

HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 4th July 2016 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, C. Hosken, C. Dudley, H. Ibotson, J. Bolitho, P. Scannell,
G. Ruscombe-King

Apologies

N. Glossop, N. Gough, P. Lethfead-Currie, J. Lake, S. Brooks J.C. Skewes

Representation from Adult Sailing

Dave Sumner had been invited by Clive Dudley to attend the meeting to report concerns of the adult sailing section regarding the Committee's decision that the Wayfarers be stored in the leased dinghy park area to the west of the clubhouse. It was felt that no formal consultation with the adult sailing section had taken place, and that the proposed changes to the storage area were unnecessary, would be a safety risk and that they would seek to retain the current storage arrangements in the car park. A full written report, giving full reasoning, was submitted to the Committee and can be obtained from the Club office.

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Chris Hosken and seconded by Giles Ruscombe-King that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley reported that there had been one bid for the Q20 for £600 – this was accepted by the Committee and the bidder will be informed. Sight of the Tenancy Agreement for the leased Dinghy Park area was given to the Committee. It was proposed by Heather Ibotson and seconded by John Bolitho that this should be signed. All in favour. The Rickmansworth Scout Group who are regular visitors have requested access to launch canoes from the Club during July. This was accepted. With a view to Penny's forthcoming wedding it was proposed by Mark Buckley and seconded by Clive Dudley that she be given £100. All in favour.

On 7th June a meeting was held between George Dykes, Mark Buckley, Heather Ibotson and Clive Dudley during which the stewards' contract was terminated with immediate effect. The flat was vacated on 4th July and was left spotlessly clean and tidy. Heather Ibotson was again thanked for her outstanding efforts in maintaining the bar and food service. There have been numerous verbal and written notes praising the service provided by the Club.

Falmouth Week Regatta Day – it was agreed that Maurean Buckley lead on the preparation and planning for the afternoon teas for racing crews.

The current account stands at £17,232 and the savings account at £93,556.

Vice Commodore

Heather Ibotson reported a successful start to the new kitchen service and all staff are now being employed by the Club. She wished to state her thanks to Wendy Steggles for her food service. There is still a requirement for a chef and staffing generally is an issue so any recommendations or referrals would be welcome. The current situation has placed a greater burden on Helen's work and the Committee thanked her for this. Saturday 9th July will see a visit by Mylor Yacht Club – a party of approximately 36 – for food and a quiz is to be arranged.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Clive Dudley reported for Captains Yachts and Captain Dinghies. Saturday 18th June saw a very successful HRSC Dinghy Regatta. Ten boats sailed by juniors from St. Mawes attended, shepherded by two safety boats. They were fed on arrival before once again returning to the water to participate in three 40 minutes races organised by Tom Smith, assisted by Steve Kestin, Emma Broad and others. John Bolitho provided the now familiar Bold Lancer as Committee boat. Many others assisted on the water and at the Club to make this a fun event. Thank you to everyone involved. It is the intention of Stephen Brooks to increase the scope of entrants next year by inviting other clubs. Our junior and adult section would be expected to participate.

The Dorothy Winfrey Memorial Race was held in benign conditions on 22nd June with four boats taking part. 1st Jambo, 2nd Grumpy, 3rd Dragun and 4th Avocet.

The L'Aber Wrac'h Race on 24th June saw 25 boats set out in a fresh westerly wind. Fast crossings were made, especially by the French who filled the first 6 places. Finishing in 7th place and the first British yacht was Myrtle (Dave Whitmarsh). Thanks to all those involved but especially to Rob Hewett and Carol Lawrence and not forgetting our honourable Handicap Committee of Wally Royall, Terry Pascoe and Ian Wort.

Tarmacadam has been purchased to repair potholes in the driveway to the Club.

Andy Briggs is working this week on a toy box and seats, shelving and a cupboard to allow for better provision for children in the clubhouse.

Clive Dudley proposed that a budget of £200 be allocated for the purchase of materials for use by children. This was seconded by Heather Ibotson. All in favour. Tomasina Armstrong has kindly agreed to select and purchase what is required.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported that the installation of a time lock for the main door of the clubhouse is being progressed. In the absence of stewards the Club is being opened daily by 3 Committee members. It is likely that a new sewage pump will be required following a failure after the L'Aber Wrac'h festivities. The recurring issue of fat from the kitchen is the cause.

Honorary Treasurer

No report – see above for bank accounts.

Honorary Secretary

No report.

Captain Yachts

No report – see above.

Captain Dinghies

No report – see above.

Captain Moorings

It was proposed and seconded by Chris Hosken, that the new (walk on (do you mean Walcon?)) material for the ramp be of Mini-Mesh at a cost of £893. Other options had been considered with this being the best as it has a 50 year UV life. Carriage would be a further £290 but other alternatives would be looked at. This was agreed by the Committee.

Captain Juniors

No report – see Captain Safety Boats report below.

Captain Social

Clarification of the post Regatta activities for the Club Sunday of Falmouth Week were discussed. Teas will be served at 3pm followed by prize giving and then live music. Clive Dudley reported that he had brought the prizes back from the POFSA meeting.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that he will remove the old Committee boat and arrange for its sale. He reported that all boats were serviceable. He stated that there are still some issues with the behaviour of a minority of junior sailors in the showers and in the clubhouse. Once junior sailing ends, the 'Jolly Roger' is lowered, then it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children behave properly. The junior section should look to invoke its Code of Conduct Policy, as endorsed by the Committee.

Captain Amenities

No report.

POFSA

Clive Dudley reported on a meeting held on Saturday 2nd July.

Sue Treneer had provided the prizes for our Regatta Day and the 1st prize glassware will be delivered prior to the day. Neil Andrew is the Chair of the Bay Protest Committee. HRSC will be expected to provide two people to assist him on the day – **Action Pat Scannell**.

The results of the racing will be posted on the POFSA website with links provided to member clubs.

Charlie Choak (POFSA Chairman) will attend to collect the HRSC inflatable marks which will need to be deflated. The last meeting prior to Falmouth Week will be on Monday 1st August at 7.30pm at Flushing SC. **Action – Mark Buckley**.

Also emanating from this meeting a table of VHF channels against Area and Club is to be formulated with a view to cutting down on the volume of cross talk on VHF when race organising. Clive Dudley has provided POFSA with HRSC activities. Another idea from this meeting was of a 'Volunteers Party'. RCYC holds one each year to show appreciation for members who assist with club activities. This was thought to be a good idea and will be progressed further.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. A. Callister MIS
Mr. P. Headland MIS
Mrs. J. Thomas MIS
Mrs. D. Treneer MIS
Mr. & Mrs. S. Wilson MIJ
Tom Wilson MJF

It was proposed by Clive Dudley and seconded by Heather Ibotson that they be elected as Members. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. It was proposed by Giles Ruscombe-King that a TV and DVD be fitted in the far room for children's entertainment. This was agreed.
2. Discussion regarding the storage of the Wayfarers resulted in the Committee confirming the position that:
 - a) the Wayfarers can no longer be stored in the car park. This amounts to nearly 20% of the available 32 spaces and is not acceptable to the membership.
 - b) there would be no objection to Wayfarers being worked on under the balcony although it may be difficult to manoeuvre them into that location.
 - c) the preferred option of storage in the dinghy pen next to the clubhouse would require some work to make the area suitable. Removal of topsoil and laying of road planings would be necessary.
 - d) improvement of the access to the dinghy pen would be required.
 - e) the ordered combination road/launch trailer, together with a work party, would allow for storage as proposed by the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th September 2016 at 19.30 hrs. There will be no meeting in August.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 21.11hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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