



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 7th July 2014 at 1930 hrs.

Present

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

Apologies

S. Hewett, J. Bolitho

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Honorary Secretary explained that the Honorary Treasurer had suggested to him that some slight changes should be made. This was agreed. It was proposed by Clive Dudley and seconded by Paul Greensmith that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014 incorporating these changes be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Julian Samuel said that the Albia Regatta had been postponed to 21st September 2014 because of lack of support and poor weather. The L'Aber Wrac'h Race attracted 23 entries and 21 boats started. It was won by a single handed entrant, Sophie's step-father. It had been a good event. Simon Walker had raised the subject of free moorings being offered to visiting competitors and Julian Samuel said that he is looking into the matter. The Dinghy Regatta last Sunday had been another good event and well supported. A query raised regarding the lack of food available last night had been addressed with the steward. The barbecue during the day had been very successful and when everyone left after the Regatta no-one remained to continue to operate it. The sign on the end of the west finger of the pontoon had been changed. The POFSA policy meeting at Mylor had been attended by the Commodore and the Vice Commodore and had been an eventful meeting which they considered had resulted in a satisfactory outcome.

Vice Commodore

Mark Buckley reported that the L'Aber Wrac'h evening had been successful although attendance was down in part due to the reduced entries. The RYA yearly inspection is to be arranged. Penny's request for reduced hours one day per week was discussed and agreed. This will be until Christmas. Dominic Brandreth said that he had completed the email update on the Club computer and he explained what had been carried out. He will be contacting Penny again about the points raised in the meeting. Mark Buckley concluded by saying that a meeting with the stewards will be arranged this week.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes thanked all those who had helped during his recent absence. The L'Aber Wrac'h Race had been well supported by the French and a wash up meeting is being arranged. He suggested that good publicity is needed for the postponed Albia Regatta and

would arrange for posters to be produced. Chris again raised the need for proper sailing instruction to be provided at the Club. This was discussed at length and may need a Club rule change. The Secretary reminded members of the timetable to be followed prior to the AGM and because of the importance of the matter to the Club, he was asked to add this as a separate agenda item. The COGS race from Helford to Penzance takes place this Saturday and Chris Symes asked for some assistance with arrangements for the start from the river.

Rear Commodore Amenities

No report

Honorary Treasurer

Sue Hewett asked that in her absence the Secretary should mention that arrangements had been made with Sophie to help with the cleaning of the changing rooms after junior sailing, and it was agreed that she be paid separately for this on a temporary basis. The last stocktake had been satisfactory and the next is arranged for 5th August 2014.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory gave the account balances as at the date of the meeting as current account £28,866.73 and Scottish Widows account at £41,157.44. As there are no large payments anticipated in the foreseeable future, the Vice Commodore will arrange a transfer to the deposit account. The Honorary Secretary referred to several items of correspondence received. A visiting yacht from the Royal Lymington Yacht Club had enjoyed three great days in Helford and were complimentary to the Club, its staff and excellent food and facilities. A pupil had written from Manaccan School to thank the Club for its help as referred to in last month's minutes. Mark Gregory read out the letter he had received from Richard Hall explaining his use of Club premises and this was understood and accepted by those present. The Club had received a request from Messrs. Smiths Gore acting on behalf of Bosahan Estate who wished to review the licence fee and rental arrangements, and it was agreed that the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Honorary Secretary should arrange a meeting to progress this. The Secretary was happy to report that Penny had assured him that the Club database for Members was absolutely up to date, but it is evident that some Members who had moved had failed to notify the office of their new contact details although their Direct Debits were still being received. The notice put on the Club noticeboard regarding the query raised at the last meeting regarding Messrs. Whitehouse and Waller had brought no response. As stocks of T- and polo shirts had now virtually run out it was agreed that Penny should obtain some prices for replacement stock. The Club has received another request from 6th Rickmansworth Sea Scouts for launching facilities for four sailing dinghies and a rescue boat from Saturday 26th July to Friday 1st August, and to moor the boats on the foreshore during this time. This was agreed.

Captain Yachts

Clive Dudley reported that there had been one disqualification from the L'Aber Wrac'h Race. He also considered that safety reporting should be looked into particularly the method by which information is sent. Wednesday evenings at the Club had not seen any of the PY fleet yet but there are now eight 707 class boats on the water. There was no Race Officer last week and only one race on Wednesday evening. Bart's Bash is also taking place on 21st September and is an all day event. It has its own portal on the website and he hoped that as many boats as possible of all types will be out.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs reported on the Regatta yesterday saying that it was a reduced day and attracted only Club boats, there being no external entries received. It had been a good day for the Club with dinghy interest picking up and a good turn out for each race. He is appreciative of good safety boat support. The Susanna May Cup on 27th July 2014 will be followed by a barbecue and will be an afternoon event because of the tide. In summary Andy felt that all is going well.

Captain Moorings

Dave Blanning said that all matters concerning the pontoon are up to date. He had evidence of non- members using the pontoon and this may have been going on for some time by 'back to back' arrangements. Pontoon berths are still in demand and if they cannot be used and Members notify him they can be reallocated on a temporary basis.

Captain Juniors

Dominic Brandreth said that some training sessions had been arranged with Tim Cross. The Summer Camp will be at Tremayne Quay this year and arrangements are in hand and the tides are good. Two new radios have been purchased to ensure an adequate number is always available.

Captain Social

Heather Ibotson reported that the social arrangements for the Susanna May Cup are in hand and arrangements made for the Elvis night. On Saturday 29th November Steve Stevens has been booked for a Club event. Quiz nights may continue if popularity continues and other winter activities will include a Steak Night, a Curry Night and Pilates classes will start again. On 20th December 2014 there will be a Carol Concert with more of a party flavour and the band 'Loose Change' has been booked.

Captain Safety Boats

Paul Greensmith reported on the ongoing problems with the Zodiac and Falmouth Yacht Brokers are attending on Tuesday this week. A new bilge pump is being fitted. The propeller has been damaged and the hull badly scuffed needing professional repair. The Funyak and Jaffa both appear to be working satisfactorily.

Captain Amenities

J. C. Skewes said that he will attend to the windows in the kitchen following the Hygiene Inspection report. The gents toilet door is to be attended to and he will follow up other matters with John Bolitho.

POFSA

Chris Symes said that liberty boats will be arranged for Falmouth Week and a meeting will take place soon.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Lewis MIJ

Georgie Lewis MJF

Beth Lewis MJF

Jemma Lewis MJF

Mr. & Mrs. N. Hainsworth MIJ
Mr. & Mrs. A. Proughten MIJ
Mr. R. Leonard MIS
Mr. A. Houston MIS
Mr. P. Kydd MIS
Mr. M. Benner MIS
Mr. A. Piggott & Ms. C. Davies MIJ
Luke Piggott MJF
Lewis Piggott MJF
Isobel Empson MJF
Rosie Empson MJF

It was proposed by Paul Greensmith and seconded by Chris Symes that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. It was noted that a boat and outboard had been put in the dinghy pen.
2. Investigation of the website reveals that it is completely out of date.
3. The webcam is still not working correctly.
4. The toilet facilities in the clubhouse need finishing off.
5. The plugs for the WiFi in the conservatory require boxing in to stop them being unplugged.
6. It was noted that adequate balcony protection in the car park had still not been done. This is considered to be urgent now we are in the summer season.
7. Cellar Marine Ltd. is to close on 31st August 2014.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th August 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50 hrs