



HEL福德 RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 1st September 2014 at 1930 hrs.

Present

J. Samuel, M. Buckley, M. Gregory, P. Greensmith, C. Symes,
D. Blanning, A. Biggs, S. Hewett, C. Dudley, J. Bolitho, H. Ibotson

Apologies

J. Skewes, D. Brandreth

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Paul Greensmith and seconded by Dave Blanning that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 4th August 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Julian Samuel said that the Regatta Day had to be cancelled because of the weather but the social side had been very enjoyable with good teas and he thanked the ladies for this. Four visiting crews had come by road to join us. Thursday night last week had been another successful event. He concluded by saying that forward planning for the Club's winter programme needs to be addressed.

Vice Commodore

Mark Buckley said that the next house committee meeting is to be arranged soon. Autumn opening times from 9th September are to be agreed.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said that the Club made the best of our day for Falmouth Week and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy it. The big boat helm for junior sailing did not take place due to the lack of available boats. The juniors had a good night sailing their own boats instead. The L'Aber Wrac'h wash up meeting had taken place. The social side had also been considered and overall some lessons had been learned. Following on from previous meetings he said that fuel cans should be metal and stored in a ventilated area. It was agreed that a lockable fuel store on the quay is the favourable option. There is to be a COGS race on Saturday finishing at the Club. Arrangements for returning crews need to be confirmed with the use of boats if possible before 21.00 hrs because of the tides. Prize giving will be in the clubhouse. In conclusion he said that one recoverable mark has been lost from the river and will need replacing.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho said that the pointing of the wall supporting the balcony is in hand. The pot holes in the access road had been filled and repaired and the steps on the jetty will be done at the end of the season. The soap dispensers in the wash rooms will be fitted this week. He said he is very much aware that the

end of the balcony needs permanent protection. Consideration is also being given to the convenience of the new showers with a view to providing a double cubicle arrangement so that clothing and towels could be kept dry.

Honorary Treasurer

The current account balance at the date of the meeting is £29,750.11 and the Scottish Widows is £36,180.20. Sue Hewett said that all the loans arising from the Development Plan had now been repaid. A new till had been purchased and installed in the clubhouse and is being tested. An added facility is a loyalty card scheme which she explained. A Member can purchase the card which will enable items from the bar to be purchased at a discount which will be determined by the Committee from time to time and as a starting figure 6% was suggested. After discussion it was proposed by Sue Hewett that the Club proceed with a loyalty card system to be available to adult Members for use at the bar. The proposal was seconded by Mark Buckley and carried unanimously. The next stocktake will be on 2nd October.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory said that there had been no further developments with the rent review and licence fee to date. Penny had been successful in obtaining estimates for replacement of the Club tie and three designs were available for inspection. After discussion members agreed that because of the unpopularity of the design of the present tie it should be replaced. A vote was taken as follows: for design one 3 in favour, for design two 6 in favour, for design three no votes. Abstentions 2. It was agreed that the tie should be silk rather than synthetic or a mixture of both and the Secretary was asked to proceed with the order in the next financial year. It had been brought to the attention of the Club office that one of the computer systems is no longer protected because of its age. After discussion the Committee considered that the whole of the office system should be looked into with regard to a complete overhaul. In view of this and information from BT regarding Infinity Broadband the two should be looked at together. The Secretary said that car park abuse had caused trouble again during the busy part of the summer and asked that Committee members in particular should only park in the designated spaces available as this makes enforcement much easier when offenders are challenged. Requests had been received from local businesses for the Club to provide a change machine facility. It was decided that this would not be practicable and could create a security risk.

Captain Yachts

Clive Dudley reported on the arrangements for Bart's Bash on 21st September. Posters are now ready and entry forms and instructions prepared to include a white sail race. Dinghies will be separated from larger boats. Three races plus the white sail race will be the main objective.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs said that as there are now as many juniors as seniors, fixed course racing had been dropped. Lots of support is being received from families. Average lap and pursuit is proving very popular. Steve Brooks must be thanked for all his help and all is going well. The Chamberlain Regatta will be held this Saturday. The Club is up to capacity and the grant has made a real difference.

The Teaching of Sailing

The Commodore invited members' comments. The more important aspects are the extent to which this would be taken up and whether the Club would be right to incur the expense when there are already some facilities available. If the Club did proceed how would this be reconciled with other organisations on the river offering a similar facility? Should the Club take on the responsibility of

another employee and can the cost be justified? It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda for the next meeting although an overall view is that it is not appropriate for the Club.

Captain Moorings

Dave Blanning reported that one deep water mooring had sunk but had been recovered. A survey of chains and shackles needs to be undertaken including the pier end.

Captain Juniors

Dominic Brandreth had prepared a report for the meeting. The juniors had enjoyed an excellent month and there had only been one cancellation all year. The junior camp at Tremayne Quay had been very successful but some members did not camp. He expressed thanks for the barrel of beer and this had raised £153 for junior sailing funds. He also thanked the National Trust for its support. He had also noted the parking difficulties in the busy season and wished to remind the Committee that using the dinghy pen as an overflow car park was in breach of our agreement.

Captain Social

Heather Ibotson said that the Elvis night had gone well with 90 pasties sold. £107 had been raised towards his fee. She said Bart's Bash catering needs to be agreed. The tent is to come down during the first week of October. Prizes are in hand. For the future, quiz nights will start on the first Friday in October with monthly frequency. At the Steve Stephens event on 29th November there will be a Help the Heroes collection. Additionally a Steak Night is to be arranged and a music night. Winter talks is another activity to be pursued. Christmas Carols will be on 20th December and 'Loose Change' has been booked with an adult Christmas Party afterwards. On Christmas Eve there will be a Christmas Party and Magic Show. The Social Secretary concluded by saying that she was looking into the possibility of Spanish lessons if demand would justify it.

Captain Safety Boats

Paul Greensmith said there were no developments and everything appeared to be working well.

Captain Amenities

No report

POFSA

No report

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. H. Jourdan MIS
Mr. R. Vaughan & Ms. R. Vyvyan-Robinson MIJ
Freddie Melzer MJF
Tilly Melzer MJF
Miss N. Lightly MIS
Mr. & Mrs. J. Brunton MIJ
Charles Brunton MJF
Maxim Brunton MJF

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

Any Other Business

1. A question was raised as to whether the water depth at the end of the pontoon as given in the Yearbook needs adjustment with current tide tables.
2. It was noted with sadness that Dick Collins died last week. The Secretary was asked to write to his daughter Tomasina.
3. It is noted that cover plates on the wall boxes in the extension have still not been fitted.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th October 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked those members who had attended and the meeting closed at 21.17 hrs

SignatureCommodore

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