



HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 7th April 2014 at 1930 hrs

Present

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

Apologies

J.C. Skewes, Mark Gregory

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 3rd March 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

The Official Opening of the New Club Facilities was on 29th March

- “A very, very successful day”
- Representatives from many of the POFSA clubs came over
- Many letters of thanks
- “The floor looks fantastic”

The new stewards have settled in

- The food is very good
- No complaints
- Sophie – Wasn't aware that many of the meetings were happening
 - Captains: Please let Sophie know of your events in future

Vice Commodore

Restaurant

- New opening times for the restaurant went out with the newsletter. They are also on the wall.
- Sent out a new notice about being open over the Easter hols
- Have asked Jack to open all day over Easter
- Bar open 11am to 11pm
- Food 12:00 - 14:30 and 18:00 - 21:30

House meeting

- Propose Thursday 4:30pm
- **Will check with Jack & Sophie**

Two Tills

- Stewards have asked if the committee can send an email to members explaining the situation with two tills
- Currently it's our own way of being able to take card payments for the two separate businesses

Rear Commodore Sailing

Thanks Clive for going to the POFSA meeting in his place

Falmouth Week

- The Club still has the Sunday racing
- We are having limited input into the organisation of Falmouth week

L'Aber Wrac'h

- Had L'Aber Wrac'h meeting
- Would like to ask Sue for advice of cost of prizes
- Sue says we do quite well on the night, and usually break even with the prizes
- **Sue to give Chris a budget of what he can spend**
- Carol Lawrence has some ideas for prizes

Marks

- All the marks are now in
- Q20 is ready to go in
- Clive has new locks for Q20
- Clive tried to fit the locks, but had problems locating the spindles
- Q20 will be in within the next week

Communications with Stewards

- Agreed that we do need to let the stewards know if we are holding events at the club
- **For all sailing events, let Chris know with 3-4 days' notice and he will communicate with the stewards**

Sailing Room

- Requests to make the end room a "Sailing Room"
- Many people would like the conservatory back to comfortable sitting area
- JS said that one idea was to have the end room as a comfortable room
- Chris opposed this and many concurred
- There were also children by the bar on Friday night and Sunday lunch
- In the Development Plan the end room as designated the Training Room

Rear Commodore Amenities

The Clubhouse

- Double doors have been changed around
- There's now a lock on the disabled toilet
- Putting locks on the conservatory windows

Kitchen Grease Trap

- Not enough space to fit the pipe, so looking into creative solutions
- Even if we reuse the old tank, we would still need a new line
- Looking into grease trap that would fit onto the sink

Patio Furniture

- **JB to talk to JCS about washing off the outside furniture**
- Needs doing before Easter

Waiting for it to dry up to cover up the exposed pipe in front of the stewards' flat

Honorary Treasurer

Current Account: £28,654.45

Scottish Widows account: £41,122.00

- Has moved some money into the Scottish Widows account. But a lot of outgoings recently so moved *some* money back
- With such high recent spending will need to reassess the outgoings
- **Mark Buckley will talk to Jack & Sophie about implementing a “no grease system”**

Honorary Secretary

- Email from Linda Davies
 - About possibility of holding a private event in June
 - Go for a sail and then come in for some food
 - Would be on a Saturday or Sunday
 - All agreed it's OK
 - **Heather to liaise**

Captain Yachts

L'Aber Wrac'h Meeting

- Updated and sent out forms for comment
- 2 updates from comments

Albia and yacht racing forms are both done and posted

Q20

- Updated instructions
- Letter Boards

- A few mark comes have changed – will need new board
- Will cost about £150 for the new boards.
- Will probably get from Alligator Signs of St John in Helston

Race officer

- Instructions updated
- Had meeting on Wednesday – 9 people attended

707

- Meeting was held on Friday

Captain Dinghies

Misc fixings

- Got email from Andrew Hosken (Boatswain) listing some fixings that are needed.
- **JS will buy them**
- £114.20

Format changes this year

- Will be short of safety boat drivers this year
- Propose to use the safety boat as a start boat
- May change the start process to simplify – 3-2-1-go rather than 5-4-1-go
- Will also use an anchor on a buoy to lay a start mark
- Will be flexible depending on whose racing and weather conditions etc.
- Should have more beginner racers this year

Chris – would like to put electric winders on the anchor. Could be £400-600 with chain etc. – **Chris to get costings**

Captain Moorings

Pontoon

- Have replaced 35 bushes on the pontoon
- The pontoon is now good to go for another 10 years...!
- Dave inspected the pontoon during the bad weather to check it.
- It looks like it's shifted slightly up river
- The pillars by the bridge might need looking at – but that should be saved for when we look at the next big renovation – this could be 3 days' work at some point in the future

