



## HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 1930 hrs.

### **Present**

M. Buckley, C. Dudley, P. Lethfead-Currie, H. Ibotson, S. Brooks, N. Glossop, J. Lake, J. Bolitho, P. Scannell, R. Matthews, D. Blanning, N. Gough

### **Apologies**

C. Hosken

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Clive Dudley and seconded by Peter Lethfead-Currie that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

### **Commodore**

Mark Buckley initiated a discussion on the vacant Committee position of Captain Social. There were no nominees put forward. He reiterated a request from the Honorary Treasurer that financial prudence be exercised for the remainder of the year. He reported that 60 bottles of champagne had been bought for the L'Aber Wrac'h party in June. A discussion about attracting new Members was initiated and it was proposed by Nick Gough and seconded by John Lake that a bye-law be added to reduce the annual membership fee to those joining after August on a one off basis provided that they sign a Direct Debit for the full membership the following year. This was unanimously agreed. John Lake will investigate the possibility of Members paying the annual subscription by credit card. Mark Buckley reported that he was willing to donate a Soling 27 yacht to the Club. This prompted Dave Blanning to also offer a small keelboat. Rear Commodore Sailing will investigate the feasibility of the Club operating such vessels.

### **Vice Commodore**

Heather Ibotson reported that the new stewards were running their business in a satisfactory manner and commended them for attracting new Members. She had received a request from the stewards that the clubhouse exterior lighting be improved. This is being investigated but due to finances this may have to be postponed until next year.

### **Rear Commodore Sailing**

Clive Dudley reported that the season's yacht races were now in progress.

### **Rear Commodore Amenities**

John Bolitho reported that the dinghy park shower is now operational. He has arranged for the repair of the defective finger berth arms.

### **Honorary Treasurer**

John Lake reported that the current account balance stood at £30,721 and the deposit balance at £78,765. He reiterated his request for financial prudence to continue.

### **Honorary Secretary**

No report

### **Captain Yachts**

Nick Gough reported that the racing marks will be put out after a delivery of chain expected on Friday 12th May.

### **Captain Dinghies**

Stephen Brooks reported that plans for advertising the RYA Push the Boat Out Day were in hand and that he has written an article to appear in the local press. Nick Glossop will advertise the event on social media.

### **Captain Moorings**

Dave Blanning reported that he will instigate repairs to the wooden fenders on the pontoon.

### **Captain Juniors**

Nick Glossop reported that junior sailing was now under way although the easterly gales on the previous Friday had restricted activities.

### **Captain Social**

Position vacant

### **Captain Safety Boats**

No report

### **Captain Amenities**

Rob Matthews reported that he is arranging a starting date for exterior painting. He is continuing work on clearing neglected areas of Club property and will shortly be renewing and repairing fences.

### **POFSA Representative**

No report

### **Membership**

Membership applications were received from the following:

Amelie White JUN  
Benjamin Dawson JUN  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Cash MIJ  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Sanders Hewett MIJ  
Ms. G. Rogers MIS  
Dr. C. Royall MIS  
Mr. T. Rumney MIS  
Miss E. Trelawny MIS  
Ms. C. Girling MIS  
Mr. S. Taylor MIS  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Hammond MIJ  
Mr. H. Harford & Ms. K. Lambert MIJ  
Mr. J. Webster MIS  
Mr. G. Osman MIS

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

**Any Other Business**

1. John Lake stated that he will miss the next four meetings but will continue with his Treasurer duties via email.
2. Heather Ibotson has arranged a band for the L'Aber Wrac'h Party and is arranging for a New Members Evening.
3. Nick Gough is to arrange a cruise to Fowey in early June.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th June 2017 at 1930 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 21.17hrs.

Signature .....Commodore

Date.....