



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Thursday 9th April 2015 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, V. Richardson, S. Hewett, J. Lake,
C. Hosken, J. Bolitho, A. Biggs, J.C. Skewes

Apologies

C. Symes, D. Brandreth, G. Ruscombe-King

The Commodore informed the meeting that two Members had agreed to accept a shared duty for the vacant post of Captain Yachts. It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Chris Hosken that Patrick Scannell and Nicholas Gough be co-opted to the Committee with immediate effect. All in favour. They were welcomed to the Committee by the Commodore.

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by J.C. Skewes and seconded by John Lake that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley reported that the Q20 is now in the water and the racing marks are ready to go out. The Committee and the Rosemullion marks will be out before 18th April and the others will follow. He said there will be a L'Aber Wrac'h meeting on 15th April. The sun blinds and awning are on order. Following upon the email received from Dom Brandreth, arrangements for junior sailing will have to be made as Captain Juniors will not be available to help until August. Chris Hosken agreed to look into this and a Senior Instructor will need to be appointed.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett was pleased to report that the stewards were doing well and seemed popular with Members. There were a few problems over Easter but these are being addressed. The Environmental Health Inspector has visited and inspected and pointed out that more commercial freezers may be required to keep foodstuff separate. The wine list has now been revised and the additional cooler is in place. She had obtained two quotes for the awning for the balcony and blinds for the windows in the lecture room. Following upon a site meeting attended by the Commodore and Vice Commodore approval was sought for these items in the sum of £6,500 inclusive of VAT. After discussion when it was pointed out that the balcony awning is very vulnerable to wind damage as it is unprotected from the north, and matters also raised including operation and automatic safety features being incorporated, this was approved. Finally Sue Hewett reminded the meeting of the forthcoming talk on Fireworks on 17th April 2015.

Rear Commodore Sailing

No report

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported that the jetty steps were now falling to pieces and that the work will be more expensive than previously thought. A budget figure of £1,000 was approved. He said this will be done soon and the machine will be used for other items whilst on site. A quote for the slipway wall is being obtained. The remaining items on the snagging list are to be discussed with Captain Amenities, the Commodore and the Honorary Secretary after the meeting.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake reported that the stocktake had been satisfactory and drink prices have been adjusted. The Club prices are the most reasonable in the immediate area but competition locally is affecting bar takings. The account balances at the date of the meeting are Current Account £18,476 and Scottish Widows £101,263. John Lake said that £50,000 will be ring fenced for continuing development work yet to be completed and asked all Committee members to let him have budgets when prepared.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory reported on the present position in negotiations with the agreement for the dinghy pen and the new lease of the foreshore. Whereas there had been no action by Cornwall Council on the former, the forward progress on the latter needed Committee approval. The Club's solicitors were taking matters forward basically as agreed in their instructions, but following upon his meeting with the solicitor, attended by the Commodore, professional representation should be sought regarding the rental figure. Mr. Anthony Harris, a Club Member, and partner with Lodge & Thomas had been recommended by Mr. Adams, and if instructed, had agreed to moderate his professional fee to help the Club. In answer to the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary said that approximately £600 plus VAT for the valuer's fee would, in his opinion, be appropriate but very much dependent on the extent of the negotiation because time is charged on an hourly basis. After further discussion it was agreed that Mr. Tony Harris be instructed. All in favour. Mark Gregory said that arrangements for the Post Office Outreach facility at the Club are proceeding well following upon his meeting with the Area Manager. A letter had been received from Manaccan School requesting permission to park at the Club when the pupils attend in term time on Thursday afternoons for sailing activities with HRCST. This had been given in previous years and was unanimously agreed. The office was very busy at present and the yearbook, newsletter, membership cards and stickers would be out within the week. There are between 12 and 15 Members who have not renewed their subscriptions despite being contacted several times and the list will be posted on the noticeboard shortly, under the rules. Finally Mark Gregory asked if there are any pending claims under the Club's insurance policy because of correspondence received from liquidators regarding Independent Insurance Company Limited in Provisional Liquidation. Sue Hewett thought that one outstanding claim may still be pending.

Captain Yachts

No report

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs said that there will be a working party on Saturday. The race marks are out and there will be a pre-race meeting on 16th April with racing to commence one week later. Acknowledging that the Q20 is now in the water, he said that a few problems are already being experienced with the engine and water entering the hull. He also queried the suitability of the boat for the tasks she is required to undertake and suggested that in view of the present engine/control problems and the suitability of the Q20 generally, consideration should be given to a replacement. Although the engine was professionally serviced, this will need to be looked into. Queries were also raised regarding approval

of invoices received before they are paid by the office. The Wayfarers are being prepared for the season.

Captain Moorings

Sue Hewett gave the report received from the Moorings Officer. A working party has been arranged for the cleaning of the pontoons on 18th April and more volunteers are required. The fuel store is in hand. Inspection of the wear plates under the rollers on the pontoon has been undertaken and does not reveal significant damage. Anyone with concerns is asked to contact Giles to discuss. The shackle for the Q20 mooring is being replaced. The re-angling of the pontoon bridge is being looked into and costing considered but hopefully can be achieved quite simply.

Captain Juniors

No report

Captain Social

Virginia Richardson reported on a successful visit by the Easter Bunny. The wine tasting evening had been well attended, as had the second quiz night. The meeting was reminded of the Firework Talk on 17th April. Virginia said she is now preparing for the Boat Treasure Hunt. The Air Ambulance talk is scheduled for 4th September. Music for the pre L' Aber-Wrac'h Recovery Party is arranged and 'The Roosters' have been booked for Falmouth Week. The Tregenna Castle Hotel in St. Ives has been booked for the Dinner Dance on Saturday 27th February 2016 for 100 people or more. The 'Wonderers Band' has also been booked. Accommodation arrangements will have to be sorted out, but details will be available soon.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that the boats are to be anti-fouled this week and will be in the water soon.

Captain Amenities

J C said that matters are in hand and snagging items being discussed.

POFSA

The Commodore reported on a recent meeting when policy was discussed and the AGM held. In summary he said many matters are in negotiation and he will attend the next meeting on 18th April 2015.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. & Mrs. P. Davison MIJ
Esme Philpott MJF
Lee Armstrong Lever MJF

It was proposed by Chris Hosken and seconded by John Lake that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. It was suggested that the pumps on the bar could be changed to a smaller size which would make it more welcoming.

2. A new First Aid Trainer is required as 'tickets' need to be renewed. Chris Hosken will look into this.
3. A request had been made by the gig club for permission to store a gig in the dinghy park over the winter. After discussion it was agreed that this should be investigated further and would only be considered if a written agreement was entered into in terms that this must be entirely at the gig club's own risk both for their boat and gig club members using HRSC premises.
4. The use of Club premises by non-members was raised again. This had been evident over the Easter holiday period when guests had not been entered in the book. This is a continuing issue and members are reminded of the rules and to be vigilant against abuse.
5. The remaining wicker furniture is to be disposed of if not removed within the next few days.
6. The provision of a Yacht Masters course for the winter months is to be looked into.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th May 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 21.32 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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