



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 11th May 2015 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, S. Hewett, C. Symes, J. Lake, G. Ruscombe-King,
C. Hosken, J. Bolitho, A. Biggs, J.C. Skewes, P. Scannell and N. Gough (co-opted)

Apologies

D. Brandreth, V. Richardson

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Honorary Secretary apologised for the two errors in the minutes of the meeting on 9th April 2015 which had been drawn to his attention by Virginia Richardson. In the report from Captain Social the Dinner Dance has been arranged for 27th February 2016, not April as stated and the title of the band should read Wonderers not Wanderers. Subject to these corrections it was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Chris Hosken that they be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley reported that several new Members had asked him at the recent New Members Evening whether arrangements are in place for those wishing to crew. In discussion it was suggested that arrangements for this could be promoted on the Facebook 707 page and other communications from the Club, and it was agreed that this be dealt with. The New Members Evening had been successful with a very good attendance.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on the present position regarding the updating of the computer software. Medusa is now combining with Sailing Club Manager and the result will be that a better package will be on offer. The Stewards are progressing satisfactorily and it has been agreed that for L'Aber Wrac'h a barbecue will be provided outside the kitchen. The tent will be required for this. Work in the shower rooms is still in hand. A new glass washer is required for the kitchen as the present one after recent repair is still not functioning satisfactorily. The electric power supply for the balcony awning has been installed and the lights in the clubhouse have been replaced with modern fittings.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said that two marks had still to go out and an anchor is required. He had received a request for anchors for buoys to be put out for the J Class sailing in May. The L'Aber Wrac'h forms are to be available very soon now that Penny is back in the office. All buoys and marks are to be checked. Arrangements for the COGS race to Penzance are in hand. The Falmouth to Fowey race had to be cancelled because of the weather conditions and consideration is now being given to combining this with the Fowey to Helford Race on 5th/6th September. The Albia Regatta is also to be rescheduled for September. The engine on the Q20 has received some attention. Robin Curnow has been spoken to and advice given. It was agreed that further attention is necessary.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported on his discussion with J C Skewes and asked for approval for expenditure in the region of £4,000 plus VAT for the slipway wall. The work will take several weeks. This was approved. The Commodore said that he had received complaints about the dangerous state of the jetty steps and it is required that both these items be proceeded with very soon. This was agreed. The snagging list is in hand.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake reported on the account balances at the date of the meeting. Current account is £24,351.29 and Scottish Widows is £86,288.89. Expenditure is presently ahead of last year. £50,000 has been ring fenced for phase 3 of the development plan. He said that with the expenditure already agreed and proposed, the budget for the remainder of the year is tight and care is to be exercised by everyone. Quotes and schedules from the development committee are awaited.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory informed the meeting of a letter he had received advising of the death of Harold Large which he had acknowledged. This is important because the late Mr. Large and his widow are bond holders. This was explained. Further to requests received he had been asked to consider a revision of Committee standing orders. Copies of the current orders were given to members attending, inviting suggestions.

Captain Yachts

Nick Gough said he had little to add to what had been said. There had been one race so far and one had been cancelled. Wednesday racing will continue. Volunteers for L'Aber Wrac'h are required to help with the event and also for the COGS race to Penzance.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs said that there had been four or five races so far but the weather had caused problems and there have been occasions when they could not venture out beyond the narrows. Seven or eight boats had been out and there is a good mix of Members participating. Hopefully the weather will be kinder and on balance things appear to be going very well.

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King said that four moorings have still to be allocated. Payments are coming in and the position is constantly under review in the office. There had been a visit from the engineer from Walcon and the Club is looking at big repair and maintenance costs for the pontoon. A regular bi-annual inspection is also being considered. Work done now will preserve the life of the pontoon for many more years. One finger berth is still stuck in the river bed and several methods of dealing with this are being considered. The bolts are to be replaced where necessary. Giles also said that the lay up timbers need to be replaced but this should not be too costly. It was pointed out that a few berth holders are fitting bow fenders to the pontoon. After discussion it was agreed that this should not be done without permission from the Moorings Officer. Those using the pontoon are only tenants and must not cause damage or create a danger to others using the facility, and it was agreed that an appropriate note should be attached to all berthing forms in the future. The steel required for repairs to the bridge is in hand pending fabrication.

Captain Juniors

No report

Captain Social

In the absence of the Social Secretary Mark Gregory reported from an email he had received from Virginia Richardson upon prices received for rooms at the Tregenna Castle Hotel. For B & B based on 2 sharing, minus £20 for single occupancy, Castle non sea facing £60, Castle sea view £80, West Wing sea view £100. Guests are to be responsible for making their own reservations if they wish to stay.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that new control cables had been fitted to the Rib and a hole professionally repaired. The engine had been checked and is running OK. The Funyak had had a cleat removed and he had refitted this. It was agreed that the CCTV cameras at the Club should be serviced. Two junior Members are trained as assistant Dinghy Instructors Level 2. A few routine purchases have been made. The fuel storage cabinet is to be fitted soon.

Captain Amenities

J C said that he is having a bracket manufactured for the coffee machine and this will be fitted soon. Items on the snagging list are in hand.

POFSA

The Commodore circulated minutes of two recent meetings he had attended. Of particular interest to Club Members is an opportunity for any of the Club's Race Officers to go on Spirit of Falmouth to have some practice and become more familiar with the task. Any member wishing to see a copy of the minutes can obtain a copy from the office. The next meeting will be on 30th May.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Ms. Mary Eason MIS
Mr. James & Mrs. Lisa Ashworth-Adcock MIJ
Jasper Ashworth-Adcock MJF
Louis Ashworth-Adcock MJF
Mr. David Worlledge & Miss Jan Thompson MIJ

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

Any Other Business

1. A First Aid course is planned for 23rd May at the clubhouse.
2. Communication within the Club is vital, within the Members, the Committee, and to assist the Stewards.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st June 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 21.10 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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