the previous two years. Bar prices have been checked again and a change in wine suppliers is being considered. The investigation into card payment systems is continuing.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory thanked Dom Brandreth for taking the minutes at the April meeting. The recent difficulties in the office caused by the error of Royal Mail were outlined and the Honorary Secretary explained that most of the local area mailings had now been personally delivered upon return from the Post Office. The Club had no information on items addressed 'up country' which were not being returned. A further request received from Helford Village Society to hold a rearranged AGM in the clubhouse on Sunday 24th August was considered. It was unanimously decided that this could not be accommodated at the Club over the August Bank Holiday weekend, one of its busiest periods.

Captain Yachts

Clive Dudley reported that the Q20 was now in good repair, locks fitted and the floorboards repaired. He said there had been a slow start to the sailing season and only four 707s are afloat. There had not been any PY fleet races yet. Hopefully more boats will be put in soon.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs said that similarly the dinghies had had a slow start to the season. There had been three races. There have been fuel problems with the Zodiac which are being looked into. All the jobs are done for the season and the Wayfarers are going in this week.

Captain Moorings

David Blanning reported on discussions with Simon Filmer who is helping to replace a Wayfarer mooring. He is also looking at the old mooring obstruction which is to be removed. In all other respects the pontoon is ready for the season.

Captain Juniors

Dominic Brandreth reported on the first outing of the season last Friday with the children very excited and their parents pleased. All was working well. The recent deaths of John Green and Ken Whitaker were mentioned and in the absence of the Commodore it was agreed that the Vice Commodore would send condolences from the Club. Dom expressed his thanks to Paul Greensmith for running a VHF refresher course last Friday and to the parents involved.

Captain Social

Heather Ibotson reported that Jack and Sophie seemed happy at the last house meeting. There have been many good comments but also some complaints which were being looked into. Heather reminded the meeting of the importance of booking for meals. Another house meeting will be arranged soon. The next social event is the pre L'Aber Wrac'h party and the band 'Loose Change' is booked. Peter Currie has looked at the clubhouse sound system operation and advised. After discussion it was agreed that his scheme should be proceeded with in view of the modest cost involved.

Captain Safety Boats

No report

Captain Amenities

No report

POFSA

See report of Vice Commodore above.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

- Mr. & Mrs. D. Patuck MIJ
- Mr. B. Truran MIS
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Morris MIJ
- Mr. R. Knight MIS
- Mrs. J. Bigham MIS
- Titus Berendt MJF
- Mr. T. Hayward MIS
- Ryan Athay MJF

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

Any Other Business

1. The attention of the meeting was drawn to the operation of Sailaday from Club premises. This had been referred to last year and it was apparent that warnings last year had not been adhered to. The Secretary was asked to write in suitable terms drawing the Member’s attention to HRSC Bye Law 10.
2. The state of the hosepipe reels on the end of the pontoon was discussed. The Moorings Officer said that fittings were being taken from the hoses and some of the hoses had been cut. To assist with keeping the hoses tidy it was agreed that they should be shortened.
3. Some of the tables in the clubhouse were sticky to the touch. It was agreed that to overcome this they could be sanded and resealed. This will be attended to.
4. Comments were made regarding the website and it was agreed that this be discussed with Jeff Meadows with a view to changes and possible improvement.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Vice Commodore thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20.45 hrs

SignatureCommodore

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