



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 7th March 2016 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, C. Hosken, C. Dudley, P. Lethfead-Currie, J. Lake, J. Bolitho, H. Ibotson, P. Scannell,
S. Brooks, JC Skewes

Apologies

N. Gough, N. Glossop, G. Ruscombe-King

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 1st February 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley thanked Heather Ibotson, John Lake and Peter Lethfead-Currie for their work in finalising the arrangements for the new stewards. He reported that an estimate for the work to improve the showers and changing rooms, as suggested by the Committee, would be provided by John Jane as soon as possible. He had received various suggestions from the yacht wash up meeting. A good take up of places in the First Aid course was reported. The implementation of a children's room continues. Final negotiations on the dinghy park lease are in progress. A quote for the re-positioning of the flagpole was requested from John Bolitho.

Vice Commodore

Heather Ibotson reported that the new stewards will start on 19th March and expressed optimism that they will be successful. All possible assistance will be given to them in starting their business. To avoid conflicting arrangements and to keep the stewards informed, a diary of events will be maintained and held behind the serving counter to be filled in by Committee members only.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Clive Dudley suggested that the minutes of the sailing sub-committee be posted online. He will try to arrange trips on the training vessel 'Hardiesse' for junior Club members. He will continue to arrange the fitting out of the children's area. The refurbishment and positioning of race marks was in hand. He requested that the Committee consider offering a winter social membership to locals in order to increase Club revenue during the non-sailing season.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported that the fire escape door from the ladies changing room had been repaired. However it will be replaced shortly to comply with safety requirements.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake reported a current account balance of £48,253 and a deposit balance of £98,124. The high current account balance will provide for forthcoming repairs and improvements, and £10,000 will be paid into the pontoon replacement account. A stocktake has been arranged for 21st March and Heather Ibotson and Mark Buckley will attend.

Honorary Secretary

No report.

Captain Yachts

Pat Scannell expressed disappointment at the low turnout at the recent yacht meeting. He will however continue to canvas potential cruisers and racers to arrange events for the forthcoming season.

Captain Dinghies

Stephen Brooks stated that he will not report until after the forthcoming dinghy section meeting.

Captain Moorings

It was reported that the pontoon was to be pressure washed and all fixings checked and replaced if necessary.

Captain Juniors

In the absence of Captain Juniors Chris Hosken reported that training for junior dinghy instructors is being arranged.

Captain Social

Heather Ibotson reported that the social sub-committee had met and events were being organised starting with a film night on Friday 18th March. The subject of hiring of Club rooms for courses run by Members or non-members was discussed and a proposal to charge £10 per session was put to the Committee. It was proposed by Heather Ibotson and seconded by John Lake and carried by a majority. Heather suggested that the Club should keep the months of July and August free from any social hirings. It was requested that John Lake check the Club insurance document regarding the maximum numbers of people present in the clubhouse.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that he will remove the old Committee boat and arrange for its sale.

Captain Amenities

JC Skewes reported that he will arrange a working party to improve the clubhouse exterior and that problems with the steward's flat had been rectified.

POFSA

There has been no notification of meetings.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. M. Comyn MIS

Digory Rogers JUN

Mr. & Mrs. Bacon MIJ
Mr. & Mrs. Dodd MIJ
Mr. & Mrs. Forsyth MIJ

It was proposed by Heather Ibotson and seconded by Peter Lethfead-Currie that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. Heather Ibotson proposed that changes to the form of Committee meetings be implemented in time for the next meeting. The new format will be agreed in the next week and communicated to Committee members. This was seconded by John Lake and carried unanimously.
2. Peter Lethfead-Currie raised the question of maintenance costs for the Wayfarer fleet for the forthcoming season. The Honorary Treasurer agreed that reasonable expenditure was in the interest of the Club.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th April 2016 at 19.30 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 21.45 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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