

HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 7th September 2015 at 1930 hrs.

Present

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

Apologies

J. Bolitho

Minutes of Last Meeting

Subject to a slight correction in the first sentence of the report by Rear Commodore Sailing to read 'one' starter and 'one' for the finish, it was proposed by Chris Symes and seconded by John Lake that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 6th July 2015 and election of new Members on 3rd August 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley presented a very full report upon events over the last nine weeks. The Club computers are now contracted out with NCI in Penryn who will provide essential back up to the office. The Club Wifi is now sorted out, the contact is HRSC WIFI. The problems with the electrical supply have been resolved. Three Phase was far too expensive and therefore the supply will remain the same with the addition of a separate tank for the showers. The Development Committee has met and quotes are awaited for some remaining works including the relocation of the office. The CCTV cameras are being inspected and possibly re-sited to improve performance. He said that our Falmouth Week Regatta Day went very well with over 200 people in the Club at the end of the day. It was acknowledged that there were some communications problems over the results. Chris Symes said that the protest had been resolved satisfactorily. Penny is now doing the RYA administration from the office having been trained by Tim Cross. Mark Buckley continued by outlining suggestions for a daily membership facility which could be beneficial for the Club particularly in the holiday season. This provoked lengthy discussion with many different opinions being expressed and if proceeded with the necessary rule changes involved. It was agreed that this is a matter which required further exploration and would therefore be adjourned as a separate agenda item for the next meeting. A replacement for the Q20 is still being considered together with a replacement rescue boat. Again after lengthy discussion it was agreed that the best way to attempt to resolve this is for a 'specification of the Club's needs' be prepared together with a budget, and the matter be reconsidered over the winter. Finally the Commodore said that the Stewards had said that they wished to leave at the beginning of December. It was agreed that consideration of the issues involved needs to be addressed.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on the improvements needed to the shower rooms and said a further quote is being obtained. There are plans to improve ventilation in the men's shower room and the radiator will need replacing. The defibrillator is now fitted on the balcony and a further instruction session is being arranged. She suggested the Committee vacancies for next year be advertised. Sailing Club software is to be looked into further at the Boat Show.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said that neither Royal Fowey nor Gallants have their own pontoons. The Penzance Race had been a successful event. The Fowey to Helford Race was run but the competing boats could not reach the Club finish in time. They did however come ashore and he expressed thanks to David Blanning and Ed Bolitho for liberty boat duties. He also thanked the Stewards who stayed to accommodate the competitors who actually reached Helford. He reported on the work undertaken on the Q20 with the result that it now works but not perfectly. He said that the Albia Regatta is lacking in support and the present situation was discussed. If the sponsors would agree it was suggested that this could now form part of the Autumn Series which will provide a solution. This weekend's race is therefore cancelled. The prize giving will be at the end of the series on 24th October. Chris Symes concluded by saying that due to his lengthy absences planned for next year he would like to be replaced on the Committee in 2016.

Rear Commodore Amenities

No report

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake said that all outstanding bills had been paid and account balance for the current account is £15,900.00 and for the Scottish Widows is £86,383.00. £50,000 remained ring fenced for the continuing development work and therefore the solvency position is satisfactory on present figures. Building expenses are ongoing but sailing activities will continue to be a priority. This prompted discussion about the purchase of two RS Vixen boats from the HRCST which would be beneficial as a training boat for the Club. This will be investigated further and possibly as a replacement for two of the Wayfarers. The stocktake on 27th August had been satisfactory and the Stewards had done well to reduce shortages. The next stocktake for the year end will be on 2nd October.

Honorary Secretary

No report.

Captain Yachts

Nick Gough reported on a very successful Junior Helm evening. He expressed concern at the lack of 707s on the water but two further boats have joined and he hoped the fleet will build up next year. The bringing in of race marks from October onwards was discussed and it was agreed that the Autumn Series be advertised widely and that any boat can enter. The Commodore's Cup Race will be this Wednesday.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs said that they raced last Thursday and will race this Thursday and then it will be Sundays only. Safety boat cover is in hand and arrangements have worked out well this year.

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King said that he needed about 6 new buffs for the end of the fingers where replacement is necessary before the winter. A quote for the replacement ropes is being obtained and the chains appear serviceable.

Captain Juniors

Dom Brandreth reported that the Junior Helm had been well attended. The season had been successful but had now come to an end. Finances are being finalised. There will be an awards evening in October half term.

Captain Social

Virginia Richardson, having left the meeting, the Vice Commodore said that she has not been able to continue and had resigned but had agreed to continue with arrangements for the Dinner Dance. The Treasure Hunt had been a success.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that the boats were working well and some small items of maintenance were to be done. He expressed the view that the Zodiac should be replaced for next season.

Captain Amenities

J. C. Skewes said that the repairs he had carried out to the balcony had not cured the quite serious leak into the office below. He is therefore obtaining estimates for a complete overhaul to bring this into line with the new balcony floor which will cure the problem. Work has started on the jetty steps.

POFSA

Chris Symes said the wash up meeting had taken place last week.

Membership

No applications.

Any Other Business

1. A request received from the RYA had been dealt with and the Club's insurances are adequate.
2. Yacht Master courses are being pursued for the winter.
3. It was suggested that levels of priority on tasks should be prepared.
4. Signage at the end of the pontoon needs to be reviewed because visitors have been occupying Members' finger berths.
5. IT arrangements in the office were discussed because records need to be transferred to a safe storage facility. It was agreed that Dominic Brandreth discuss this and other issues raised with the Club's new contractors NCI.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th October 2015 at 19.30 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 22.00 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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