Moorings

- 1 deep water mooring still available
 - Will go down the waiting list and if no takers then advertise to the club
 - Will offer ½ price so that we have a better chance of getting a sale
 - They are all 40ft moorings
- 1 finger berth still available
- A few people have yet to pay

Captain Juniors

DIs

- Good response and lots of people lined up to help
- Older sailors going to be AIs this year – a good way of keeping the older kids engaged

Luc Bernard

- Luc has a cochlea implant
- His friend will join – Ryan – and sail with him on Friday nights
 - Agreed to approve Ryan's membership as first Junior Sailing night is before next committee

The Trust (HRSCT)

- Have agreement from trust for 6 Oppies and 2 safety boats
- After Friday's meeting are going to ask for 6 Oppies and 6 Teras
 - **Update 8 May 2014:** This has now been agreed with HRCST
- Will motor out to their boats rather than towing to the club

Training

- Will share our facilities to host training courses with The Club and HRCST
- Paul can run First Aid course and will run a VHF familiarisation
- Work-in-progress
 - Possible child protection officer – Nick Glossop's wife
 - Possible SI – Steve Taylor
 - Possible "Club Pro" – Steve Taylor

Captain Social

Opening Day

- Thank you to all that helped on the 29th
- Written to Jack and Rowen to say thank you for cutting the ribbon

L'Aber Wrac'h

- Everything in place
- **Menus to be discussed with J&S**

Coming Events

- Easter Bunny
- Might have BBQ for Good Friday lunch time

Special Events

- Putting together a proposal for using the club for weddings and events of the winter
- Would be good for Jack & Sophie
- JS – It's always been part of the 10-year plan to run events. That's why we did the works.

Captain Safety Boats

Drivers

- There is a shortage of safety boat drivers this year
- So far NO response from his email out to the members
- The “Tuesday Nighters” are looking after themselves safety boat wise

Boats

- The zodiac will be back in the water next week
- The other boats will be launched for Junior Sailing

Fuel

- **JS to sort out some fuel cans**
- Still need somewhere to store the fuels can when not in use
 - The shed is currently full of junk
 - Will clear it out when JS and Tuesday boats launch
- Will keep the fuel cans on the boats

New Boat

- The new boat looks good – is currently at Chris's
- 30hp
- Has electric and manual start

Captain Amenities

No report

POFSA

Falmouth Week

- Race office will be in Rick Stein's old deli in events square
- Clive offered Falmouth Week safety boat drivers, as we have no boat suitable

Rules Advisory Service

- Do we have anyone qualified?
- Will ask for volunteers to take the course so that we can adjudicate on protests properly
- Next meeting 5 April
- Policy meeting on 26 April – 10 am at St Mawes (915 ferry from Falmouth)

Membership

1)

Greg and Ali Laskey

Ellie Laskey

Jessica Laskey

Proposed: Alan Benney

Seconded: Stuart Pendric

2)

Sam and Maggie Freeguard

Returning members

Proposed: Clair Latimer

Seconded: Carol Lawrence

3)

Keith Goy and son

Proposed: Mark Bailey

Seconded: John Vanhorn

All accepted on mass, and pre-approved Ryan (Luc's friend), for junior sailing

Proposed: Sue Hewett

Seconded: Chris Symes

Any Other Business

1) Bart's bash

- a. Dinghies and yachts
- b. 21 September 2014
- c. So far over 520 clubs have signed up
- d. Agreed to get involved and keep pursuing**

2) Committee minutes online

- a. Agreed to post them online once they are agreed (the following month)**

3) Boarding up the end of the veranda to stop people hitting their heads

- a. JB to look into it**

4) Photo board of committee members on the website so members can tell who we are

- a. Physical board and on the website
- b. Agreed to do it**

5) Trebah military day

- a. 31 May
- b. Drop 6 parachutists into the water
- c. Need 6 boats plus 6 drivers and crew
 - i. JS, JB, Jane Benny, Matt Williams & Clive

6) Volunteering intensives

- a. Membership is cheap and we can't afford to pay professionals
- b. Got to find a way of getting people to volunteer their time
- c. Discounting next year's membership fees and putting up membership fees was dismissed
- d. Agreed to heavily promote the next working party and have a celebration of volunteering – a couple of pints and a pasty
- e. A thank you should go on the website as a public

7) Emails are coming from “Penny” and not HRSC

- a. Dom to sort out**
- b. New members are not getting emails, as are some of the members
- c. Dom to look at routing through 3rd party mail service**

8) Fido

- a. Susanna May cup
- b. Evening race and party

9) Classifieds on website

a. Dom to talk to Jeff

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12 May 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs

Signature (Commodore)

Date.....